

## Cabin Dedication

### The dawning of a new day and a living memorial to Douglas Lee Putman

[This brief TATC Newsletter article (from June / July of 1982) announces and describes the official Dedication of the Douglas Lee Putman Memorial Cabin, which had taken place May 8, 1982—a proud and happy day!]

The day began with the air being permeated with the smell of roast pork cooking. As TATC members hustled about to make the Douglas Lee Putman Memorial Cabin Dedication a lasting, living memory, they succeeded. The day shared with us good weather....sunshine....a few droplets of rain, the sweet aroma of spring, full moon—the many blessings of nature. Above all, we were surrounded by friends—friends of Douglas' in the name of family and others.

The Dedication was well attended, approximately 87 in number. The ceremony was conducted by Reese Lukei, our President, who gave the invocation and welcoming remarks. Jacque Jenkins gave a brief history of the cabin and introduced Phyllis Putman Sullivan, our benefactor. Harold Crate explained the time capsule after which there was a laying of the cornerstone. The capsule, containing pictures, a description of Doug's life and a poem, as well as a roster of TATC members, was embedded for the sake of history.

The ribbon cutting by Phyllis and Otey Shelton opened the door to Doug's friends interested in the out of doors, and in particular hiking.

After the ceremonies, all gathered for the "feed". The barbequed pork, cole slaw, bean-hole beans and apple turnovers were devoured. Hummmmm good! In summary, it was a beautiful occasion.

[This unsigned article appeared on the front page of the June / July 1982 TATC Newsletter. It should be noted that, at this point, the roof-boards were in place, but not the tarpaper or shingles; the window and door openings were framed but completely empty—the last of the security shutters and doors wouldn't be put into place until November, when the cook stove (the original one) was also installed. In other words, after almost three and a half years of hard, steady work, the cabin was dedicated in May of 1982, but there was still much to be accomplished, and the cabin itself wouldn't be closed in and secured for another 6 months. Part of the reason for this 'early' Dedication was that construction had taken longer than expected, longer than what the Putman's had been told, and the club wanted to bring the effort to some resolution, at least for them. Also of note: in the same June / July Newsletter was an article about the club just having celebrated its 10 year anniversary.]