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from the Editor

Hello everyone!

It has been some time since you last heard from me so I hope everyone is coping well with what the world is throwing at us all. I've heard that some of you have caught the nasty virus so I hope you have come through well.

Firstly, it's subs time! Everyone should have received an emailed invoice on 2 April. If you did not, please email secretary@logbuildingnz.org.nz or phone Justin at 06 370 8199 and he can pass on the message. If you have decided to not renew your subs, could you let me know by email? Then I will no longer bother you.

This issue is full of letters from members. I am not sure why I have received so many letters and photos, but I love it! Have the lockdowns made us aware of keeping in touch with each other, or have folks been able to spend time at home and get some projects done? It does not matter why, just keep doing it. Early editions of the newsletter were filled with correspondence and it would be nice to see that again.

Speaking of early editions, Peter Hadley has sent a copy of an article from 1983 about the first log building courses in NZ. Of course, it is black & white!

Our log building course was filled to the brim with eager students. Another huge thanks go to Graeme, Christine and Rebecca, our new caterer helping Christine.

We are looking at our course fees and will discuss this at our teleconference AGM in June. I am pretty sure we

are going to have to increase them. They have not changed in the 10 years I have been involved here, and we all know about increasing costs.

As most of you know I am overseas right now, but I cannot help checking the NZ news. Imagine my surprise seeing a headline about a Grannie who has built her own log house and painted her tractor pink. I know her! Not only has Christine been featured in a fantastic article promoting log homes, she really does have pink tools. Well done!

That article led to many calls to Natural Log Homes asking for more information, Christine has done 2 further radio interviews, and *The Geraldine News* printed an article about the log building course! You can find the article here, https://issuu.com/gnews3/docs/gnews_04.21.22_final. What amazing publicity for us.

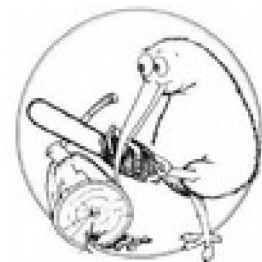
On a local note, we experienced a nasty storm a couple of months ago here in The Netherlands. Many trees fell. Within days, the city workers were cutting off valuable trunks and taking them away. Next I saw in the local paper that these recovered hardwood logs (most being at least 400 mm diameter and 5 m long), are being offered in a "lottery". You describe what you would like the wood for and you could win the log. Each log is identified by its location source, so it's a way of giving back to the community. I expect some log benches to show up soon. What a nice idea!

Keep in touch and stay well.
Marian and Andrew

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- to monitor building code revisions affecting log buildings***
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Member News

Below is a Christmas letter from Gavin Conn.

We visited his gorgeous house during the 2019 LBANZ get together. I decided to include a picture of his house taken at that time because it shows his (now refurbished) truck (ute) in the carport. Nice colour change, huh? Also, Penticton is a city in southern British Columbia known for its warm summers, fruit and wine. Sounds like New Zealand. Editor

How's it going down there?

Merry Xmas to you and family.

A great job you are doing with NZLBA.

I'm really impressed with the spring 2021 issue. The front page is awesome, I show my friends this constantly, as people in the most part can't really fathom how log homes fit together. This has inspired me (not done yet, lol) to most likely build one (or two) more.

Pic of my truck I just rebuilt, bought in Penticton, sat at my place for 5yrs, until now.

Have a great Xmas.

Gavin



more Members' News

In August last year, Greg O'Donoghue joined the LBANZ. He lives in Australia. Here is a poem (below) and some correspondence from him. I can pass on his mailing address to anyone who would like to write to him.

Marian,
Enclosed is a poem for your magazine. . . if worthy! Eventually, if wanted, I have photos, story of this cabin etc. I have many poems in regards to life – general, working class, hi-way, work, cabins, wildlife etc. Anyway this is a start.

I hope you folks keep up with the hard copy of the magazine. I pass (post) them on to my 92 year old father. I may send a photo on line via R.T.C.in NSW, across the border from here.

I am off-grid, full time motorcyclist with no screens so all is at a slow pace. If anybody cared to write, I'll write back.

Go with care,
Greg

Old Wine Floor

Floor boards rich
like old wine
Log and notch
A wood stove fine
Strict simplicity
to extreme
Windows to see
A bunk to dream
Flickering flame
and candle light
This log home
all snug and tight
Just one door
Quaint bookshelves
That polished floor
and just ourselves
There's kettle and pan
All you need
So simple the plan
Peace the creed
With jaffle iron
and tomahawk
A knife, a spoon
skewer and fork
There's Asian spices
and coffee beans
Bits and pieces
seldom seen
There's not much more
And should there be?
Just that old wine floor
You and me.

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From Adie and Justin

We painted our house 20 years ago with Timbakote Natural. At the time Justin did some research and we went with this product due to its ease of use, eco friendliness and durability in the sun.

We felt that this would be a good product for our hot Wairarapa summers.

20 years later we are recoating with Timbakote - Light Oak. In the areas that have not weathered it's an easy wash with sugar soap and paint on the topcoat.

Where the sun has weathered the paint at the gable ends and unprotected logs, we've put a Timbakote undercoat on (Rustic Base Coat), then the top coat. This has given it a slight difference in colour but nothing major and you get away with it because of the uneven surface of the logs.

We've been delighted with the result and like the new colour as it has a nice dark red chocolate tone to it.

I've attached a before and after photo of a wall under our deck on our house and an after photo of a wall in our homestay that needed some undercoat on it as it wasn't under a large eave so a bit exposed.

Cheers
Adie

Photos of Adie and Justin's house are on the next page.

The Longs' walls



Above: Before



Left: Homestay wall that needed some undercoat.

Below: After



and more Members' News

15 Feb 2022

Hi Marian and Andrew

I hope all is going well for you two in the land of tulips and windmills, and that this year's log building course goes off in this upside down world we now face.

I was looking through some old magazines and came across the start of log building in NZ and printed off the pages. Photos of Allan Mackie and Angus McCallum bring back memories of our course in February 1982, forty years ago this month. I learnt a lot in that week amongst 32 other keen kiwis. Chainsaw bar covers would fly off as we would race to do a bit of work on one of the two logs to go up next. We didn't need health and safety in those days to organise us, we knew what we were doing.

Photos of the first course of 7 in 1981 and two 1-week courses in 1982 with 30 or so members I find very interesting. I wonder where they all are now.

John Gosling kicked the thing off and Angus McCallum took the reins with future organising and printing a very good newsletter from New Zealanders before the start of *No Problem!*. Everybody was keen to put pen to paper in those days to say what their dreams are and some were big dreams. I wonder how many were achieved.

All the best for the coming year and look after each other.

Peter Hadley

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The following three pages are the copies Peter sent. These have been taken from a magazine that was printed in 1983. That makes the article 39 years old.

I checked with the International Log Building Association to get permission to reprint these pages. Barb Killen, the ILBA business administrator decided as it was so old, to simply reference its source.

So the next 3 pages came from:

*Log House Number 8
Log house Publishing Co Ltd,
PO Box 1205, Prince George B.C.
Canada V2L4V3*

It is a fine summary of the origins of log building in our land. I love the third paragraph on the second page describing how New Zealanders plunged into the 20th century of log building.

Marian



New Zealand Course No. 1, 1981: (Left to right) Snow Elmers of New Zealand Forest Service, John Gosling, the brave English immigrant (Pommie) who organized the course, Allan Mackie, Ron Sidwell, Peter Luckman, Greg Merrick, Eric Haskall, Kathy Marchant (the last 2 are now Mr & Mrs Haskall).

Below: B. Allan Mackie, wearing an Australian hat and a New Zealand Swandri, talks to Bob Burrell (right), Centre: Angus McCallum.

B. Allan Mackie answered the first invitation to teach a short course in log construction for New Zealanders in 1981.

The session got off to a slow start with only 7 in the group. But by the end of the week, the group had expanded to 25...one of whom was a retired farmer named Angus McCallum. Farmer McCallum had turned freelance journalist, in subjects such as agriculture, ecology, and survival. Two of his stories on Allan Mackie's work hit the national newspapers... and the New Zealand boom was on.

Angus McCallum, a graduate of Bedford School, Oxford, England, is a resourceful entrepreneur and masterful organizer. Angus had no difficulty seeing what Allan Mackie was all about; seeing that New Zealanders were in tune with Mackie; and seeing that all the situation needed was a masterful organizer. Which he is.





1982, Mackie School Short Course No. 2, New Zealand (Left to right): Donald Johnston, Russell Snook, Richard Lyster-Binns, Dave Alexander, David McKenzie, Allan Cant,

Gary Bathe, John Salisbury, Jim Spall, Jeremy Bicknell, Jim Galagher, Roland Pope, Robbie Annandale, John Wilson, Michael Darby, Michael Glover, John Gosling (Assisting In-

structor), Ken Bilyard, Ian Dale, Dave Alexander, Denis Honeybone, Ronald Kuiti, Stan Holland, Glen Wilson, Richard Masters, Malcolm MacKenzie, Ted Bates, Chris Livesey, Terry Riley.

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John Walker takes a go at his first notch. Fyfe Williamson awaits his turn. John, a wool-buyer, raises Clydesdale horses and wanted a barn "equally sturdy."

He sent the invitation for Mackie to return in 1982 to teach again; Mackie accepted; and New Zealand became a unique nation, inasmuch as it has been activated, coast-to-coast, within a short period, in Mackie's style and standard of log building.

Mackie, then in his 58th year, said later it was the best teaching he had ever done; and that the New Zealanders were outstanding in their ability to comprehend a subject which, to them, was totally new.

This is a strong point: the New Zealanders have no bad building habits to overcome; no false myths to fight; they are off to a flying start in a 20th century form of deluxe log building. The 65 Mackie students immediately formed the **Log Builders Association of New Zealand.**

New Zealand Forestry people were on site almost daily explaining to the students how to order their logs. Mackie was the apple of their eyes, in a country where Forestry people plant, cultivate, thin, and tend their crops

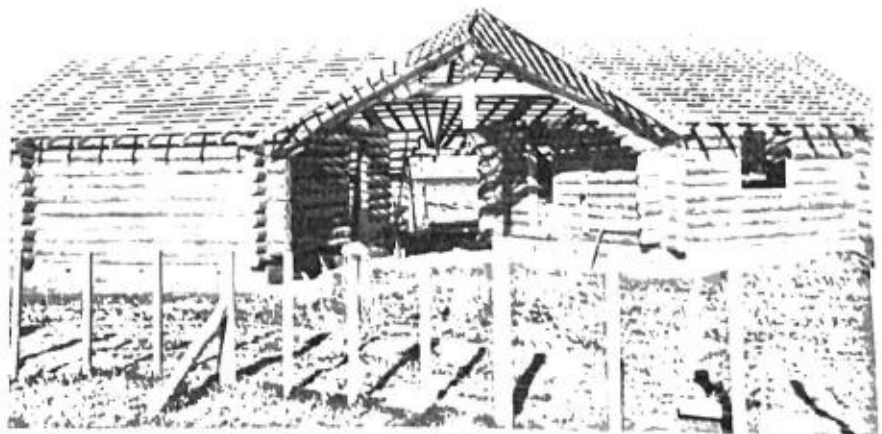




1982, Mackie Short Course No. 3 for New Zealand (Left to right): Grant Haigh, Rod Lonsdale, Bruce McGill, Murray Cotier, Max Purnell, Grant Martin, Peter McCallum, David Mitchell, Brent Shattky, Mary Haigh, Roger Davis, Steve Saywell, Allan Shaw, Rod MacDonald (obscured), Siegfried Gorezynski, Peter Hadley, Bill Norris, John Gosling (Assisting Instructor), Fyfe Williamson, Jim Young, Ian Scown, Gavin Landreth, Keith Oliver, Graeme Rowlands, George Wakeling, Kevin Hann, Bob Wakelin, John Walker, Bill Brooker, James Dysart, Alex Kerr, Barney Weinraugh, Philip Brooks, Roel Voschenzang.

and worry about the eventual sale of their forestry products. Logs in the form of houses is the highest return they can achieve; particularly welcome at a time when their superb stands of plantation Douglas fir are coming to maturity with no foreseeable market...other than log construction.

"The New Zealanders were outstanding," said Allan Mackie, after teaching the 3rd of the log construction courses. At right, the log building completed during the 16 work days. Students named it Wharepai Lodge. Pronounced "Farry-Pie", the Maori word means "warm house" or "good house". Mackie had no blueprints to work by. He bought a pocket calculator to design an appropriate roof support system for the structure. Foundations were poured and ready for his arrival.



and a bit more Members' News

From October 2021

... I have accumulated a considerable stock of materials and tools, and there is satisfaction in steadily doing the projects that were queued up, and a couple of nice-to-do ones.

Castle Hill has progressed well with the "lean to" conversion to a garage and an extra room. Wood is very short - I got 10 Douglas Fir logs culled by the Council within the village, and had them milled for board and batten for new cladding. This exercise followed from the fires at Lake Ohau.

The marriage of the styles has worked well, through having board and batten immediately above on the long shed dormer. I also had the joy of stripping the old shake roof on the "lean to" and laying a new one. Cold and very wet weather up there put an end to the work for the last couple of months.



Locally the garden has had another mild winter and is well into the spring flowering.

Hope you are both well and enjoying the change of cultures.

Stu and Kate.



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Port Blakely Ltd, NZ Forestry

Another HUGE Thank you goes to Port Blakely for their donation of practice logs for our students. Without having a chance to test their

chainsaw skills, the students would produce some pretty sad projects. Thanks Port Blakely!

New North Island Home

This house was erected by Graeme and three staff in Waira, Oct 21.

When a log home has been re-erected on site, it is missing the roof. This will be the first thing the conventional builders attend to.

However, looking at this stairwell picture brings to mind the song, "Stairway to heaven".

This does appear to be another heavenly log home.

Congratulations to the owners.



BRANZ updates

BRANZ Updates – Please go to the website www.branz.co.nz for more details.

Jan 2022

Timber outriggers

Log home design includes roof overhangs to protect the logs. But with increasing wind speeds, they can become a weak point in a roof.

NZS 3604:2011 *Timber-framed buildings* gives some guidance, but is being updated. Public consultation is anticipated for the second half of 2022.

Feb 2022

Low-E glass

This type of glass has a thin transparent coating which allows light through in both directions but reflects infrared radiation. This keeps a house warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

Low-E glass has been available in NZ but was not routinely specified. In November this year the new Acceptable Solution and Verification Method for Building Code clause H1 *Energy Efficiency* comes into force. Various levels of low-E glazing are listed. The new requirements are only relevant to the insulation value (R-value) and do not yet cover light or solar gain.

Floor insulation

There will be some slight changes requiring higher thermal performance for floors plus changes to how thermal resistance and construction R-values

of floors are calculated. BRANZ will publish an updated 6th edition of the *House insulation guide* this year to take account of this.

Stairs

With greater housing density allowed, homes are getting taller. There are minimum dimensions for internal stairways that reflect practicality and safety. Check out the BRANZ website if you are considering a new stairway.

Mar 2022

Trickle ventilators

These are long narrow openings over a door or window built into the frame. They are controllable in that they can be easily opened or closed.

The concept is that wind/air flow can enter the house on the windward side and be pushed out through vents on the leeward side. BRANZ has found that these vents can assist with some moisture control but are not sufficient for damp areas like bathrooms and kitchens. Those areas still need mechanical extraction vented to the outside.

PS – we have experienced these trickle ventilators in The Netherlands. They are a good source of fresh air but do not significantly reduce moisture unless the air is being mechanically moved. Dutch houses have a central mechanical vented extraction system which runs quietly and constantly, keeping the entire house fresh and dry.



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secretary@logbuildingnz.org.nz

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Thanks for supporting our group.

CD50 Settling

I hope everyone is aware that if your tinted CD50 is being stored for some time, it needs to be kept "stirred". Otherwise the colouring can settle out. A good way to prevent this from happening is to place some clean pebbles, marbles or the like into the pail. Then every month or so, give the pail a shake. When you hear the pebbles rattling freely, you know the oil is being mixed.

But what to do if you find your pigment has settled out? If it has been more than a few months, chances are you will not be able to resuspend it. Here is some advice from Stewart at Churton Pacific.

"Settling does occur after varying periods of time and temperature. We recommend storing CD50 in

a dark cool place and if possible stir or shake regularly. The oil loses some of its effective properties when settling occurs so we wouldn't recommend using it again except on something not requiring the effectiveness of original CD50 i.e a dog kennel, garden timber etc.

"The CD50 will be ok to use again when colour settling occurs during application. Obviously there will be a more concentrated colour in unstirred CD50 so more CD50 could be added to reproduce the original colour."

In summary, keep your extra CD50 mixed during storage. If the pigment settles out, you can still use the product, but not on your logs. Thanks to Stewart for his advice.

2022 LBNZ Log Building Course

Note: This issue's cover image shows Matt and Peter using the tools to hand to transport a short log.

Log building course 2022 ... Or should it be called the Covid course?

by Graeme Mould

The Class

9 students all met at the log building yard and office of NLH on the 20th of March for the pre course chit chat and intro, another great bunch of enthusiastic prospects.

Again a great load of logs donated by Port Blakely, my thanks go out to you.

This courses project was a small cabin for the Mt Lyford village.

A little rearranging of the yard to fit another project in, with 4 projects already under construction. This cabin is actually being built in the lounge of a much bigger log home in the yard, as space becomes valuable. This proves to be so valuable to the students to be able to walk a short distance from build to build to see different aspects of the construction and watch professional log builders doing the actual work.

Logging trucks rolled into the yard with fresh logs during the course, which had the students smile as these logs were fresh and easy to peel and cut. Nice days for

most of the course but the valuable schoolroom stuff done on wet days. Some great and fantastic first notches were made, some with plenty of room for settling allowance. The food was again excellent with Rebecca and Christine sharing the load; I've never seen so much vegan tucker!!!

Covid

Some of my staff had had Covid prior to the course beginning but had isolated and were recovered. One student and family all got it mid course, and recovered. I got it 2/3 of the way through and 3 others got it nearer the end of the course. But amazingly some never got it at all.

Some very, very interesting smoko discussions, (!!!) with some light banter from the non-believers (you know who you are).

Day Tour

The tour day trip was to coincide with one of my log home assemblies in Lake Ohau village, the second in a month, but due to the conventional builder and his crew being down with Covid that assembly day came and went until the week after the course. Nonetheless plenty to see and do, including visiting twelve log structures in the beautiful MacKenzie basin area. One was a great visit to the Ohau home we had just assembled about 3 weeks prior to the course. This showed all of the skeletal elements of the structure before it's all hidden by conventional materials.

Christine provided lunch around the camp fire at Chuckle Park, (our wee camp site at Twizel).

Thanks to our President for turning up with the certificates, it's great to see a rep from the association on site to encourage the students.

And a big thanks to the students, you're awesome, and the LBNZ for allowing me to teach.

Graeme

Left: Log selection is an important first step in log building - here the team is seeing the condition of logs in the forest.





*Left and below:
Cutting notches. Looking the background you can see different log buildings under construction, NLH does appear to be very busy.*



*Left:
Here the students are examining the debarked logs to determine the correct length, diameter and taper for their project.*



*Above left: Getting started. There seems to be a lot of eyes on that chainsaw - talk about pressure!
 Above right: A cute image found during the homes tour - photo by Karol.*

Below: The half building is the status of the class project at the end of the course. This will become a cabin at Mt Lyford. Its owners were very pleased with the students' work..



Group photo next page:

Top row L to R - Pierre, Stella, Holly, Thomas, Karol

Bottom - Adam, Peter (with 1 year old daughter Sidney), Graeme, Justin, Matt

The log building course was an amazing 3 weeks.

Thanks to our tutor Graeme and his team, we were delivered high quality content in a friendly atmosphere, with a few laughs along the way.

I came away with a much better understanding of the technical art and logistics required to build a log structure.

Rebecca and Christine did an outstanding job of catering, I'd do the course again just for the food!

Meeting like minded people was also a highlight, there was a real family atmosphere by the end of the 3 weeks and I'm sure many of us will keep in touch.

Thanks to LBA and Natural Log Homes for running this event, I highly recommend it to anyone interested in log buildings.

Cheers
Peter, Class of '22



This page, pics taken by Peter

Our log home journey - part 15

Toni Strawbridge

It's been a busy week as the second week of school holidays wrap up. We managed to send both children away for a few days which means lots of jobs ticked off the list.

We have managed to finish the final plastering of our house which has been a mission. Our first plasterer had to leave without finishing due to the last lockdown, then we got another plasterer in who managed to do some then came down with Covid. So I took the reins and finished it all off, and I'm pretty stoked with how it's looking. I've got most of the painting done, I just need to get our walk-in wardrobe and ensuite painted then the big painting jobs will be done.

We decided to buy flooring for our downstairs as milling the timber as planned was too time consuming. I did loads of research and found that a hybrid flooring would be best, with a lime and plastic composite. It's very hard wearing and perfect for our busy household. It's looking pretty nice as we laid it in our kitchen because we really wanted to see it down. We will carry it through the rest of downstairs when I finish the stone work I'm doing inside.



Happy Birthday Granny!

We were blessed to be able to share Brook's Granny's 90th birthday with her, she's our wonderful neighbour and just love the visits we get from her. We also had a visit from my 93 year old Nana from Titahi Bay over Easter which was so nice. It's so awesome having our families involved and making these precious memories with them.



It's been a funny year so far with the fear of Covid in the air. Our son Zavian brought it home from school and it soon spread through all of us, thankfully the kids only got a headache and a slight fever, and Brook and I had 4 days of tiredness, headaches, body aches, a sore throat but nothing too bad. We were both a little tired for 3 weeks and for those weeks I had a blocked ear. But we all recovered well and got back to normal pretty quickly.

We are going hard on the house as we have a deadline of July to have code of compliance so this means most things need to be done up to code. We are getting there and it's sooo exciting because these are the finishing jobs, most excitedly the stone work outside which I've been chipping away at and it's looking great.

I look forward to the next edition where I'll tell you that everything has been completed and now we are starting on our 150 m2 deck, haha.

Stay safe out there team,
Toni

You will find several pages recording the Strawbridges' accomplishments but that is because they have been busy. And who does not enjoy looking at a log house? Marian



Left: The visit from Nana from Tatahi Bay. How special is that? You will also notice that the house makes a gorgeous background for many photos.

Above: Toni's cooker

Below: An entrance to the house complete with coat hooks and the new floor.





Now here is a way to make those kitchen cabinets fit, trim off the logs. It looks horrible now but will make better use of the space in the kitchen.



The beautiful new floors look very smart.





Wow, Brook is really showing off his carpentry skills with this stairway. The curved facing is brilliant.





Above left: The top of the stairway.

Above right: Do naughty children get put behind bars? Or only scary ones?

Below: The details of the ceiling above. A spectacular sight!





The roof lines of the upper floor are really impressive. I believe the upper photo is looking out the rear of the house, the lower photo out the front and the middle photo looking to a bedroom wing.





Here is the family hard at work.

Above left: Toni is perfecting her plastering skills. Above right: I am not exactly sure what Brook is doing, but this is a good display of the barn door



and the clothes drying rack above. With such high ceilings, drying clothes will never be in the way. Below: It appears Zavian has recovered from Covid and is making up the lost time practising his dirt bike skills.





Above left: Details of the dormer stonework. Toni is really talented.

Above right: Did someone get a new toy?



Below: The facade of the house. It is getting so close to being absolutely perfect!





logs of laughs

from pinterest.uk

My wife just stopped and said, “You weren’t even listening, were you?”

I thought. “That’s a pretty strange way to start a conversation.”

This morning I accidentally changed the GPS voice to “Male”. Now it just says, “It’s around here somewhere, just keep driving.”

Starting your day with an early morning run is a great way to make sure your day can’t get any worse than it started.

I stopped understanding math when the alphabet decided to get involved.

It turns out that when you are asked who your favorite child is, you are supposed to pick one of your own. I know that now.

I recently bought a toilet brush. . . long story short, I am going back to toilet paper.

My wife tried to beat me up using an old Elton John record . . . I’m still standing.

I went to the doctor with hearing problems. He said, “Can you describe the symptoms?” I said, “Homer is a fat bloke and Marge has blue hair”

A jersey I bought was picking up static electricity, so I returned it to the store. They gave me another one – free of charge.

It’s a shame nothing is built in the USA anymore. I just bought a TV and it says, “BUILT IN ANTENNA.”

I don’t even know where that is.

No man has ever won the game of, “Notice anything different about me?”

I just got fired from the keyboard factory. I wasn’t putting in enough shifts.

Yesterday I saw an ad that said, 'Radio for sale, \$1, Volume stuck on full' I thought to myself, “I can’t turn that down.”

Will those new glass coffins catch on?
Remains to be seen.

Never let anyone tell you what you can or cannot do. Just look at Beethoven. Everyone told him he would never be a musician just because he was deaf. But did he listen?

If you suck at playing the trumpet . . . that’s probably why.

The past, present and future walk into a bar.
It was tense.

My friend David had his ID stolen.
Now we call him Dav.

Just sold my homing pigeon on Ebay for the 22nd time.

I went to the zoo yesterday and saw a baguette in a cage. The zoo keeper told me it was bread in captivity.

A zoo just opened with only one dog in it.
It’s a shihtzu.

Hecklers meeting at 7 pm.
Bring your own boos.

The inventor of the throat lozenge has died.
There will be no coffin at his funeral.

I’m reading a horror story in Braille.
Something bad is going to happen, I can feel it.

When some women reach a certain age, they start collecting cats.
It’s called The Many Paws.

I got mugged by six dwarves last night.
Not Happy.

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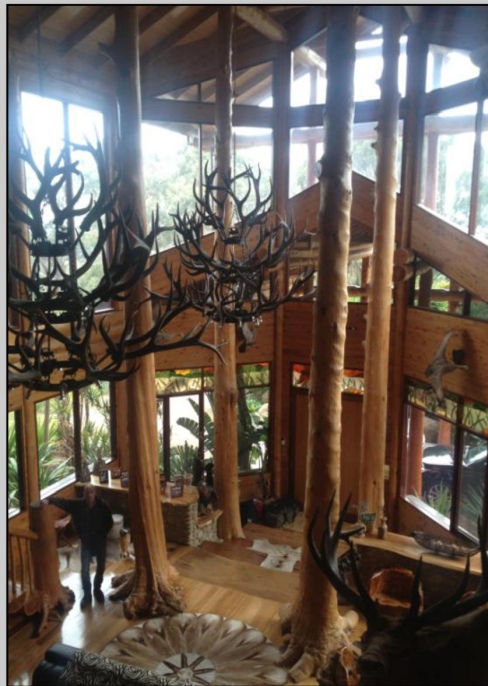
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