

**Newport Forest**

October 26 2003

2:10 - 5:35 pm

**Weather:** prec. 18 mm; sun/cloud; SW < 10; LM 13 C; FCF 9 C

**Purpose:** planting trees

**Participants:** Kee, Nic

I brought three HT with me from home, joined by 7 CTs extracted from an entire row at the TS (freeing up more bed space). As well, I carried with me an enormous TT sapling nurtured by Stan Caveney for a few years, as well as a HB that was only slightly smaller.

While clearing the row in the TS, we saw the same leopard frog as on previous occasions. Nic got a very nice digital snap of it. We drove down to the trailer, encountering on our way, a white balloon fluttering in the middle of the road like an exhausted animal. "I hope no kids have been down here," I menaced. Nic jumped out of the van. "It's got handwriting on it."

"1 free game of laser tag - must bring balloon Laser Blast. Greenville (903) 455-2820"

(Later I discovered that "Greenville" was in Texas and that the balloon had come more than 1,637 km (1017 miles) in less than two days!)

We planted the giant TT and HB on or near the old wood chip pile. We also planted one HT there as well as two CTs. About this time, Steve and Karen Logan showed up for a patrol, not realizing that we would be there. It was a rather pleasant coincidence and both parties wasted some time congregating at the nook, instead of getting on with things.

While Steve and Karen walked the trails, Nic and I finished the second planting: three CTs by the trailer, one on same side but east of the nook, one across from it inside the bend of Edgar's Road, and one a few meters from the dying AB. We planted two HTs not far from the one already growing by the trailer. The last two CTs were taken down to the creek, one going in on the right of the bridge path, the other planted on the far shore, on the lower floodplain, about 20 m due E of the bridge.