

Janis Kozlowski: Well, from one remote area to another. So, it's probably just a little bit of a slow ride [Chuckle].

Jim Schroeder: [Laugh] Yeah. Well basically, on the one, where, up on Porter Lake - there was only three of us that were up there all summer long. The rest were two, three days - a week, or two weeks. So, you didn't have that much company up there all the time. But it ... you know, you have to like being in the woods like that. Otherwise, we had people come up there and say, "Gee, it's nice up here, but I couldn't take it for more than two days." Yeah, it's nice. We started going up there in 1963. We went camp ... ah, the guide that we had, took us up to Porter Lake ... I think it was in '63. And we use to camp on the Island. We used to drive from Chicago and pick up my cousin in Wausau and drive up there, and get up there about two, three in the morning.

And then ... well, we'd stay for a little bit. Once it got light, I take the canoe - we had a canoe from 19... That's all we ever had, was a canoe - a metal or aluminum canoe that we used to fish in. And I'd go down and put the flies in the ... into the canoe. And then my wife and I'd get in there, paddle across to the Island, which is about a half a mile, dump the stuff off, [and] I'd come back, get more supplies. Then we'd go back ... This is on a weekend; a Saturday morning. And sometimes we'd be sitting up there - I'm trying to build a fire to make a ... you know, something to eat. And Vi was, ah, from Wausau - would say, "Jim wouldn't you like to go back to Wausau and sleep in a nice warm bed?" And I'd say, "Vi, there's no other place I'd rather be than right here."

Janis Kozlowski: [Chuckle] Sound's pretty nice there.

Jim Schroeder: Yeah, well it was nice. And then they - one of the fellows from across from the island offered some land. And we got 392 feet on the lake and 1,000 feet back. So, we got a little bit of land up there. But, once you go past, you know, 200 feet, [Chuckle] you don't go back in the woods much anymore - you don't see hardly anything like that.

But, then in 19..., ah, '70 - what was it? '79. Well, in '79, when we bought the land, my daughter, well, my daughter wanted it. And my son-in-law, they said, "Well we're going to ... and, you know, everybody, pay half of it." So, we got a ... a cabin in pieces from Rhineland. And we put that together in two weeks. So, we had a cabin [there], too. And we kept bringing stuff up, you know, from Chicago, all the time. And finally got it pretty well fixed the way ... indoor plumbing and ... a well that we got - got big tanks. It's just like a home when you go up there. So, we have heat and everything. We used to go up there until maybe mid-November before it started snowing a lot. But, then, you know, after we got, we got sick, we just didn't go up there that much. The kids go up maybe every two weeks, and then I'd go up right after they did, or before they did, and then come back again. So, we kind of take care of the cabin all of the time. So it's nice to have something to go to.

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah, it sounds like a great place. I bet I'd like it there.