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-A.A. roads report Annual Meeting Aug. 2, 2003

As all of you know, my tall buddy and co-chair ^{Elber Stearns} is no longer with us in body. He was a joy to know as a friend and co-worker. He had a great sense of humor, was really "together" (as they say) and was a caring Christian among many things. He is very much missed by me but his spirit will always be in my heart.

Our one lane horse and buggy dirt roads from 1901 are still one lane. Over the years a thin layer of gravel was applied followed by annual coatings of oil until $1\frac{1}{2}$ " inches of black top or macadam was put on at some juncture in our history. That has been patched and patched.

When Elber and I started our 5 year program we had Billy Walker's crew apply TRG in thick layers in as many flat sections of road as possible in the last 4 years. TRG (Trap Rock Gravel) is the small size gravel which has cement-like qualities when

it gets wet and is compacted. Macadam was applied on the inclines and hills in longer sections than before of half widths or full widths of the road.

Now I need to reiterate the final remarks made at last year's meeting.

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The remaining work to be done, which Elber identified as 4 projects costing \$5,275 (to be accomplished in calendar year 2002) includes the following:

- ① a replacement for a broken culvert near the top of Ledge Way will be installed. New macadam will be spread the full width of the road for 180 feet from

the top of Lodge Way to Pine Road. ② a 100 foot section between Pine Road and East Lane and ③ another 100 foot section between East Lane and Wood Way will also be black topped. This will get rid of the high crown and bolster the precarious sides of Lodge Way where the water cascades down the hill.

④ a 140 foot, full width portion of the North end of West Lane will be covered with macadam. It has a very high crown and part of the West side is ready to fall down the hill.

The 2 improvement/maintenance projects that Elber and I have identified for calendar year 2003 are the bottom part of Mountain Road between Wood Way and Woodruff Way and the south 225 feet of West Lane.

The bottom 208 feet of Mountain Road, which has a high crown and falling away sides (where water cascades) needs 2 layers of macadam. The 1st layer would be a coarse underlayment and the 2nd layer would be a

finish coat. The estimated cost of this first project is \$3,500 which is ^{the} equivalent of the current roads budget for one whole year.

Nothing has been done to West Lane for, at least, 15 to 20 years. It is narrow with ledge rock and trees right at the edge of the road including lots of raised tree roots. It is presently the ~~same~~ "washboard" of the ridge. To put a thin coat of macadam on the 225 foot south end of West Lane will cost \$2,000