

Our additional property came with a barn.





We think it was built in the 1950's. As you can see, it has had several "upgrades" over the years with windows, doors, electricity, and water being added to make it a sort of garage. That was a long time ago...



Believe it or not, we figure it has another five years or so of life left before we have to do new metal or just tear it down. So we decided to spend \$1500 and fix it up. Besides, we think it is pretty cool looking with the rusted roof and all.



Check out some of the upgrades.

This is the electric. Yikes! Obviously, none of this worked.



A couple of the windows. These were the best ones. The others had no glass left.



This was as far as the garage doors would close. We thought for sure the raccoons that trip our security cameras every night would be living inside. Nope. They were under the barn. With our encouragement, they have since vacated to a different den...



While, it sits on uplands, the creek is right in the back and the water table is high. Hence, you can get stuck driving on the grass after a week or so of rain.



It was full of junk that
had been sitting there
for 25-30 years.



In case you were wondering, the answer is no. The freezer did not work.



So we started by cleaning out the junk. We took out numerous pickup loads like this over several weeks. Some of the wood you see in the lumber pile was still good...going to use it later in another project.



We fixed the garage door springs and tracks. Then we drilled in some bolts to make the doors lockable from the inside.

This is good as they will get. At least they close and are secure.



We took out the old windows and just put up new metal. We couldn't find the exact matching type of metal, but that's ok...it just adds more character 😊



We are in the process of adding gravel to the entrance. This is just the road base part. We are waiting on the gravel yard to crush up some more concrete.



Now we don't get stuck in the truck. It will look better with the recycled concrete gravel over the top. We use something called 57 stone.



Lastly, we added the brightest light we could find so we could see inside. That is it for now. We still have junk to get out, windows to remove, metal to put up, and other stuff. We will update you on our progress soon in another post. We figure it will take us another two months to finish. We have some other projects going at the same time.