Fred,

Thanks so much for welcoming me after I showed up at your door the other day. I really enjoyed visiting with you and looking at your cars. I hope I can get back to working on my old ’33 Chevy one day soon.

Fred, have you had a chance to think about the trail ? If you are still positively enclined toward it, I would be more than happy to meet with you an discuss talk about some ideas I have for trail.

I had not been on your easement for a very long time, d=so the other day I walked over there from my home in Woodside. It was a really pleasant afternoon, even with the few drops of rain that feel while I was walking. There were an amzing number of birds along the trail and in the nearby trees. That area is rapidly returning to a natural state. I had not be to the high ground along the Tygart so I left the right-of-way and soon found the steps leading up to the old housesite. In the dense overgrowh I was only able to find a few oundation remnants, but I could tell that it must have been a spectacular home site in its time.

As I left the old home site I walked east through the cemetery there. I was surprised to find burials as late as the 1960’s. I wish I knew more about when families were living up there, when the house was built and when it was removed. Walking through an old homestead like that one, one really gets a sense of the tenuousness of life and the impermanance of the things that man creates. If only those big old trees could speak, what stories they would tell.

I returned to the right-of way after crossing a small run. It was quite a climb from the creek bed, I hadn’t noticed on my orginal walk of discovery how greatly the old railroad right-of-way was elevated above the surrounding terraine. It’s really quite narrow too. I walked on down to where the old bridge piers still stand, like Stone Henge monuments. I didn’t bring boots with me so I wasn’t able to cross the creek to see their counterparts on the other side.

As I was walking back I was thinking that if we can put a walkin/biking trail on your easement, it would be worth really be nice to have a retun trail that dropped down to the creek level