

Greetings,

Jack Edinborough arrived June 26. He began by examining the south-west valley beam, a large section of which had been destroyed by rodents and insects. As well we opened up the north-east corner and valley beam. The beam was sound, but we uncovered the corner to find an earlier intervention ca. 1964. The logs had been cut away at the corner to put in a telepost to support the valley beam. The corner was not tied back together in any way - the telepost had no lateral support either. Jack used plywoods and 2 by 6's to reconnect the walls and support the valley beam. The original trim was reinstalled and the rotted drywall replaced with a plywood panel to be painted.

The south-west valley beam had the damaged section replaced and splinted with a plywood glue-lam buildup. The original trim has been put back and will look great after I do some filling and staining. This corner needed a little repair to the upper panels but otherwise was solid. The other corners and beams are o.k.

The bell tower has already been shingled. To strengthen the east roof where the altar ridge intercepts it below the main ridge, we are going to insert a 16 foot, 3/16" steel tubing beam into the roof deck to stabilize the area and possibly correct some sagging. The transept beams have separated at the peak so will be tied together while this area is open using tie rods and metal straps.

Jack has been good to work with. He gets a lot done and really seems to understand how buildings work. His living on site is a real asset in terms of security and dedication to the job.

Hope you are enjoying summer's heated arrival. I'll keep you posted as work progresses.

Regards,
Leigh