

# The Rainbow Times

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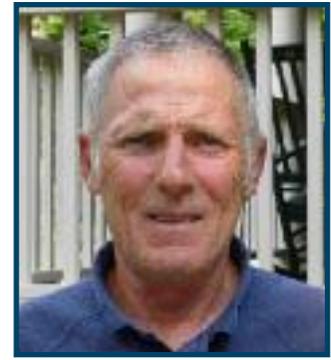
## COVER

Swimming at Lighthouse Point, the southernmost beach on Eleuthera, still not developed, and still hard to reach!

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# Message from the President



Greetings from Rainbow Bay!

Now in the fourth month of the presidency, I have been busy acquainting myself with the inner workings of our Association. I have been bending past-President John Kavali's ear for his insights, and he is always available, not only to answer my questions, but to lend a hand in all of the little things that need to be done here in Rainbow Bay. Secretary Matt Hoopes has also been very helpful to me in my rookie season. I consider Matt "Mr. Rainbow," since he is a year-round resident and an integral part of keeping the Association up and running smoothly. And all of the board members have been extremely helpful in the leadership transition.

I was on island in June and July, and a number of things transpired. In keeping with Rainbow's continuing rising property values, in its July meeting, the Board voted unanimously to increase the original (1968) minimum square footage for houses from 600 to 1000. This increase is noted on Rainbow's Building Permits effective July 15th.

Tommy Pinder, our new maintenance manager, has been busy on our behalf. He purchased a truck with a hydraulic lift which is essential to maintain our roads. He also purchased a roller, which he spotted and acquired for a very reasonable price, to patch and smooth the unpaved "quarry" roads. Tommy is now investigating the cost of repair for both tar and quarry roads which will allow us to continue to improve some of these surfaces.

In their "spare time," Tommy and his wife Louise hand-painted twelve "Please Don't Litter" signs and posted "Keep Left" signs on every intersection to the Queen's Highway (see page 4). By the way, they did these signs freehand—you will be impressed!

Tommy has also taken on the responsibility of overseeing Max, our all-purpose handyman. The trash building has been painted and palms and plants have been planted. Palms have been planted on Rainbow Beach and hopefully they will survive hurricane season. As always, many of these little projects have been taken on voluntarily by Rainbow residents at no monetary cost to your Association.

During our July board meeting, the decision was made to send a letter requesting that all property owners come current with dues. We need everyone's participation to maintain our beautiful community and move forward.

We hope that you will get involved this winter with some of these projects. I look forward to seeing you on island this winter and at the annual general meeting the third Saturday of March.

—Ron Nentwig

## COMING UP

### Emergency Numbers

Initial calls should be to Governor's Harbour Police. Also call the Governor's Harbour Clinic and ask for the nurse on duty.

#### Police

- Governors Harbour: 911, 919, 332-2111 or 332-2117.
- Hatchet Bay: 335-0086

#### Clinics

- J.C.: Mon-Weds, 9am-2pm.
- Hatchet Bay: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, 335-0091. Resident Nurse: 335-0620. After hours call Hatchet Bay Police.
- Governors Harbour: Weekdays, 9am-5pm, 332-2774, 225-1406. After Hours the call is re-directed to the Nurse on duty.
- Palmetto Point: Thursdays, 9am-5pm, 332-1520.
- Rock Sound: Weekdays, 9am-5pm, 334-2226, 334-2115.
- Information supplied by the Health Association of Central Eleuthera (HACE), Chris Gosling, Chairman, 332-2178 or 557-7006.

### Ride for Hope Not

The cancer fund bicycle ride has shifted to Nassau (where most of the proceeds went anyway), and there is talk of adding a bicycle ride to the Eleuthera Cancer Society's annual walkathon. The advantage would be that all proceeds would benefit Eleuthera. For an update on both the walk and the ride please contact ECS President Juanita Pinder at Office Central, Governor's Harbour, 332-2984.

### Annual General Meeting RBPOA: March 21st

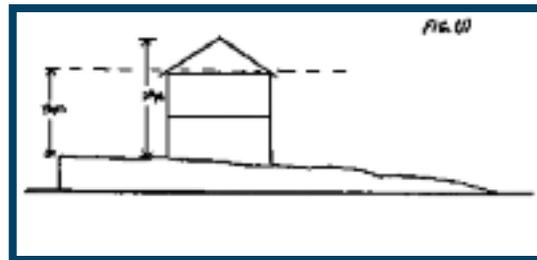
The meeting will be held at the Association building on Saturday with our Rainbow Beach picnic to follow. Any agenda items should be sent to Matt Hoopes (contacts opposite). Also contact Matt for Rainbow t-shirts and copies of *Rainbow Rising*, our illustrated history. Books and shirts (teal or pink) \$25 each, postpaid.

# Height Regulations

## HOW TO OPTIMIZE YOUR BUILDING HEIGHT

by Perry Attfield, Building Plans Inspector, RBPOA

As property owners in Rainbow Bay know, or should know, the property titles for Rainbow Bay include a covenant that contains limitations on any structures con-



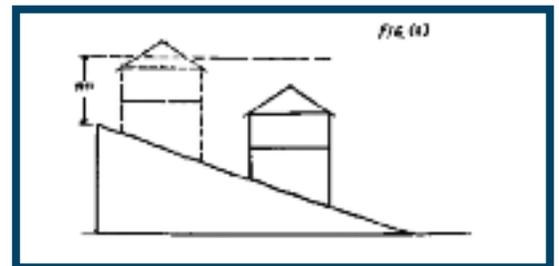
is often, but certainly not always, at one of the lot's four corners. One of the advantages of owning a relatively flat lot is that site clearing and construction is generally considerably easier than on a sloping lot. On the other hand, one of the advantages in owning a sloping lot is that a taller building can be built and, depending on where it is situated, can still abide by the 18-

structed on lots in our subdivision. These "Restrictions and Conditions" are outlined on the RBPOA website ([www.RainbowBay.org](http://www.RainbowBay.org)) and are, for the most part, fairly straightforward and easy to understand.

For example, all structures must be set back a minimum of 10 feet from any side boundary, a minimum of 20 feet from any street, and a minimum of 15 feet from the property's rear boundary.

There are a number of other restrictions with which property owners intending to build should be familiar. But this article is written to assist owners in complying with the 18-foot height restriction to an intended building.

No structure of any kind (including wind turbines or windmills) may exceed 18 feet above "the highest natural elevation of the lot." Almost all of the lots in Rainbow Bay have some degree of slope, ranging from mild to severe. The "highest" point on a given lot



foot maximum height restriction.

To illustrate this, I have drawn the two figures. In Figure (1), it is clear that the 26-foot high structure far exceeds the allowable 18-foot limit (measured, as it should be, from the "highest natural elevation of the lot.")

Figure (2) shows that same building near the highest point of a more severely sloped lot, which would also exceed the maximum allowable height. However, by moving the building's foundations further *down the slope*, the same building now falls below the maximum limit and conforms to the covenant's restrictions.

I hope this article proves helpful to property owners intending to build in Rainbow Bay, and I wish you good luck with your project. ❖

"When you need it done..."

# Ask Tommy Pinder

## Rainbow Bay's Maintenance Manager

by Matt Hoopes

Tommy Pinder, Rainbow Bay's Maintenance Manager, started working for the Association thirty years ago. Recently he took time from his busy schedule to reminisce about Rainbow and how his work has changed over the years.

When asked about his first memories of Rainbow, he said that before being developed, the area was referred to as "Water Hole Bluff." By the early Seventies he saw quarry roads being built on either side of the Queen's Highway and realized that a subdivision was going in. Sometime after that, when he was helping his elder brother Don, who did mechanical work, he met Walt and Jo Shubert, owners of the newly constructed Rainbow Inn.

The coming of the subdivision brought high expectations of employment to the residents of James Cistern and Hatchet Bay, but as time went on and house starts were few, the hope for

jobs withered. Tommy did meet and work for some of the earliest residents of Rainbow. He mentioned Russ and Doris Wiley, Datus and Marge Moore, Cy and Eileen Ochs and Bob and Maureen Poehlman.

Tommy started working for Rainbow in 1984, when his part-time job consisted of mowing roadsides, grading quarry roads, opening up park sites and clearing roads that had grown over. Given a map of the subdivision, he was told that he would have to "rediscover" some of the lost roads, no longer identified by signs! Tommy also had to maintain the equipment, some of which he made himself, such as heavy road rollers he pulled behind the tractor. He erected the signs on Rainbow's nineteen miles of roads.

Tommy liked Rainbow Bay so much that in the late Eighties he bought a lot and started building his house. It was finished in 1996 and he moved in from Hatchet Bay with his wife Louise, daughters Tommika and Crystal and son Thomas, Jr. He



**SIGNS WITH PIZZAZZ:** Tommy Pinder and other local artists for these first-class warning signs in Rainbow Bay—a real service to the community.

acquired an adjoining lot in 2010.

When asked about the greatest changes he's seen in his years of working in the Bay, Tommy mentions the coming of the telephones and "city water," and the steady building of more houses, with more people and more traffic. When asked what he's enjoyed most about living and working here, he replied: "I enjoy meeting and getting to know new people, and just the peace and tranquility that Rainbow gives." Tommy also believes that it won't be too much longer before Rainbow becomes a "settlement of its own" with the possibilities of a school and churches, as more and more Bahamian residents are joining the community.



Tommy and friend.

## Shark on Board?

BAHAMAS WEEKLY, NOVEMBER 11TH— "A 77-year old Canadian visitor was on board a fishing boat off Cape Eleuthera when he was attacked by a shark, resulting in injuries to a leg and arm."

Are we to believe the angry shark boarded the boat to express displeasure with the visitor? No! Stew Morrison (*not* the Canadian in question) helped us to learn that the fisherman was actually *in the water*, a large lionfish wriggling on the end of his spear. On shore, he was able to walk to an ambulance and sustained no serious injury.

Experienced divers constantly tell us sharks prefer small critters they see in distress, and pose less of a menace to people, who are kind of big—provided



My and Louise Pinder are the signs sprouting up all over Rainbow Bay and artistic to boot. Thanks, folks!

you are not hanging onto a flailing fish. Spear fishermen often swim trailing a bucket inside an inner tube, quickly tossing their catch in so it attracts no attention. Of course there are exceptions, tiger and bull sharks, mainly. A Rainbow friend on a dive noticed lots of bull sharks milling around. Back in the boat, he asked his instructor if they were a threat. "Naw—only in breeding season." "And when is that?" our friend asked. "About now."

### Editorial: The Dog Problem

Sgt. Nigel Rolle of the Governor's Harbour Police asks any residents being bothered or harassed by unleashed or wandering dogs to please take photographs and email them to him at [nrrolle63@gmail.com](mailto:nrrolle63@gmail.com). We appreciate the Police interest in this problem.

Recently two bicyclists, one Bahamian and one Canadian, were attacked and chased by unfenced, unleashed dogs in and near Rainbow Bay. The Bahamian was knocked off his bike and suffered serious contusions. Had he not been wearing a helmet, things might have been bad; he was lucky to escape a broken collarbone. Most of us also know the story of the woman from J.C. who last winter was so seriously attacked by a dog pack on the Navy Base beach that she was flown to Nassau for treatment and laid up for weeks. Charges were pressed but the accused claimed they were not

his dogs. What happened to the dogs we do not know at this writing.

The individuals attacked in Rainbow contacted police and efforts are being made by the authorities to control dogs. Your Association Board has also complained. You can help by alerting police (phone numbers on page 2) if you have similar problems.

There is a leash law on Eleuthera. It is illegal to keep dogs that are either unfenced or unleashed, yet the law is frequently ignored. This has to stop.

It is high time that dog owners take responsibility. On an island that lives or dies by tourism, it is self-defeating as well as unconscionable to allow such dangers to exist. We are reliably advised that "other measures" will be taken by locals if conditions continue, and these may have bad effects on innocent animals. This problem can easily be stopped by common sense on all sides. Let's start using it, before something really bad happens.

### Invitation: Learn or Play Mah-Jongg, Pinochle, Settlers of Catan

Richard and Barbara Langworth cordially invite any December-March residents who would like to learn or play the classic game of Mah-Jongg, the card game Pinochle, or the hit board game Settlers of Catan, to come to our house on Wandering Shore Drive for games and/or lessons on any convenient evening. We're losing our regular partners and need players. Surely this beats vegging out on the couch? Call 335-0615 or 464-0556.

### Electronic Subscriptions

At the March meeting it was suggested that members could save us money if they would agree to receive *The Rainbow Times* electronically, by allowing us to email it to you as a .pdf attachment. True enough—it would save us about \$2 per member per year. Multiply that by 200 members and we're almost up to half the cost of printing an issue. So, if anyone prefers to receive an electronic copy by email, please notify the editor (email address

on page 2). I will create a private group email list and email your copy as soon as the final proofs are approved. Thus you will receive it about a month earlier than the mail, and will also see any photos on pages 2-3/6-7 in color, if they were originally in color.

The downside is that you will not have a hard copy ballot to vote for directors in 2015, but no doubt special arrangements can be mailed for your electronic vote to be validated. Let's see how many wish email delivery, and we'll solve the problems as they come.

### Rainbow Inn News

It's all hands on deck as the Rainbow Inn prepares for exciting changes in the coming season. Our Grand Opening will be our famous Halloween costume party. We are now open for NFL Sundays, with a large screen TV and NFL Sunday Ticket, a slick new bar menu and drink specials. (The Inn will be closed on Tuesdays.) Monday night pizza is back by popular demand. Wednesday nights feature Bahamian ribs and chicken and of course Dr. Seabreeze. As always we offer fresh seafood, mouth-watering steaks and mellow entertainment, so we can meet, greet and chat. Our warm and friendly staff is looking forward too seeing you! ♦



^ Rainbow Inn, watercolor by Maria Pinder. v Ladies Luncheon 2014. At left foreground are Inkeeper Rhonda Waserman and guest Ellen DeGeneres....wait, we think maybe that's Ellen Cherney. Sorry!



# Against All Odds:

## Daisy's Story, Part 2

by Daisy Dog

Translated by Gail Longchamps

Hello, everyone, it's me again, Miss Daisy, your Rainbow dog. Have I got a story! It's about commitment, love, and what it means to be a friend.

Before I begin, I want to remind you, as mentioned in my article last year (*Rainbow Times* 15, page 5) that before we left home, my mom taught us lots of things Eleuthera Potcakes need to know. One of them was, "to have a friend you must be a friend." I remember that as I make my rounds, checking houses, welcoming new and old folks, trying to be as friendly as I can and wagging my tail real hard.

On a beautiful morning last November, I was walking along Ocean Drive with my Canadian friend. We were enjoying each other's company, when along came a speeding green sedan. As you may know, I have a very bad habit of chasing speeding cars—and this time my luck ran out.

The car hit on my right hind leg and I lay flat on the road for what seemed like forever. My friend screamed as loud as she could, but the car never stopped. She thought I was dead. Finally I willed myself to get up, shook my head and limped off into the bush. I remembered my mom's words: "If you're hurt, hide in the bush. An injured animal is in grave danger."

My friend ran home for help and her husband came to look for me—giving himself a bad case of Poison Wood. I spent most of the day dozing, but I woke thirsty. I told myself, "If only I could get myself to Mr. President's house (it's purple not white)—he keeps a big bowl of water outside for me.

With great effort I made it to his house, and that water sure tasted good. All of a sudden the door opened and there stood Mr. President. He was happy to see me, but everyone was sure

that I had found my final resting place.

After making me comfortable on a big quilt, Mr. President called a special meeting of the Board. They quickly decided to send me to Palmdale Clinic, a Nassau animal hospital, and find a way to pay for it somehow.

With that new-fangled internet, it didn't take long for my friends from around the world to learn about my situation. Mr. President set up a volunteer "Daisy fund," and lots of people contributed. I was getting more tweets than last year's Eleuthera visitor Justin Bieber. (Funny thing—as I write, it's Mr. Bieber who is lying low.)

When my friends came to pick me up for the flight to Nassau, I was so scared that I ran back into the bush. They couldn't find me and I missed my plane. I finally went to another friend's house and he promptly tied me up. The next day, Mr. President got a transport kennel and brought some back-up help, thinking that I would give them a hard time. I sure fooled them, because when they opened the cage, I just got up and walked in. My first ride on an airplane was real neat but a little scary. I didn't get a window seat—they put me in the cargo hold.

Dr. Grant, now my very good friend, met me and took me to the hospital. Everyone was happy to meet me. I brought my copy of *The Rainbow Times* from last year, so that everybody could read my story.

They performed tests, blood work and x-rays, so my surgery was not until the following week. They put in three screws and a steel rod. I came through with flying colours. Then tests revealed that I had heart worms, and immediate treatment was needed. For the next six weeks I had a lot of bonding time with Dr. Grant and the staff



With Dr. Grant at Palmdale Clinic, Nassau

at Palmdale Clinic. Dr. Grant told Mr. President that if nobody wanted me, he'd take me home with him. But everyone knows that I have a job to do and Rainbow Bay is my home.

My Potcake friend Shaggy's parents came to Nassau to take me back, but what with taking off my cast and bureaucratic paperwork, we missed the plane. So they took me to a real hotel, and I got to sleep in a bed while they took the couch. I left Nassau with mixed emotions.

Returning home to Eleuthera, I was placed on house arrest and leash restriction for four months—that's a long time for a Potcake. I also had to receive heart worm shots on the island clinic every three weeks. My last shot was March 14th—whew.

On arriving at Mr. President's and the First Lady's house, who was waiting for me on the porch but my old friend, the lady with the hat. My tail couldn't stop wagging. Everyone stopped by to say hi and bring me treats, though I was diet-restricted while my stomach settled down. The very next day, what a surprise—my Rainbow friends held a big welcome home party for me at Mr. President's house. I was so happy to see everyone.

I am still on leash restrictions as I write, but to tell the truth I don't mind it. There's so much love and commitment, everyone taking turns caring for me—Mr. President and his Lady, my German friends, the Captain and his lady, Shaggy and his parents and on and on. So many people showing so much love.



It certainly was “against all odds” that I reached eleven years old, and that so many people cared enough to pay for my surgery and loved me with all their hearts. My dear Rainbow friends, How can I say thanks? I love you all. See you at the beach. ❖



^ Daisy in the shade next to Sgt. Brown's house before Patsy Morrison lured her into the kennel. Then Matt Hoopes and Bert Klein carried the kennel down to Stew Morrison's truck. Once secured, Stew and “Mr. President” (John Kavali) drove Daisy to the airport.

## Annual General Meeting 2014

**B**oard election results were announced. Richard Langworth was elected; Ron Nentwig, Alan Fischl, Matt Hoopes, Anne Harvey, Dave Chiulli and Zev Waserman re-elected.

A dues increase is likely for 2015. Annual fees of \$100 per lot, \$300 per house would increase annual income by \$30,000, help pay the salary of our new Maintenance Manager, and buy equipment for repairing roads.

Housing Report: a total of 153 homes now exist, with four in progress and four new building applications in hand. Members noted that while larger, better houses raise property values, they also imply less privacy, and urged there be a sensible balance.

The Association met donation requests at our established rate to four worthy causes: James Cistern Township for repair of the ball field, the Bahamas Outstanding Student Foundation, the HACE Ambulance Fund and Men of Faith Work with Young Men.

A member suggested that the newsletter could be sent electronically and save in postage. Editor Richard Langworth offered to make email subscriptions available (see page 5).

Acknowledgements: The Board thanked Tommy Pinder for removing without charge the tree at the accident site near Lazy Shore Drive; Perry Attfield for building the new handrail at Rainbow Beach; Enid Morris for her updated telephone and neighborhood watch list; Richard Langworth for continued editing of *The Rainbow Times*; Jim and Debra Marshal for updating the house count; Ron Atkinson & Co. for maintaining RBPOA records with special thanks to Vicki Collins and Sherry Knowles; and Alan and Barbara Fischl for their beautification efforts.

Speakers: Peter Culmer of Insurance Management spoke about his company's services. Nurse Bernadette Colbrook spoke about the need for a defibrillator for the James Cistern and

Hatchet Bay area. \$181 in donations was collected on the spot. You can support this worthy cause by writing a cheque to the Jerrys Chile Fund, which can be left at Big Rock.

Attending: Mindy & Chip Ackerson, Winne & Perry Attfield, Theron Clarke, Kathy Clavelle, Susan & Mariano DiGiovanni, Diane Esfakis, Alan & Barbara Fischl, Melanie Halkitis, Anne Harvey, Matthieu Hoopes, Anita & John Kavali, Linda & Bob Kjerulf, Kristi & Bert Klein, Sharon Knowles, Barbara, Richard & Ian Langworth, Ursula & Jurij Logor, Gail & Dick Longchamps, Tuulikki & Selden Loring, Abraham McIntyre, Loretta Meyers, Charlie Moore, Enid & David Morris, Pat & Stew Morrison, Erica & Dave Mowen, Sue & Ron Nentwig, Gil Perez-Llaudy, Stella & Dave Randall, Lauren Roldan, Craig & Kim Rutkai, Venai Sawetawan, Loretta & Robert Serfass, Lou & Barbara Tabory, Mark & Marie Turner, Terry & Barbara Vesey, Richard & Rhonda Waserman, John Watts, Carlotta Willis. ❖

### ADVERTISEMENTS

**MAH JONGG:** Anyone wishing to learn or play the grand old game? Barbara/Richard Langworth, 335-0615 Dec-March, richard@langworth.name.

**BICYCLING:** Arrington McCarty Long Riders welcome cyclists on a 20-mile morning ride Sundays at various island venues. John Birzten, 332-3768.

**REAL ESTATE: LOTS.** Use [www.rainbowbay.org](http://www.rainbowbay.org) to locate on map. All prices in U.S. dollars unless otherwise stated.

**Section A, Block 6, Lot 15,** Ocean Drive near Smugglers Beach, 9600 square feet (80x120) on sloping lot, 50-70' elevation at rear, safe from ocean surges, facing Atlantic lots unlikely to be developed. Must see, photos on request. \$27,000, negotiable, split legal and transfer fees. Andy Geohagan (onewag@hotmail.com), cell (816) 377-0924.

**Section A, Block 6, Lot 33,** Ship Sighter Road, uniquely shaped, faces Atlantic & Little Twin Beach, depth 116', dimensions enhance building possibilities. \$30,000, buyer pays closing expenses. Ruth Lastuvka (ruth.82@live.com), tel. (702) 396-0185.

**Section A, Block 14, Lot 11,** Seaview Road & Lazy Shoare Drive. Oversize 12,440 sq.ft. Exuma Sound view, 50-60' elevation. Asking \$30,000, will split legal fees. William Dames (dameswr2@aol.com), tel. (917) 207-3058.

**Section B, block 15, lot 47,** Wandering Shore Dr. flat waterfront lot. Accessible water and electricity; walk right into the Caribbean. Asking \$85,000. (Malcolm.123@hotmail.com), tel. (239) 728-8095

**Section B, Boock 26, Lot 2,** off Wandering Shore Dr., commercial lot, 100x60 sq.ft., 15-20' above sea level. Asking \$20,000, will split legal fees. William Dames (dameswr2@aol.com), tel. (917) 207-3058.

**Section C, Block 40, Lot 8,** Seven Shilling Road, exceptional oversized ocean view, 90 by 120', elevation approx. 55', \$25,000. Ric Bremer (rbremer1@live.com), tel. (919) 218-6909. ❖



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### *Greetings from Rainbow Bay, Twenty Years Ago*

One year ago the Restaurant Review was initiated (a good idea—can we get this going again? —Ed.) Now we'll describe some of the local towns and attractions. Rainbow Beach is our beloved spot, in the center of the development on the calm south side—almost always calm, with the crystal clear water and pink sand beach, an ideal setting for sunbathers, snorklers, beginning swimmers and children. Small reefs near the ends of the beach harbor sea life and provide ideal snorkeling. Had enough sun? Try the Hatcher Bay cave, two miles north of Rainbow, the entrance just a hole in the ground. You must have a good pair of rubber-sole shoes and a flashlight for each person, but you won't get lost—there's a guide string from end to end!

—SUMMER, 1994 ❖

### *Greetings from Rainbow Bay, Ten Years Ago*

It's been a long time since Eleuthera was hammered by several hurricanes in one season. Frances and Jeanne both had an impact, the worst from Frances, with hurricane force winds for 36 hours. The Rainbow Inn was barely damaged; vegetation was severely affected but is already making its miraculous recovery. The Association Building and tennis court were undamaged but the beach below the court was washed away and Rainbow Beach tables and cabanas were smashed. Thanks to all who sent information, especially Matt Hoopes and Ken Keene via satellite phone and email; Bobby Poehlman and George Chiulli, who visited soon after Frances and provided firsthand reports; and Bill Hoffman for updates on the website.

—AUTUMN, 2004 ❖