

# THE BRIDGER

The Vermont Covered Bridge Society Newsletter – June 2024

Mark Maddox, Editor



## From the Editor

Welcome to edition 97 of *The Bridger*. In this edition, we'll provide you information for the Spring meeting as well as let you know it is time to get ready for 2025 Officer elections. We'll also introduce you to our Director's spotlight, where in each edition we'll acquaint you to one of our Board Members. Then off to Rutland County where we dressed up a couple of bridges as well as under the sea to see what Covered Bridges have to do with submarines. So keep reading

for these stories as well as others to see what is going on.

If there are items you'd like to see in *The Bridger* or interesting tidbits you hear about regarding any of our bridges I'd be glad to hear from you.

Cheers! *Mark Maddox*  
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## The Spring Meeting of VCBS is quickly approaching!

Please come on Saturday, June 8, 2024 to Charlotte Senior Center, 212 Ferry Rd, Charlotte, VT

- Meet / greet at 10 a.m.
- Business mtg 10:30-11:45.
- Lunch, by donation, with Charlotte 4-H members as servers.
- 1:00 -2:00 Program. Silent Auction! Sales table with new items!

- At 2:30 ish: Caravan to the 3 covered bridges in Charlotte.

See you there!

Beth Brown-Limmer  
VCBS Events Chair

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## Vice President's Report

- by Steve Miyamoto

The biggest news item of the quarter involves VCBS President Joe Nelson's accident. As you may know, Joe suffered a fall at home in March which resulted in multiple bone breaks. Fortunately, Joe is on the mend and in rehab at Green Mountain Nursing Home in Colchester, Vermont. The last I saw Joe he was doing well and in good spirits. We all wish him a speedy recovery. Cards and well wishes can be sent to Joe at 475 Ethan Allen Ave. Colchester, VT 05446.

In Joe's absence, I have been filling in for him as president. It is not easy to cover all the things that Joe does. But thanks to a dedicated group of committee chairs and volunteers, the Society continues to move forward.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Spring meeting in Charlotte, Vermont on June 8.

We will once again provide a zoom feed for those who are unable to attend. The link will be published closer to the meeting date.

As our membership has aged, we are anticipating openings for a few committees soon. We will be needing members to become chairpersons for a few committees. The Publicity and Bridge-Watch committees will be looking for volunteers. We also

have a need for a Historical Committee chairperson. If numbers are your thing, there may be an opportunity for a treasurer in the next year.

Our thanks to John Weaver for his years serving as Bridge-Watch Coordinator. John has been invaluable in this position. His years of covered bridge experience has proved invaluable to the society. John "wrote the book" on the VCBS Bridge-Watch program. We are grateful that he will continue as a representative of the VCBS with the state agency of transportation. Thanks John!

Thanks to our newest committee chairs Scott Scribner (membership) and Mark Maddox (secretary/newsletter editor). You both are doing a great job with the new responsibilities.

The Schoolhouse CB in Lyndon had been brought up in the past. The concern was with the walkway railing. Justin Smith, municipal administrator, has been contacted and made aware of the situation. We have offered financial help with the repairs if needed. Justin will let us know if they need help.

Thanks, and we hope to see you in June in Charlotte,

Steve

## Election of Officers, January 2025

The process of electing VCBS officers begins with this, the summer issue of The Bridger. The Board of Directors is asking the Vermont Covered Bridge Society membership for candidates to run for the offices of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, each for two-year terms beginning on January 1, 2025.

Non-incumbent candidates are asked to introduce themselves to the membership by letter to The Bridger, explaining why they are seeking a leadership role. The letters will be published in the fall issue of The Bridger, along with the ballot. Voters will return the ballots by the deadline for the winter issue, in which the winners will be announced. The

incumbent officers will serve until midnight on December 31, 2024.

The Society bylaws governing elections were changed by the Board of Directors in February 2012. The bylaws now state that if there are no challenging candidates for any of the four offices, election ballots will not be issued, and the Board of Directors will confirm the slate. The reason for this change is because of the membership voting record. When incumbent officers were not challenged by new candidates, ballot returns fell off. In a past election, of approximately 200 ballots, only 14 were returned.

Every member in good standing is entitled to run for office and to vote. This includes the adult members listed on a Family membership and the contact person on a Business/Organization/Municipality membership. The VCBS is an open organization, and all members are encouraged to participate, giving of their time and talent.

Candidates will please contact Acting Nominations Coordinator Steve Miyamoto by email at [spmiyamoto@comcast.net](mailto:spmiyamoto@comcast.net).

## Publicity Committee

- by Mark Maddox

The Speakers Bureau was developed to help promote the activities of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society. I had the pleasure of speaking to the Nature Club at the 24 Main Street Community Building in Saxtons River on May 14th. The group of about 25 was very interested in learning more about Vermont's Covered Bridges and provided great interaction.

A number of the group had been present when the Hall Covered Bridge replacement was pulled across the Saxtons River in 1982 and regaled me with the

tales of that event in addition to other stories about the covered bridges in Rockingham.



*photo by Beth Brown Limmer*

## Education Committee

- by Jeanne Beaudry, Chair

On Thursday April 25th, I went to the Charleston K-8 School and spoke to a group of middle school students who had signed up for sessions to build bridges. I presented them with an overview of covered bridges, through posters and a covered bridge model made by my husband. I will be returning on June 6th to see their final products. The following week, my husband and I went to Derby Elementary School Tuesday through Friday afternoons. Sixth grade students attended 4 days at Nature's Classroom in New Hampshire. There were



6 students who were unable to attend and we

worked with them to build covered bridges out of popsicle sticks.

The students were eager, very focused on tasks, and excited. They each finished making a covered

bridge including truss, deck, roofs, and abutments. Each student was given a covered bridge building participation ribbon.

## Events Committee

- by Beth Brown Limmer, Chair

VCBS Spring meeting will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at the Charlotte Senior Center, 212 Ferry Rd, Charlotte, VT. Begins at 10 a.m. Business meeting 10:30-11:45. Lunch will be served 12-1, followed by program and caravan to 3 Charlotte CBs. Silent Auction and Trivia along the way will round out the fun and frivolity. Please plan to come!

Please save the date for Fall VCBS meeting: Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, 10-3, Warren Town Hall, Rt 100, Warren, VT

### 2024 Sales event / VCBS booth schedule:

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1-4 P.M.** Strawberry Festival on the green in Middletown Springs, VT. Sponsored by MTS Historical Society. Free admission. Yummy strawberry shortcake and 10-12 local vendors.

**THURSDAY, JULY 4, 9 – 3:** Independence Day Parade and Fair, elem school grounds, Jeffersonville, VT. Parade at 10. Look for yellow canopy where full spectrum of VCBS merchandise and information will be offered. Rain or shine. 30ish vendors expected, including food and beverages.

**TUES - SAT. AUG 13 -17:** State Fair at Rutland, VCBS booth in Vermont Building on State Fair Grounds, So. Main St., Rutland, VT. Tues: 5-10, Wed - Sat: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Daily free giveaways! Membership raffle. (Join or renew at the Fair to be entered) Stop by for a chat or to buy something at "Fair only" pricing! Help is needed! Vendor gate pass given to volunteers. Contact Beth for schedule.

**SAT / SUN, AUGUST 24 & 25:** BEST OF VERMONT SHOW, Rt 103 across from Okemo Mt Entrance, Ludlow, VT. Sat 12-7 pm, Sun 10-4. This is a NEW event for VCBS. Sponsored by Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. VERMONT only vendors, live music, antique tractor parade. Over 10,000 people attended in 2023. We expect VCBS booth will be a very busy place! Please reach out if you can help out for a 2 hr shift!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:** Honey Festival, Golden Stage Inn grounds, Proctorsville, VT. One day event. 10-4. Another first for VCBS in 2024. Spend a Fall day with 30 or so vendors in a pocket of Vermont "away from it all". Just off Rt 103, south of Ludlow, VT

**SAT / SUN, SEPT 21 & 22:** Chester Fall Festival, on the Green, Rt 11, Chester, VT This is the 50th year of "Chestival". This will be big and busy. VCBS will be set up (Fri eve duty) and ready to sell 9-5 on Sat. and 9-4 on Sunday. 90 - 100 vendors from all over New England, demonstrations, and many food vendors. Second year for VCBS. We expect to be very popular once again! Help needed. Thanks to Mark, Scott, and Barbara who have already volunteered to assist on Sunday.

That brings us to Fall meeting on Sept 28, 2024 in Warren. I hope you spent many warm and wonderful Summer days between now and then!

The sales events for later in the year will appear in the September issue of *The Bridger*.

# Fundraising Committee

- by Beth Brown Limmer, Acting Chair

The Fundraising Committee is geared up and ready to offer some new items for sale in 2024! The online store / Marketplace at [vermontbridges.org](http://vermontbridges.org) will have some, but not all, of the items offered in the VCBS booth. Face to face sales, at meetings and events, is always the best! It dispenses with shipping / handling and chatting is great fun!

My thanks to VCBS shipping agents in 2023: Joe Nelson and Diane Sullivan. They are integral to the sales process, as is Steve Miyamoto who transmits online orders and tends to the listings at online store.

The 2025 VCBS calendar will be available at the Spring Meeting on 6/8/24. Prices will remain the same for a third year: \$15 each.

(What bill of yours has stayed the same in the face of recent inflation?) Of course, calendars mailed will have postage on top of cost of calendar. VCBS sold 475 calendars last year. It is largest investment, and the biggest money-making item.

Three new items in 2024 are:

- a flat, uniquely-shaped Christmas ornament with art of Elaine Cole-Kerr (Cooley CB in Pittsford)
- a 1.5" x 1.5" lapel pin in colored enamel (Chisleville CB in Sunderland), mounted on informational card and sealed in cellophane.
- photo notecards and envelopes, featuring Vermont CBs as photographed by John Knox.

These three will join the 2025 calendar, books, DVD, decals, sew-on patches, bumper stickers and ballcaps (in three colors) that we have sold in past years. Our postcard supply has been depleted and they were recently discontinued at the VCBS online store. Likewise, the jigsaw puzzles and CB coloring books we sold in 2023 will not return this year.

Please see the Events Committee report for details on dates and places you can find the VCBS booth this Summer!

## Bridge Watch/Bridges in the news

- by Mark Maddox

### Sandborn Covered Bridge Money Allocated -

On March 18, 2024, U.S. Senator Peter Welch (D-Vt.) announced he secured federal funding for work to support 19 projects in Vermont. The projects will improve local infrastructure and accessibility, bolster economic revitalization, preserve community landmarks, and build more affordable housing. The Town of Lyndon will receive \$400,000 for the Sandborn Covered Bridge revitalization project.

“Federal funds can help jump-start projects that make a big difference in the community—from improving our water infrastructure systems, to building affordable housing, to making a beloved public library more accessible for everyone. I’m

thrilled that federal dollars are headed back to Vermont to help strengthen communities across our state. I will continue to fight for the needs of the Green Mountain State in Washington,” said Senator Welch.



photo by Mark Maddox 2-3-24

– <https://www.welch.senate.gov/welch-secures-nearly-30-million-in-federal-funds-for-vermont/>

**Cambridge Junction Covered Bridge** - The town highway department chief provided an update that the missing downstream siding will be replaced in June and the damage to the south abutment, also from the 2023 flood, will be assessed and repaired this summer.

**Worrall Covered Bridge** – During the Rockingham Select Board meeting on May 21, 2024, an update was provided on damage to the Worrall Covered Bridge from last July’s flood. Work is needed on the abutments as the gravel approach was washed out.

Riprap is to be restored in addition to fixing broken siding. The Town of Rockingham received a proposal from Neil H. Daniels, Inc. in Ascutney, VT which was approved by FEMA as this is a FEMA reimbursement project. Work cannot be started until the end of summer when water levels are lower due to the need for work in the water to set up scaffolding to replace siding.

**Hall Covered Bridge** – In addition to the work to be done for the Worrall Covered Bridge, Neil H. Daniels, Inc also submitted a bid to repair damage done to the Hall Covered Bridge. The Hall CB had ceiling rafters broken last December due to an unidentified oversized vehicle. Work is set to commence this summer.

## In Memoriam

**Kevin Bishop** April 15, 1953 – April 20, 2024

[obituary kevin-bishop](#)

I took this photo at the Fall 2022 VCBS meeting / caravan to Brown CB in Shrewsbury. As you can see from the vivid blue of the sky, it was a day made for a “blue sky Bridger” like Kevin Bishop (center, in blue shirt). Kevin lost his 8 month battle with leukemia, and complications thereof, on April 20, 2024. Linda,

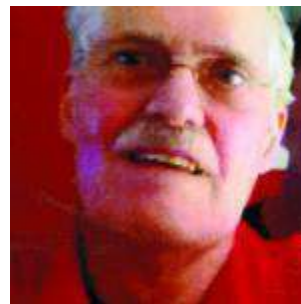


his wife of 53 years, is to his left in this photo. Kevin was a native son, a family man (7 children, 13 grandchildren), full of positivity, quick wit, and a passion for music. He loved Vermont, history,

reading, the beaches of Maine and NC, and old-fashioned candy. His retirement (May 2022 from postal service / rural delivery) and quest of covered bridges was too brief. He will be greatly missed by many. What a great guy he was! RIP Kevin Bishop.

- by Beth Brown Limmer

**Richard Hiscock**, a lifetime member of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society, passed away on August 2, 2023, in Burlington, Vermont. Richard developed a love for the water and developed a respect for the dangers of the sea leading to a lifetime of maritime safety. He and his wife Ginger purchased a farm in Vermont to care for rescued horses and continued his advocacy for Maritime safety.



<https://www.vt-world.com/obituaries?id=5896>

## Directors Spotlight

William “Liam” (aka Bill) McKone, Chair of the Publicity Committee - Cambridge, Vermont.



*Photo at Cambridge Junction Covered Bridge over the Lamoille River, about 2001. T-shirt with image of bridge presented to US Senator Jim Jeffords by Liam McKone with Vermont State Senator Susan Bartlett on right and Joe Nelson peeking from behind Jeffords*

Born (almost a century ago) and raised in south Texas along the border with Mexico, I experienced a definite absence of covered bridges in my youth. Yet when I ended up in northern Vermont in 1984—a long story, best told over several beers—I became aware of covered bridges, seeing these iconic structures as an integral part of this landscape. As an active outdoorsman 40 years ago, hiking and XC skiing around the state, many back roads to trailheads wound through covered bridges. Three bridges, of the original 13, still exist in the Town of Cambridge and one was moved to Shelburne Museum where it served as the entrance for many years. A small covered bridge, long since gone,

spanned 20 feet across the Brewster River just off the property that I had purchased and I marveled at the stone abutments still there.

In the late 1990s, I realized that the Cambridge Junction bridge, closed after being badly damaged by an overweight truck and sagging down almost into the river, would not survive long without a major repair. No organization was advocating for action and I invited Ed Barna and Joe Nelson, both authors of books on Vermont’s covered bridges, to meet with me in Jeffersonville to form a group to rescue this historic structure. Ed proposed the name—Vermont Covered Bridge Society—and Joe brought his organizational skills to bear, while I approached the junior senator from Vermont, Jim Jeffords, about funding. The bridge was repaired, the VCBS was incorporated in February, 2000, and hopefully will continue to grow. Senator Jim Jeffords in the photo has passed on, perhaps through a covered bridge, to the beyond and the original triumvirate of founders are also well beyond their respective “best before” dates now.

At 87 years old, I’m eager to turn over my current duties as Publicity Chairman, including the new Speakers’ Bureau, to someone who will be around longer and I will be happy to work with anyone who might volunteer. You can reach me at the new account [VCBSPublicity@gmail.com](mailto:VCBSPublicity@gmail.com).

## New Signs for Halpin and Hammond Covered Bridges - by Mark Maddox

Special thanks to Gary and Donna Whitman of Ripton, VT for providing new signs for the Halpin and Hammond Covered Bridges. The new signs were installed in March of this year.

The Halpin Covered Bridge located in Middlebury is also called the ‘High Covered Bridge.’ This town lattice design bridge was originally built to serve a marble quarry operation and crosses the Muddy

Branch of the New Haven River. It was built in 1824 and is 66’ long, 16’ wide, with a roadway width of 12’ 5”. At 41 feet above the water, it is the highest covered bridge in the state as well as one of the state’s oldest surviving lattice bridges still in use. In 1994 extensive work was done by Jan Lewandoski.



*Halpin Covered Bridge: Left to right – Gary Miller (neighbor), Paul Limmer, Gary Whitman - photo by Beth Brown Limmer*

The Hammond Covered Bridge is a town lattice bridge spanning the Otter Creek in Pittsford. Built in 1842 by Asa Norse, it no longer carries traffic. It is 138 feet in length with a roadway width of 18 feet. The flood of 1927 lifted the bridge off its foundation and swept it 1.5 miles downstream. Since the bridge

itself was not damaged, it was placed on barrels and transported back to its original location. According to Wikipedia it is now called “the bridge that went on a voyage”.



*Hammond Covered Bridge: Front row: left to right - Tyler of Pittsford Road Crew, Barbara Scribner, Diane Sullivan, Dan Sullivan, Beth Brown Limmer  
Back row: left to right Chad of Pittsford Road Crew, Scott Scribner, Steve Brown, Paul Limmer, Mark Maddox holding Winston.*

## Covered Bridges and Submarines

- by Mark Maddox

The USS VERMONT (SSN-792), a Virginia-class nuclear powered attack submarine, was delivered to the US Navy on April 17, 2020 and commissioned on April 18, 2020. According to Gary Frymire, President of the USS VERMONT Support Group, an opportunity arose for the Vermont Support Group (VSG) to work with the Executive Officer of the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) to provide posters for cabinets in the crew’s mess, aptly renamed as the Catamount Tavern, to give the crew a better sense of what their namesake state was all about and who they’re representing.



*The Catamount Tavern pre-decorated cabinets – <https://sites.google.com/view/vtssn792cc/about-the-boat>*

The VSG began looking for images such as extreme skiing, snowboarding, ice climbing, mountain biking, etc. to decorate the cabinets. The VSG shared some concepts with the crew and were surprised to find out that the crew was more interested in bucolic images of Vermont than the adrenaline pumping ones. After some contemplation, the VSG realized that covered bridges would satisfy the criteria. They reached out to several photographers, including John Knox, and were able to use their images to create posters for the Catamount Tavern cabinets.

The selected images were taken to Green Mountain Camera who created posterboard prints in the required size (8" tall x 24" wide). The posters were delivered to the USS VERMONT sailors at a dinner event in their honor at the VFW Post 792 in Montpelier on March 16, 2022. The 8 covered bridge posters were placed end to end on the head table for all the attendees to see.

The crew members returned to the submarine base in Groton CT and mounted the posters on the cabinets prior to Vermonters Weekend when tours

of the USS VERMONT were held before the boat departed for her new home port in Pearl Harbor.



*L-R, Jeff Young VFW State Commander, USS VERMONT Chief of the Boat Alex Antrim, Commanding Officer Chaz Phillips, and USS VERMONT Sponsor Gloria Valdez. – courtesy of Gary Frymire*

Four of the 8 covered bridges provided for display in the Catamount Tavern were the West Dummerston, Waitsfield, Taftsville and Hammond Covered Bridges.

## Kingsley Covered Bridge Update

- by Beth Brown Limmer

I put my cub reporter hat on this afternoon (May 6, 2024) and stopped at Kingsley CB to meet Jim Ligon of Alpine Construction. As a true southern gentleman, he dropped everything in the middle of a busy day to give me an update on this restoration.

The crew of five (from NH and NY) were working diligently on a beautiful May day. The inside members of the bridge were sprayed with No-Char fire retardant this morning, (see photo of still wet lattice truss) and PolaSeal EFM was applied to exterior surfaces and weather boards at both

portals.

Jim says, "We'll get it open as soon as we can! It's more than 90% done right now."

The new roof and siding are done and the floor planks (3" oak over hemlock sub-floor) are



*Photo by Beth Brown Limmer*

being laid. “It has stood on its own for weeks now,” he said. Some of the support and access caging has been taken down.

“We’ve done a lot of covered bridges in the last 27 years, but not as many in the last 10 years as the decade before,” Jim said. “The flooding last July set us back 2 months on this project, but she’ll last a good long time when we’re done.”



*Pictured is Jim Ligon standing at east portal of the nearly finished Kingsley covered bridge. Photo by Beth Brown Limmer*

Plans for a ribbon-cutting and grand-reopening celebration (organized by VCBS, Clarendon Historical Society, and perhaps Ludlow Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, along with neighbors) are being made. Date to be announced asap.

Maybe we can get Jim to put on his musician hat that day! Meanwhile, he’ll stay on the bridge before moving to dam work in New York State.



*Kingsley Covered Bridge as it looked on 3-19-24. Photo by Mark Maddox*

## Our Covered Bridges and Why They Are The Way They Are - by Joe Nelson

(Editor’s note: This is part of a multi-part article started in edition 95 of *The Bridger*. The full article is available under the VCBS members portal.)

### Contemporary Repair and Strengthening of Wood Truss Bridges

I have been the framing contractor for the restoration or rehabilitation of eleven wood truss bridges (as well as the construction of two new ones based upon historic models), and a consultant on the repair of seven others.

Since each of these bridges was considered to be of

historic import by their state and locality, we began each project with the presumption that we would keep the maximum amount of original material in place, retain the historic structural system of the bridge as the only structural system, and restore rather than rehabilitate.

At the same time, these bridges were all in daily use by increasing quantities and weights of motor vehicles on public highways, and no one, including state historic preservation officers wanted to see

them demoted from their historic function to become, as is usually suggested, foot bridges. Consequently, the presumption of restoration in each case was modified by considerations of traffic flow, the practicality and enforceability of posted weight limits, and the proximity of alternative crossings.

In addition, the condition of each bridge was examined, and in some cases they were subjected to engineering analysis, to determine how successfully they had been carrying their own dead load and historic live loads, independent of any projections for future heavier traffic. The following are a number of case studies, starting with the most conservative solutions, that illustrate how the decisions to repair and strengthen emerge from the interaction of contractor, historic preservation officer, and engineer. The engineer is usually in the employ of the state.

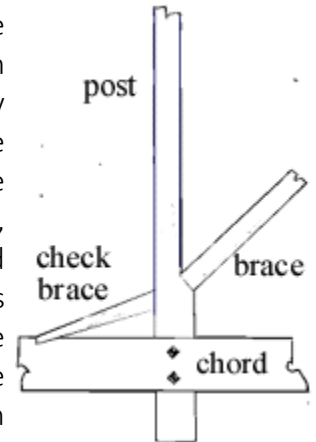
### The Waitsfield Village Bridge, Waitsfield, Vermont

The Waitsfield Village Bridge is a 108 ft. single span Burr Arch built in 1834, making it the oldest surviving bridge of any material, in the state of Vermont. The trusses are in very good and almost entirely original condition, even retaining 1 to 2 inches of positive camber. In the middle of a busy tourist town, and posted for 16,000 lbs., it is crossed by an average of 1000 vehicles per day, mostly cars and light to medium weight trucks. The height of this bridge's opening, and its prominent mid-town location, precludes its use by tractor trailers, log trucks, concrete trucks, or mobile cranes, which are the usual sources of overloading in this locality. A modern bridge with a higher weight limit exists 2 miles downstream.

Repairs were necessitated by the appearance of bending at the lower shoulders on three of the four most heavily loaded posts on the bridge, i.e., those immediately at the edge of the abutment. The

bending occurred because the spruce posts were inadequately resisting the horizontal component of the compressive load delivered by the braces, a load thought to be increasing due to 20th century truck traffic.

A careful examination of the bridge discovered that each bent post was missing a key original element of the truss, variously called the chalk, check, or kicker brace, specifically designed to aid the post in resisting this particular thrust (see Figure). The check brace from one post had been removed to make room for a walkway joist added during this century. The other two were removed in recent years during chord repairs at the end of the truss.



Restoration, in this case removing the effects of previous abusive repairs, was the appropriate course for strengthening the Waitsfield Bridge. The bridge was supported on cribbing from the river, the truss dismantled at three of its ends, three vertical posts replaced, and check braces installed. The replacement posts were identical in size to the spruce (*Picea var.*) originals, but were made of white oak (*Quercus Alba*), a species stronger in bending, horizontal shear and compression perpendicular to the grain.

It was believed that this change of species would help upgrade the truss against heavier traffic loads while staying within the historic form of the bridge. White oak is also among the most naturally rot-resistant species, a consideration for truss members near the abutment and the drainage of the road. The work was completed in 1992, with the bridge appearing no different than in 1834, other than a species change in three pieces of timber.

...to be continued in the next edition.



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## Vermont Covered Bridge Society Membership Application

Dues and donations are used to promote the preservation of Vermont's covered bridges

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

- Membership:**  New  Renewal
- Student (\$10)  Individual (\$15)  Couples (\$20)  Life (\$200)
- Life-Couple (\$300)  Business/Organization/Municipality (\$15)
- (Memberships are valid to the end of the current calendar year)  
(New memberships purchased in the fourth quarter are valid through the next calendar year)

- Newsletter Delivery:**  Postal Mail  Email  Opt-out
- Receive VCBS Email:**  Yes  No

- Donations:**
- Palladio (\$2)  Palmer (\$5)  Hale (\$10)  Burr (\$25)
- Powers (\$50)  Town (\$75)  Tasker (\$100)  Long (\$150)
- Paddleford (\$200)  Whipple (\$250)
- Other Amount (\$\_\_\_\_\_)
- (The Vermont Covered Bridge Society is a 501c3 organization)

Return completed application with payment to: **OR** Visit our website to join:

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