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This is the 4th Launch Site on Big Walker Mountain since the early Skywackers first starting flying near Bland, Va. When the landowner of the 3rd launch site (adjacent to the road) closed the site, Jim Bogle, the Landing Zone owner, developed a plan to create the current launch site. A permit was obtained from the Forest Service to build a road on Forest Service property (on the back side of the mountain) to access Jim's property further down the ridge. Individual pilots and the Skywacker Club donated over \$10,000 towards the cost of building the site, and the majority of the labor to develop it.

The biggest contributor of all was Jim Bogle - without his vision, dedication to free flight, and land - none of this would have been possible, and Big Walker would have been lost as a flying site.

Jim, thanks for keeping the dream alive!!



March 2003 - Locating and Laying Out the Site



The Cutting Begins - March 21, 2003





The Road Building Begins















April 2003 - The Launch is Cut, Now the Clearing Begins























June 2003





Wood Splitting - October 2003













Fall 2003



Fall 2005





Spring 2006



November 2007





Individual Donors Contributing to Big Walker Launch - 2003

**Ricky & Joshua Arnold
Wayne Baker
Larry Ball
Chris & Tammy Bowles
Andrew Briggs
Kermon Carter
Richard & Jean Cobb
Steve Conner
Jeff Corley
Steve Daum
Larry Dennis
Phil Givens
John Grahm
Brent Harsh
Danny Hart
Bill Jenkins
Skyler Kershner
Tim Kingsbury
John Lane
Chuck Miller
Mike Nester
Bert Nunley
Jackye Reynolds
Steven Roberts
Wayne Sayer
Tom Slagle
Ben Thomas
Tom Tucker
Koen Vancampenhoudt**



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**Individual Donation amounts ranged from \$20 to
\$2,000, with 18 contributing \$200 or more**

Total Contributions:

Individuals:	\$8540
Skywacker Club:	\$1500
Randy Newberry	
(backhoe & operator):	\$2500

Timber Sales: \$1445

Expenses:

Equipment rental	\$5109.44
Labor...Operators and helper	\$2364.23
Fuel..Dozer, Backhoe, D.Truck, saws	\$571.20
Gravel	\$635.15
Concrete	\$331.77
Gate	\$365.00
Drain pipe	\$201.69
Choker cable	\$171.38
Jim..Locks and Permits	\$100.00
Grass seed	\$38.50
Saw repair	\$61.27
Motel for 1st operator	\$40.42
Food for workday	\$60.00

Expenses at end of 2003 \$10,050.05

Forest Service Road Permit (2004) \$370.00



