



Photo courtesy of Jerry Elfendahl The old log cabin at Camp Yeomalt Park will get some new timbers, thanks to the horse logging operation.

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Dear Team Yeomalt Friends,

PHOTOS (attached) and CAPTIONS below: Photo credit: Team Yeomalt

>IMG 3083 - Historic Camp Major Hopkins (AKA Yeomalt Cabin) chimney and  
>fireplaces uplift, October 17, 2008. (vertical format)

IMG\_3084.JPG - Yeomalt Cabin fireplace moving detail, (horizontal format)

>IMG\_3085.JPG - Yeomalt Cabin from west showing cabin raised on cribbing .

Story:

UPLIFTING AT YEOMALT CABIN

by Gerald Elfendahl

On an uplifting Friday, October 17, Jeff Monroe, the remarkable, third generation, house mover from Quilcene, and his team of Brandon Merrick and Andrew Gaul completed one of the trickiest parts of the historic Yeomalt Cabin restoration. With a group of Yeomalt Park neighbors and Team Yeomalt helpers standing by in awe, Jeff carefully lifted the 22-foot tall, stone chimney and twin fireplaces of Camp Hopkins log hall.

Cathy Bellefeuille, project videographer, documented this "monster move" soon to air on BITV.

Spectators' cheers echoed among the tall firs as the 50,000 pounds of historic stone work was lifted up a foot and then gently tipped a few inches into plumb. Monroe, always quiet and focused, smiled and shared a few comments with Joe Lubischer of Aspect Consulting, who helped two years ago with the project's planning as geo-technical engineer.

"This was trickier than we all realized before we started," Lubischer noted. "Jeff did a very careful and professional job. You could see how meticulous he was. This is the kind of job where carefulness really pays off!"

A master at moving heavy objects, Monroe used words like "finesse" to describe the subtle yet powerful move. The original chimney had been built on a six-inch slab with no support in front of its outside fireplace. And it had been built on soil he described as "flour."

"It was a skimpy foundation," Lubischer observed.

The trickiest part of the operation actually occurred the day before the lift. That was when the 25 ton weight of the stone tower was transferred from the soft soil onto two large "I" beams placed horizontally beneath each side of the fireplace's six-inch thick slab. The soil had to be cleared away around the chimney down to hardpan to make room for the beams and hydraulic jacks. Holes for the beams had to be bored beneath the fireplaces' slab. For a brief time, the chimney seemed to quiver resting only on a small mound.

Monroe mortared the beams to the underside of the slab and breathed a huge sigh of relief. It would soon be ready to lift.

"This was a real anti-gravity fete!" mused architect neighbor, Mike Hoffman.

An improved new foundation will go down to hardpan thanks to Glenn Flodin's excavations. Raising the chimney and fireplace hearths and the new cabin floor to the same level will eliminate a need for disability ramps, improve drainage and render the chimney plumb.

Monroe will return in coming days to slide the cabin he meticulously placed on towers of cribbing, closer to the chimney. Standing by are teams led by historic preservation carpenter Mike Brundige to install foundations starting the first week in November and Terry Creasey to install new logs, starting the end of November. Then Monroe will lower the building onto its new foundations and logs. Project manager for the BI Metro Park District is Roger Belieu.

Donations can be sent to: "Yeomalt Cabin Fund"  
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