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T.M.R. ALUMNI DAY MOVED TO JULY 31, 2010

We are getting the first details on the 2010 T.M.R. Alumni Day, which has been moved to Saturday, July 31, 2010, to coincide with the big B.S.A. 100th Anniversary celebration planned for Camp Keowa, T.M.R.

Current plans are to start Alumni Day at Headquarters Camp at the usual 11:00 AM, followed by the 12:00 PM program and lunch. After lunch, the Alumni will be invited to join the 100th Anniversary celebration going on at Camp Keowa. The highlight of the celebration will take place Saturday night, when plans are to televise the closing show at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree on the Camp Keowa field.

See future issues of *T.M.R. Smoke Signals* or visit our web site tmrmuseum.org for information on the 2010 T.M.R. Alumni Day.

Spotlight on T.M.R. Staff: Anthony Allison

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SS: When did you become a Boy Scout? (Were you a Cub Scout?) What town & troop? What was your highest rank? Jamboree attendance?

AA: I joined Cub Scouts when I was 7 in Pack 173, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Park Slope Brooklyn. After getting my Arrow of Light I went to Troop 22, St. Francis Xavier Parish also in Park Slope Brooklyn. In 1990, at the age of 17 with two of my closest buddies Jimmy O'Connell and Mike Harrigan I was elevated to the rank of Eagle. Since that time I stayed active in the Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster, within the last two years I joined the Troop Committee.

SS: What jobs in the troop did (and do) you hold?

AA: In the Troop I served as an Assistant Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, and Senior Patrol Leader. When I turned eighteen I served the Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster, and within the last two years I became a Troop Committee member.



Anthony Allison

SS: Were you in the OA? What Lodge? What level attained? Active now? Lodge Officer? NOAC?

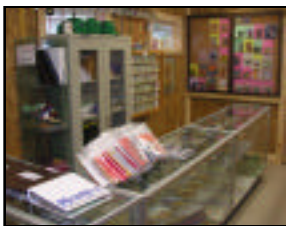
AA: I have been a member of Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge #24 since I turned 14 and was elevated to Vigil Honor in 1994. As a youth in the

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MUSEUM OPENS SCOUTING MEMORABILIA STORE

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A big hit at the Museum this past summer was the new Scouting Memorabilia Store, located in the Extension. A huge variety of Boy Scout memorabilia was for sale at rock-bottom



New Museum Store

prices, including O.A. flaps and backpatches, C.S.P.'s, neckerchiefs, Norman Rockwell plates, Scouting posters, bolo ties, mugs, hats, camp patches and Scouting literature,

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WILD KINGDOM AT THE T.M.R. SCOUT MUSEUM

By now the Museum staff is used to Michael Herbert's stuffed birds taking up residence in the Museum each summer. We were really surprised this past summer to find a pair of live (i.e., not stuffed) Juncos at the Museum, raising a nest full of baby Juncos. Considering all the trees T.M.R. has to offer, the mother and father Juncos decided to put their nest in one of the two short bushes at the entrance to the Museum. Perhaps these Juncos had an affinity towards Museums or T.M.R. history in particular? Unfortunately, we will never know since we don't speak Junco



A Parent Junco

and couldn't ask them. It did seem like a strange place to put a nest, with countless Scouts walking by each day. A quick review of the Internet showed that Juncos do indeed put their nests in small trees and bushes. In

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from the chairman's desk



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As the days start to get shorter and we are in the last throes of the Summer of 2009, I look back to see how the Summer of 2009 went for TMR in general and for the Museum, especially.

The biggest accomplishment was that after many "fits and starts" and too much downtime, the third room of the Museum was completed to a point that it could open with the rest of the Museum in time for camp. A lot of credit has to go to Bernie Sussman who then took showcases obtained for us by Mike "Birdman" Herbert and created our own store back there. Credit as well to Frank Mullane who filled the cases with patches for us to sell.

The store was very popular and helped us sell many items that could now be displayed. A 3-D map of Aquehonga was donated by Camp Aquehonga and it now hangs in the back room as well. We now have a lot more storage space and with the advent of the new Curator's office and the Library being moved to where the old office was, a lot of room now exists for us to be able to display many more items. Under the leadership of Bob Chiusano, the Staten Island Good Guys along with imports from Brooklyn, The Bronx and New Jersey will have met the last weekend in September to finish the third wing so it will be completely ready for the new 2010 season.

That of course brings us to plans for 2010. The upcoming year promises to be a fun-filled year with the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America coming. This of course also means the 100th anniversary of New York City Scouting since New York was in the forefront of Scouting when it first began. The Museum challenge will be to create exhibits worthy of a celebration for the 100th Anniversaries of both NYC Scouting and USA National Scouting.

At this early stage four exhibits are planned. Of course these are all tentative at this time and we may get some additional ideas that will be added as the season moves along.

First and foremost will be an exhibit recognizing the development of New York City Scouting through its first 100 years. Hopefully, using Dave Malatzky's timeline and research which can serve as a baseline, we can supply appropriate pictures and photos, patches and neckerchiefs,

documents and historical records to visually show how the borough councils came to be, how the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York, and then how Greater New York Councils came to be as well plus the camps that belong or were used by Scouts on a regular basis from GNYC. Where appropriate, National Events that New York City boys participated in would be included.

The second exhibit will be a tribute to the late Bobby Buonvino who along with being a Trustee of this Museum was for many years Course Director, SPL, Scoutmaster of the many Wood Badge Courses offered in the area, as well as Troop Leader Development courses for youth (later called JLTC [Junior Leader Training Courses]) and now called NYLT (National Youth Leader Training). We have many of his artifacts and they will be on display in 2010 as well as all the courses he participated in will become part of our archives.

With the help of Marty Poller and items from the late Art Manning and Bobby Buonvino, we plan to do a Wood Badge display case. We hope to display neckerchiefs, patches, beads, and maybe a kudo horn? Photos, documents, etc. We may also be able to do a separate JLTC (TLD/NYLT) showcase if we get enough stuff.

The big coup if we can pull it off is that through the good work of trustees Jesse Metz and Dave Malatzky, world famous artist, Gregory Perillo, has offered the Museum on loan for the Summer approximately 15 paintings of his to display. Mr. Perillo has done work for President and Mrs. Nancy Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev among many notables. His field of expertise is the American Indians which would make up the basis of the exhibit.

Right now Council has given its approval for this exhibit. The Board as of this writing has not yet done so but what seems to be the big nut we have to crack is that we have to get an insurance rider that is financially manageable which will cover the paintings from the time they leave Mr. Perillo's home in Staten Island until they return some 9 weeks later after camp ends. The Council will be working on this for us and hopefully we can make it happen. If so, its very exciting.

Alumni Weekend will take place Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, August 1st at camp. The hope is to be that hordes and throngs will attend the Hundredth Anniversary. Among the highlights planned are a large fireworks display at night, tours of the camps including Indian Cliffs, Museum tours to include making of donuts from the Original Donut farm recipe in the original donut making machine from the donut farm which the TMR Museum now owns. In addition, a large Jumbotron which will simulcast to Times Square on Saturday night, July 31st and the closing show of the National Jamboree. For those not aware, New York City, with the help of Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, who sits on the GNYC Board of Directors, and others have agreed to close Times Square on Saturday night, July 31st in a manner similar to New Year's Eve closures. The area will be protected and it will be All Scouting. And the big closing show at the jamboree in Virginia will also be on Jumbotrons at

Times Square. Lots of other goodies planned, so stay tuned in and pass the word around to anyone that is or was ever a Scout that this may be the time to get reconnected. It will be exciting

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from the editor



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Time really flies by... This is our eleventh issue! In honor of this, we are expanding our pages to sixteen. I would like to thank all those who helped out, especially YOU, the reader. Without your continued support, we would be out of business.

At the risk of leaving someone out, I am issuing a blanket thanks to all who helped in the production of the newspaper. With one exception. If you look at the various pages, one name is present in all (or most) of them. That person is David Malatzky. With the newspaper, the accounts, the web site, and the archives, David is occupied full-time with affairs of the Museum. In addition he travels to other museums, and places like the Library of Congress, while corresponding with people who can lead him to pictures or other relevant leads. In addition, he has written two books about the Ten Mile River Scout Camps. Most of this is on his own dime, as we do not have the money to pay him.

For some reason, I find newspaper layout very difficult, (although I have been editor of two newspapers). Hearing this, David volunteered to do the layout, and he has done a superb job ever since. I believe (and I'm sure you'll agree) that he deserves public recognition and thanks. Let this column be that recognition. Thank you, David!

On another note, to future contributors: We welcome all submissions ---- please keep them coming! Some of you may wonder why something you sent did not get published in the next issue. The reason may be one of space, amount of editing to be done, or your place in the publishing queue. (We do have a bit of a backlog.) Be assured that we haven't forgotten you! But, we are human, and, as such, make mistakes. If two issues go by, and your article is not published, please send a gentle reminder.

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SCOUTING MEMORABILIA STORE OPENS

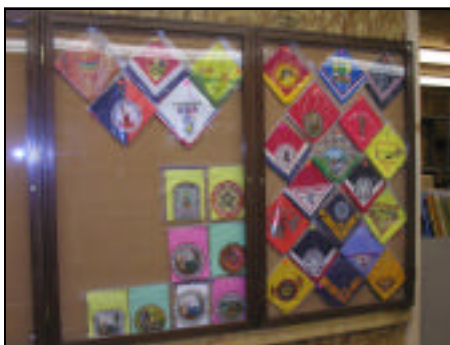
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including a variety of Scouting Magazines and merit badge pamphlets. We also had National Jamboree and Philmont neckerchiefs for sale. After visiting the front of the Museum, many visitors ended up in the Store. Most popular were the \$1 and \$2 patch boxes; many Scouts rummaged through them and found great bargains.



O.A. and Camp Patches For Sale

The Scouting Memorabilia Store was a great financial success for the Museum this past summer. Best of all, it gave us a place to sell mostly non-T.M.R. Scouting memorabilia items donated to the Museum. We previously had very few ways to sell these items. Most Scouting memorabilia these days is sold either on eBay or at Trade-O-Rees. This is the first store that we are aware of that specializes in Scouting memorabilia and we anticipate visits to the Museum specifically to visit the Store.



Philmont, Jamboree, T.M.R. Patches and Neckerchiefs for Sale

The showcases were donated to the Museum through the efforts of Museum Trustee "Birdman" Michael Herbert. Museum Curator Bernie Sussman designed the store and Memorabilia Chairman Frank Mullane organized the contents. Trustees Michael Herbert and Bob Herman made major efforts constructing the Store.

WANTED: SCOUTING MEMORABILIA DONATIONS!

While the Museum accepted donations of all types of Scouting memorabilia in the past, besides eBay and Trade-O-Rees, we never really had an effective way to sell them. This has all changed now that we have the Scouting Memorabilia Store. With the recent economic downturn, the Scouting Memorabilia Store has become an important source of income to the Museum. If you have Scouting memorabilia items, we urge you to donate them to the Museum. They don't have to be related to T.M.R. or N.Y.C. Scouting and they don't have to be particularly old or valuable. Most items at the Scouting Memorabilia Store sold for \$5 or less this past summer.

We are looking for camp-o-ree and camp patches, neckerchiefs, bolo ties, even mugs and Scouting literature. Almost anything that will sell we want, especially inexpensive items. Please email Memorabilia Chairman Mr. Frank Mullane The.Trader.112@aol.com or mail memorabilia donations directly to:

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MUSEUM CONTRIBUTES TO BROOKLYN COUNCIL 100th ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Brooklyn Council recently issued a special calendar commemorating 100 years of Brooklyn Scouting history. The Museum contributed to this project numerous photos and newspaper articles on Brooklyn Scouting, especially from our collection of "Boy Scout News" pages from the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. The calendar even includes a link back to the Museum's Brooklyn Daily Eagle collection on our web site. It's a really beautiful calendar, filled with patches, photos and great graphics. A tremendous job well done by Jim Seegert of Brooklyn Council!

You can see the calendar pages with Museum-provided content on our web site at: <http://tmrmuseum.org/Brooklyn%20Calendar/index.html>.



Page from Brooklyn Council Calendar

MUSEUM CONTRIBUTES TO NATIONAL B.S.A. TIME CAPSULE

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As part of the B.S.A. 100th Anniversary, National Council has requested local Councils to contribute to what is called the B.S.A. 100th Anniversary Time Capsule. Items donated to the Time Capsule will be displayed in the Traveling Scouting Museum on the Adventure Base 100 campus throughout its national tour (January-November 2010), and in New York City on November 25, 2010. Items will then become a part of the National Scouting Museum's collection and may be displayed at the Museum in Texas.

Julio Garcia from the Greater New York Councils asked the T.M.R. Scout Museum to assemble photos, documents and memorabilia representative of the history of N.Y.C. Scouting history for the Time Capsule. National guidelines required all contents to fit into a 14"L x 8"W x 6"H vault box and be submitted by November 1, 2009.

The Museum obtained 70 historic photos (see separate article), various patches and paper items, and a copy of our 26,649 page digital archives on 22 DVDs (77 GB).



Time Capsule contents before shipping

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A chance to spend 7 great weeks at TMR. Meals and lodging are included plus salary of \$1,250. If you are interested in applying please contact our chairman, Dr. Gene Berman at geneberman@verizon.net or write to set up an interview:

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THE CORVAIR ADVENTURES OR THOSE WERE THE DAYS - 1971

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By 1971 I had been out of the Army for a couple of years and had saved enough money to open my own dental office. The fact that it was a new practice, and because I did not have many patients yet, it allowed me the luxury of going to Camp with my Troop, 199 of Flushing. I was City Scoutmaster but I couldn't spend the full time as Camp Scoutmaster. My Assistant, Hal Rosenthal, was Camp Scoutmaster. I didn't want to ruin "my new baby" a bronze with black vinyl top, 1970 Dodge Charger Special Edition with 383 magnum engine and pistol grip Hurst shifter - 4 speed, traversing the dirt roads of TMR. So I bought myself a camp car, a Chevy Corvaire convertible.

I used that car to "tool around" camp and it worked well when it was not at Perry Barnes gas station (now Sonny's) getting dents and holes patched up in the gas tank or oil pan.

In those days, as year round City Scoutmaster I usually had around 45-50 Scouts in the troop which means we took 30-35 to camp for a month. It was a long time ago. But with a large troop that was in camp for a month we got to know the staff and usually we won our challenges be it softball, water polo or greased watermelon.

At one point, after winning some contest or other, some of my scouts decided to decorate the Corvaire with glass wax writing over it such slogans as "199 the greatest" and "we're number #1" or such. Well, I guess there were

other folks in camp belonging to other units that took umbrage at this 199 advertisement. But sometimes things go too far and someone or group decided to trash my Corvaire. They broke the windshield, the ignition lock, the wiper arms. Needless to say this vandalism was not to be forgiven and I requested the state police and they came and I made a report. NO, the culprits were never apprehended. But when the Police arrived I asked them if I needed to fix the wipers since the convertible leaked and I didn't use it much when it was raining anyway. The Officer told me that if I took the broken windshield out completely I would not need wipers but if I



fixed the windshield I would also have to fix the wipers. With a newly opened practice I didn't have a lot of money to start with windshields and wipers so I decided a pair of motorcycle goggles would do just as well. And the ignition...well now I didn't have to worry about losing my key as it would start without one.

I continued to use the car around camp. I never thought much of it when the car would be in a different place than where I parked it as my Assistants had permission to use the car

on Troop business.

BUT...one day I get a call from Headquarters from none other than my old friend, yeh-right-Harry Gobelsman. He told me he had witnessed me driving my Corvaire full of Staffmen with some sitting with their legs out where the windshield would be heading towards Wolfe's Hillside Inn or Baker's Tap Room. I told Harry Gobelsman who always believed everything I told him, yeh-right-that I was in Camp all night and I had witnesses ... which I was and did. After further inspection, it was determined that the waterfront staff had been regularly stealing my car at night and taking it to Yulan for some ... well you know ... stuff scouts are not supposed to drink!! My comment was, "Its not my fault! What do you want me to do, chain my car to a tree?"

Well, the very next day, Will Wilson the head Ranger shows up at my campsite in Keowa with this heavy duty chain and lock and tells me that the orders from above are to chain the car to a tree when its not being used, get the car off the Reservation, or the Troop and I would be sent home.

Well, for the rest of that summer, I probably had the only car in camp, ever, that had its own private parking space at the edge of the Keowa Field right next to this big tree with a sign that said reserved for car with no windshield. And dutifully every night we chained that car to the tree. You can't make this stuff up!

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MUSEUM SELECTS 70 PHOTOS FOR NATIONAL B.S.A. TIME CAPSULE

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Through the efforts of David Tate, the Museum recently received from the Greater New York Councils a very large box containing 8 in. x 10 in. black & white photos and negative strips, 5 in. x 7 in. color photos and hundreds of color slides, all somehow related to N.Y.C. Scouting. It will probably take us several years to sort out and



Liberty Loan Drive, 1917



Calisthenics Demonstration at the Kanohwahke Scout Camps

organize all the thousands of photos and slides in the box.

Among the black and white photos were a few dozen with the stamp of the G.N.Y.C. Public Relations Department, 345 Hudson Street. These are all tremendous publicity photos, all about N.Y.C. Scouting and many dating back to the 1940s and 1950s. Some of

these photos, plus others from the Museum's archives, were selected to be incorporated into the National B.S.A. Time Capsule.

The 70 photos broadly reflects N.Y.C. Scouting over the past 100 years. The earliest photo depicts Scouts demonstrating a fire rescue carry at a June 1914 rally in Central Park. There are Scouts practicing

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Safety Week Parade, 1922

A CAMPER'S EXPERIENCE AT BROOKLYN SCOUT CAMPS IN 1948 - 61 YEARS AGO

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In 1948, I was a 14 year old third year camper at Kotohke-Division 1 of the Brooklyn Scout Camps. I loved every minute of every TMR day!

In those years, the camp was divided into 4 two week periods and I attended the first 3 periods or 6 weeks. Arrival day was always exciting on the buses from Brooklyn. All of the experienced Scouts would speculate which campsite they were going to be assigned to and hope for a great SM. Kotohke had 9 sites each made up of 4 of the large cabins that still can be seen in Keowa. Each site also had a two man platform tent called the "budka." That is where the SM and ASM slept. Approximately 25 to 32 Scouts were assigned to each site. TMR was pretty much all provisional at that time. When a home troop came with their own leader, they might have been given part of a provisional site for the 2 weeks.

When the bus pulled into the Kotohke ball field, all of the arriving Scouts would line up at picnic tables set up for the purpose. When your turn came, you gave your name and the clerk gave you your "Welcome Scout Card" upon which the name of the site to which you had been assigned was written. You would then meet your SM and after he had gathered up all of his Scouts, you'd be off to the infirmary to receive a quick physical that included the infamous "cough test."

At the site, you were assigned a cabin and then proceeded to the QM. Each Scout was given a cloth bag exactly the size of the metal cots that we slept on. These bags were called "ticks." There were large piles of straw outside the QM building and each Scout



Karl Bernstein in 1948

would stuff his tick full of straw as this was to be your mattress during your camp stay. Also at the QM was a large pile of trunks that had been sent up from Brooklyn, via Railway Express, by your parents 2 weeks before camp opening. You can see these tags at the TMR Museum.

When you had organized your cot, and tick, you opened your trunk and put on a bathing suit. The troop proceeded down to the waterfront for dock tests which probably haven't changed much even today. One thing that is different is that at that time, you could not use a canoe without passing a "Canoe Test" which required you to paddle properly, get in and out of a canoe in deep water and perform a canoe rescue on a neighboring canoe. Unlike today, only swimmers were permitted to take canoe tests and use canoes.

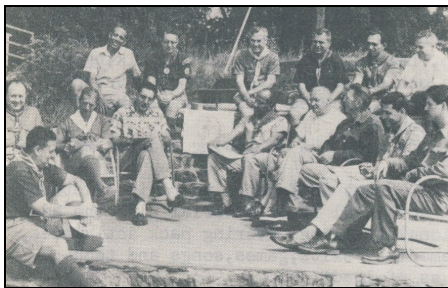
These activities used up pretty much of the 1st camp day. All Scouts then changed into full uniform and each troop proceeded to the

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SCOUTER TRAINING FAMILY VACATIONS AT CAMP SANITA HILLS

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We recently came across an amazing brochure describing week-long family oriented Scout and Cub Leader training at Sanita Hills Scout Camp during the summer of 1957. It was organized similar to today's Philmont Volunteer Training Center, where a family vacation is accompanied by training sessions. Sanita Hills was donated to the Greater New York Councils on February 1, 1956, by the Welfare Honor Relief Fund of the N.Y.C. Department of Sanitation. It had previously been operated as a summer bungalow colony for families of employees of the N.Y.C. Department of Sanitation Union. Families stayed in cabins converted from old Sixth Avenue elevated line cars.



Training Conference

Training was centered on Sunset Lake, which had numerous cabins, cottages and program-oriented buildings. Conferences were offered for Boy Scouting, Cub Scouting, Exploring and District operations. Additional



Mealtime

courses were available for handicrafts and Troop camping. 2-hour training conferences were held each morning and afternoon, Monday thru Friday. Participants had the option of attending one or both conferences each day.



A Cabin

Numerous recreational opportunities were available for families, including boating, swimming, fishing, hiking, picnics and out-of-camp trips. They could play bocce, handball, shuffleboard, badminton, tetherball, archery



Playing Bocce

and baseball. Evenings were filled with campfires, social activities and movies.

Each cabin accommodated 2 - 6 persons and each cottage 7 persons. Cabins and cottages were supplied with electricity, lights, hot plates for cooking, space heater and refrigerator, toilet, showers, running water, chest of drawers and clothes closet, table and chairs, dishes and cooking utensils, beds with mattresses and pillows. Families brought their own bed linens, pillow cases, blankets, towels, kitchen cutlery and eating utensils. Food supplies were available for purchase at the camp general store or at nearby local stores. Each family was responsible to do their own cooking. Dogs were specifically excluded.

2-person cabin rentals cost \$22 per week, 3-6 person cabins \$40 per week and 3-7 person cottages \$50 per week. An additional \$2.50 training fee was charged for each conference or training course attended.

A NEW N.Y.C. BOY SCOUT CAMP DISCOVERED!

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It's not often that we discover a previously unknown N.Y.C. Boy Scout Camp, but we did find one recently. It was Camp Kiwanis on Staten Island, which opened in 1928, before both the William H. Pouch Scout Camp and the Staten Island Short-Term Camp, which opened in 1930.

The *Staten Island Advance* of June 15, 1928, announced that a large tract of land near Wolfe's pond, Princess Bay, was leased by the Staten Island Kiwanis Club for a weekend Boy Scout camp.



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The plan for a weekend Scout camp was one of the items specially advocated by Kiwanis Club President William C. Buntin earlier that year. It was found that many Staten Island Scouts were forced to work during the summer and could not attend Camp Aquehonga on Lake Hopatcong, but would be able to attend a local camp on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. The property was to be leased without charge for two years with the opportunity of renewal. It was designed to accommodate as many as 30 Scouts at a time. Former Kiwanis Club President C.C. Stoughton was in charge of raising the \$4,000 to complete the necessary work. Henry Otto, architect of Stapleton, also a member of the Kiwanis Club, donated his services in

preparing plans for the camp buildings. The main building would provide a large assembly and recreation room which could be used for a mess hall, with a large open fireplace, wash rooms and kitchen.

However, New York City announced in early July 1928 its intention to purchase the Wolfe's Pond tract for use as a city park. At about the same time, the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York announced plans to



07/13/28 S.I. Advance

purchase land on Staten Island for a weekend camp for Staten Island Scouts. In response, the Kiwanis Club decided to open the Wolf's Pond camp as an "experimental short term camp" and wait for the Foundation property to be acquired, then construct the \$4,000 in buildings originally planned for the Wolfe's Pond site. Several Kiwanians opposed erecting any structures on a temporary site.

The July 18th *Advance* mentioned that "Camp Kiwanis" on Wolfe's Pond would be open by the end of the week. The property was donated by Reuben Bernstein, a local realty broker. The camp could be used by any Staten Island Scout accompanied by a Troop adult leader, after appropriate camp applications were submitted to the Staten Island Council office. Campers had to bring their own tents, cooking utensils and rations. It was anticipated that eventually basic camping equipment would be rented out at a nominal cost to Troops.



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Camp Kiwanis actually opened on August 2, 1928. Within the first two over 40 Scouts and Leaders from eight different Scout Troops camped for periods ranging from overnight to more than a week. George D. Hunter served as the first campmaster, and provided program for the Scouts.

By August 29, 1928, 75 boys from 15 Staten Island troops stayed at Camp Kiwanis for periods ranging from one to six days each. That night, at an event arranged by Staten Island Executive Joseph Carstang, forty members of the Staten Island Kiwanis Club visited the camp and ate beef steak cooked over a wood fire and watched a Scout program under moonlight.

In April 1929, a Staten Island Council fundraising campaign sought to raise \$40,000 for the purchase of twenty acres and the appropriate structures for a short-term camp. The property for the Staten Island Short-Term Camp, just south of the Moravian cemetery, was purchased in 1930, replacing Camp Kiwanis as the Staten Island Scout Camp.

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WILD KINGDOM AT THE T.M.R. SCOUT MUSEUM

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any case, the Juncos were a sensation and the talk of the Museum during much of the summer.

Museum Curator Bernie Sussman has a particular affinity with animals and the Junco's babies were no exception. As soon as they were born, Bernie took special precautions to ensure that they would not be damaged by someone walking into the bush. Bernie erected a sign



Warning Sign

next to the bush, informing visitors that newborn birds were residing in the bush and requesting them to steer clear of it when entering or exiting the Museum.

Both parent Juncos were exceptionally industrious and spent many hours each day in the vicinity of the Museum, flying here and there, collecting food to feed their babies. How they did it was amazing to watch. A few inches from the nest was the wooden fence in front of the Museum. A parent

Junco stood on the fence and then, in the blink of an eye, hopped into the nest in the middle of the bush, so all that you saw was its tail sticking out. A second later, the Junco flew away to continue gathering food.



The Baby Juncos

Photos of the Juncos can be found on our web site: <http://tmmuseum.org/Junko-Birds/index.html>

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Ten Mile River Smoke Signals - T.M.R. Smoke Signals is the official publication of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum. Published two times each year, it is filled with articles on T.M.R. camp history, camp stories, the latest Museum and T.M.R. Alumni news.

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Donations - Donations of T.M.R. and other Scouting memorabilia to the Museum by individuals like you are the main way the Museum grows. These include, but are not limited to: photos, color slides, 8-mm film, videos, patches, neckerchiefs, neckerchief slides, uniforms, banners, menus, paper items, etc. We can also photograph items and return them to you, or photograph notable items at your home.

Ten Mile River Wall of Fame - Do you want to recognize some individual, group or organization for their contributions to the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and/or New York City Scouting. A custom-engraved tile on the T.M.R. Wall of Fame, located at the Ten Mile River Scout Museum, might be right for you. Once the tile is installed, a private or public recognition ceremony can be arranged, typically on T.M.R. Alumni Day in July. Tiles are available in a variety of sizes, colors and materials. Prices range

from \$100-\$1,000 per tile. Laser-engraved granite tiles can depict photos, line art and small lettering. Profits from tile sales supports the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and the Ten Mile River Scout Museum.

Become a member of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum and receive the following:

1. A membership card.
2. Two copies each year of the journal of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum: T.M.R. Smoke Signals.
3. A free ad of about 50 words in one issue of T.M.R. Smoke Signals.
4. A free lunch on T.M.R. Alumni Day.
5. 10% discount at the Museum shop (no mail order).
6. A special Member's patch.

Ten Mile River Scout Museum Membership Form

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ANTHONY ALLISON

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Lodge I served on the Chapter level as a Chapter Secretary and on the Lodge level as RIT (Ceremonial) Chairman. As I got older I served as a Chapter Advisor and Ordeal Advisor. In 2002 I had the privilege of being the contingent leader for the Lodge delegation in Bloomington, Indiana. NOAC that year was a great event and an awesome experience for me.

SS: Probably most important: What jobs did you have at summer camp? Where and when? Which did you enjoy the most? Why? Were you a camper at TMR? Where and when?

AA: In 1988 my Scoutmaster was a good friend with Bruce DeSandre and he was in need of a CIT so I worked there as a CIT in Handicraft. I took some time off and when I came back into the camp working environment, 2001, I joined the staff as a Program Commissioner. I spent three years at Aquehonga as the Senior Program Commissioner. In 2004, Father Tony took over as the Camp Director in Aquehonga and he asked me to be his Program Director, and I happily took on that responsibility. In 2005, I got married and did not work in camp full time, but I spent about 5 weeks off and on volunteering. In 2006, I was asked to come back to Aquehonga as the Camp Director, and

have spent the past four summers doing just that. I have to say that over my short tenure on the TMR Scout Reservation my time as the Camp Director has been the most enjoyable. A large part of the enjoyment has been the staff that I have worked with and seen grown and develop. I have always felt that my job can be best evaluated by how well the staff comes together to provide the program and how much they grow as Scouters. When I think back to how this all started, I know it has everything to do with my early days as a camper. My first summer as a camper was when I was 10 and I spent every summer for 2 weeks camping with my Troop at Aquehonga. What I saw and experienced at Aquehonga was what motivated me in and outside of Scouting. In 26 years as a Boy Scout, there was only one summer that I was not at Camp Aquehonga in some way, shape or form, and that says something about Aquehonga, Ten Mile River, and the Boy Scout program.

SS: What are some of the changes (both at TMR and Aquehonga) that you have seen during your tenure? Were they good, bad or mixed?

AA: As a Scouter, Ten Mile River has undergone many changes and many of them good. In Aquehonga, I have seen almost every program area undergo some great transformations. From the New Pool to the Bowman Amphitheater, or from the addition of Low COPE course elements to Alumni Hall,

the staff and the alumni have worked hard with the year round Rangers to help AQ keep up with the program needs of Scouting. Years ago I would have never imagined flush toilets in sites but today they are a reality. Great things have happened but there is still much that has to be done to continue to keep AQ moving in the right direction. Over the past 9 years that I have been active at TMR I have also seen other camps on the properties close, and attendance number struggle to reach projection but I have watched and been part of seeing the program grow.

SS: What Scouting Awards have you received?

AA: I have the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver and various other awards from the Order of the Arrow, which include the Silver Heron and Founders Awards to name a few.

SS: Away from camp, are you involved in Scouting? What do you do for a living in the Real World?

AA: I am still on the Committee for my Troop, and I also serve as a member of the Council Camping Committee. When I'm not preparing for camp or doing other Scouting stuff, I am a Math teacher. I have been in the teaching field for over 12 years and love every minute of it. Recently I became a dad for the first time and I am truly enjoying every moment of it. I have to say though; it's a little different from hiring a staff of 50 and managing all the different things that happen at camp.

TIME CAPSULE PHOTOS

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calisthenics and tying knots at the Kanohwahke Scout Camps. In one photo, Chief Scout Executive James E. West joined the Cubs of Pack 43, Brooklyn, the first official Cub Scout Pack in America.

Numerous photos depict Franklin D. Roosevelt during his visits to the Ten Mile River Scout Camps. Many photos depict Scout service during both World Wars,



Scrap Rubber Drive, 1942

including N.Y.C. Scouts plowing "Victory Gardens" and Scouts collecting scrap rubber and records and distributing posters to city storeowners.

There are photos of visits to the Ten Mile River Scout Camps by N.Y.S. Governors Dewey, Harriman and Rockefeller. Other photos depict Scouts marching in parades, swimming at Hayden Pool (Alpine Scout Camp), at the 1964 World's Fair and meeting rocket scientist Wernher von Braun.

My favorite photo dates from 1952 and

depicts a very large group of Scouts and Cubs, with Lady Baden-Powell, actor Jimmy Stewart, Chief Scout Executive Dr. Arthur Schuck and N.Y.C. Scouter William C. Bates.

Representing more recent years, there are photos of Scouts and Cubs participating in SOAR projects during the early 1970s, the 1989 G.N.Y.C. Scout Show and the 1991 Steakout.

All 70 photos can be viewed on the web site: <http://tmmuseum.org/NYC%20Scouting%20Photos/index.html>.



War Bond Drive, 1942



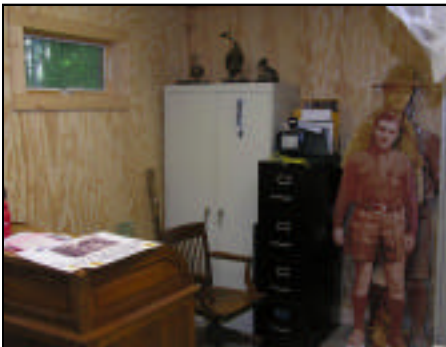
Troop 102, The Bronx at Hayden Pool

RECENT MUSEUM IMPROVEMENTS

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Major work on the Extension improvements was completed in late June, before camp opened. Internal walls were constructed by a contractor, dividing the 20 ft. x 28 ft. Extension into four rooms: the 10 ft. x 16 ft. office, the storeroom/store, a *New Museum Store* utility closet and the emergency exit hallway.

A ceiling, electrical outlets and overhead lights were installed. The office received rustic wall panels. Two windows were moved from the North wall of the Annex to the West wall of the office and the air conditioner was centered in the middle of the wall. Plywood boards were placed over the rafters creating a crawlspace and an access hatch was cut into the ceiling. Insulation was inserted in the walls and above the ceiling. Three new doors were added and the old emergency exit metal door at the North wall of the Annex was removed. Emergency exit signs and lighting were installed. A 220 volt line was installed next to the Donut Machine shed.



New Office (North Side)

Three computers were installed in the Museum for use during the 2009 summer camp season, primarily for wireless Internet access using our DSL service. One PC and printer was installed in the office and was extensively used by the staff for Internet access and printing signs. A second "public PC" was installed in the Annex so that visitors could visit the Museum's web site, especially our staff photo collection. The third computer, a 26 in. iMac, was installed in the Library.



Bob Chiusano

Over the weekend of September 26-27, 2009 Bob Chiusano led a crew including "Birdman" Michael Herbert, John Dowd and John Romanovich to the Museum for a work weekend. The crew varnished the office walls and painted the office ceiling and the ceiling of the mini-theater in the Annex.



Mike Herbert

On October 20th, a work crew led by John Romanovich completed a diversion trench to fix our long-standing flooding problem. This involved digging a trench on the West (uphill) side of the Museum and installing two perforated pipes that loop around both the north and south ends of the Museum. Michael Herbert and John Dowd were part of the work crew.



The Trench

None of this work would have been possible without the support of our Trustees and the Museum sincerely thanks them.



Mike Herbert



John Romanovich, John Dowd and Michael Herbert

B.S.A. 100th ANNIVERSARY

The Greater New York Councils has announced several special activities in connection with the B.S.A. 100th Anniversary in 2010:

Service Day – Saturday, April 24, 2010

Service projects coordinated in all five boroughs, with community participation, city agencies, other not-for-profits, etc.

New York City's Scout Weekend (July 30-August 1, 2010)

During this weekend, Scouts and their families from the Northeast region of the country and beyond will participate in a weekend-long special access to New York City's finest attractions. They will enjoy discounts, free passes, and special shows. Saturday night, July 31, 2010, will be the highlight of the weekend, with a live broadcast of the closing show of the National Scout Jamboree in Times Square, filled with Boy Scouts.

Thanksgiving Day Parade - November 25, 2010

New York City Scouts and Cubs will be invited to march in the 2010 Thanksgiving Day Parade, accompanying Adventure Base 100 on the last stop of its national tour.

For additional information on G.N.Y.C.'s B.S.A. 100th Anniversary activities, visit the G.N.Y.C. web site: www.bsa-gnyc.org



Collecting T.M.R. Collecting Sanita Hills



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If I may, I'd like to take a little segue from collecting TMR to another GNYC Camp Sanita Hills. Collecting Sanita Hills Scout Camp is a much smaller world than collecting TMR, but there are challenges. One is determining what exists and why it was issued.

As you read earlier in this issue, David Malatzky wrote about Training Conferences held at Sanita Hills beginning in 1956. As you might expect there was memorabilia issued to commemorate these conferences.



SH56

From the first year the Camp was opened, there exists at least two neckerchiefs. A Green silkscreened neckerchief issued to mark the Training conferences (SH56). There is also a handmade neckerchief likely from the fourth period at camp which states 4th



SH56-2

conference Sanita Hills 1956 on red cloth, although this is truncated on the image (SH56-2). I don't know if this was just an individual effort, part of a group project or a standard item made at the conference similar to a patrol flag today.



SH57

The tradition of issuing neckerchiefs continued in 1957, with a yellow silkscreened neckerchief of the same design (SH57).

Is anyone aware of Training Conference issues from later years? I'd be interested in scans of these items that help record the history of the camp.

Another Memorabilia Mystery relating to Sanita Hills is resolved with a careful study of the camp Map and confirmed in the brochure found by David; Sunset Lake.



SH58

As you can see on a camp map, Sunset Lake was the part of Sanita Hills near where the training area was located.

There are at least three examples of neckerchiefs which state Sunset Lake



SH60

G.N.Y.C. B.S.A., two of them dated and one undated but do not otherwise mention a camp name.

The first is an orange silkscreened neckerchief dated '58 (SH58). There was also a yellow silkscreened version from 1960 (SH60). Finally a white undated silkscreen neckerchief winds up this grouping (SH-SLundated).



SH-SLundated

I'd also be interested in examples of these Sunset Lake neckerchiefs from other years or in other color combinations.

Unlike TMR, where hundreds of items exist, the memorabilia items issued by Sanita Hills is likely in the low dozens, it is still a challenge to collect and I'm sure not all of the items are known. What other items still exist that are waiting to be rediscovered and catalogued?

For those of you interested in seeing images of these patches or collecting Ten Mile River Scout Camp and other closed GNYC short-term camps, can visit my blog at <http://www.tenmilerivertrader.com/blog>.

Bill Mulrenin has been collecting TMR since 1967.

The TMR Wall of Fame

Do you want to recognize some individual, group or organization for their contributions to the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and/or New York City Scouting? A custom-engraved tile on the TMR Wall of Fame might be right for you.

The TMR Wall of Fame is located at the Ten Mile River Scout Museum, Headquarters Camp, Ten Mile River Scout Camps. It consists of two parts:

The T.M.R. Monument - A monument to all 20 T.M.R. camps that operated since 1928. Each tile includes the camp name, Unit and Division names, years of operation and traditional camp logo. On the reverse side is an engraved **T.M.R. Map**, depicting all of the T.M.R. Camps, trails and local landmarks.

The Memorial Wall - Personalized tiles recognizing some individual, group or organization for their contributions to the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and/or New York City Scouting.

Once the tile is installed a private or public recognition ceremony can be arranged, typically on T.M.R. Alumni Day each July. Tiles are available in a variety of sizes, colors and materials. Prices range from \$100-\$1,000 per tile. Laser-engraved granite tiles can depict photos, line art and even small lettering.

Profits from tile sales support the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and the Ten Mile River Scout Museum. For complete tile order information mail in the query form below.



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BROOKLYN SCOUT CAMPS - 1948

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retreat field for flag lowering and then dinner.

The Kotohke dining hall had 8-man tables; each occupied by 7 Scouts and a staff member. Each day, Scouts would rotate to the next seat. One day each week you were the waiter for your table. This involved reporting to each meal about 15 minutes early to set up your table. Real dishes & silverware were used; none of that paper & plastic. Waiters were also responsible for cleaning the table after the meal. Another day each week you were the dishwasher. After the meal, you brought the dirty dishes into the dishwasher in baskets and you were responsible for proper washing, rinsing and sterilization of your table's dishes. All of our mothers were impressed with our new skills when we returned home.

The day began with Reveille blown by the camp bugler at 7:15 AM. As today, Scouts

washed up, etc. in the latrine shared by 2 or 3 campsites and marched off to breakfast in the dining hall. After breakfast, all Scouts went back to their sites for a cleanup period. Beds had to be made, cabins and tents swept and the entire campsite made ship shape. At the end of cleanup, campsites were inspected and the best campsite of the day got a watermelon at lunch.

Following cleanup, there were 2 "opportunity" periods where 1st class Scouts went off to merit badge classes while Tenderfoot & 2nd class Scouts remained in the site to work on their requirements with the provisional ASM & SM. There were very few home troops in camp in those years.

Lunch was at noon after which every Scout returned to his site for a "siesta" rest period. After siesta there was another period for advancement. At 4 PM, all activity stopped and the bugler blew "swim call." The entire camp including staff would go to the waterfront for a half hour general swim.

After swim, Scouts would return to their sites to shower and dress in full uniform for dinner. There was always a formal assembly and flag lowering before dinner. In Kotohke, part of the flag lowering ceremony involved the firing of a small "retreat" cannon. It made a VERY loud noise and I hated it! After dinner was reserved for either troop or camp-wide activities; there being a camp council fire the 1st Saturday night of the period and an "all Brooklyn Council fire" the 2nd.

The day was timed by the camp bugler. All activities were announced with the appropriate bugle call. Bugle calls were like the period bells that you heard in school.

Taps was 10 PM. All Scouts had to be in their cabins or tents and lights out. The days were exciting and fulfilling and everyone fell asleep quickly.

Karl Bernstein attended Kotohke every summer from 1946 through 1956 starting as a camper and ending as Aquatics Director. He is currently a trustee of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum.

GREATER NEW YORK COUNCILS, B.S.A. "FOUNDERS OF SCOUTING" 10-C.S.P. SET



The Greater New York Councils and the Ten Mile River Scout Museum commemorates the 100th anniversary of both the B.S.A. and N.Y.C. Scouting by issuing this unique 10-patch **"Founders of Scouting"** C.S.P. set. Five patches recognize founders of the National B.S.A. organization & five patches recognize founders of each of the five N.Y.C. Borough Councils. Biographies of the ten individuals will be included.

These amazing composite embroidered patches actually include **printed photographs** of the individuals being honored. Both white-border and limited edition silver-mylar border versions are for sale. **Only 50 sets of the silver-mylar border patches will be made.** Delivery anticipated by early May, 2009. If you have any questions, email questions@tmrmuseum.org.

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35. Queens Council - Paper By Year (1915-1941), Queens Council Camping Committee - 1919-1929, Camp Costs (1919), KSC Financial Policy, Summer Camp Plans, Queens Camping Committee Reports (1919-1921), The Queens Scout - 1931, A.G. Jeffery paper, Queens Boy Scout Sustaining Organization, Queens Council Bylaws, Queens Council Constitution, Troop 17 - Ceremonies, Activities, A.G. Jeffery paper, Legend (newsletter), Troop 110 - The 110 Flash, Mathias J. Weiden.
36. Staten Island Council - Staten Island Advance (1929-1950), Staten Island Council Dinner (1957), Scouters Recognition Dinner (1959), Staten Island Post Cards, Troop 11 - 40th Court of Honor, Joseph Greff.

37. Short-Term Camps - Alpine Scout Camp - Paper (1953), Kaines Open - Photos, Sanita Hills - Scouter Training, Short-Term Camp - Staten Island Advance - 1929, 1930, 1931, William H. Pouch Scout Camp - Staten Island Advance, Day Camp Approval, Overnight Camp Application, Planning an Overnight Camp, NYS Children's Camps (1948-1954).

38. Local History - TMR Colony (Phil Gittelman), Red Apple Rest.

I am always looking for new T.M.R. and N.Y.C. Scouting paper and photos (especially staff photos) to add to the Museum's web site. Paper items can be scanned and the originals returned if preferred. If you want to make a digital donation, please E-mail it to me at archivit@tmrmuseum.org.

Recent Acquisitions

Dan Beard (Part 3)

I am getting in copies of more Dan Beard paper, all very interesting. Beard corresponded with his nephew, James H. Beard, who helped manage The Dan Beard Outdoor School for Boys near Hawley, PA and also served as Manhattan Council Scout Executive during the 1930s. Beard also corresponded with the Queens Borough Executives (C.A. Worden, Charles M. Heistand and Joseph Brinton) and other N.Y.C. Scout Executives: George Fairchild (Manhattan), Willis B. Holcombe (Brooklyn), and Lorillard Spencer (Manhattan).



Dan Beard

Beard also corresponded with B.S.A. President Walter W. Head and Chief Scout Executive James E. West. He lived in Flushing, Queens for many years (Ed. note--there is a park and a plaque near the site of his home) and West regularly sent him copies of documents or letters on actions of the National Council impacting New York City Scouting. Beard didn't actually have much to do with N.Y.C. Scouting, although he did serve on the Queens Council Camping Committee during the early 1920s as head of their Woodcraft committee. He was on their mailing list and we have lots of Queens Council paper from this period as a result.

James E. West also sent Beard some excellent N.Y.C. Scouting paper not

associated with National Council. One great document is a March 1, 1917, report issued by the Advisory Committee for Greater New York (earliest predecessor to today's Greater New York Councils), detailing its accomplishments during 1917, mainly fundraising and operating the Kanohwahkee Scout Camps.

West also kept Beard well informed of the discussions between National Council, Franklin D. Roosevelt and the five N.Y.C. Borough Councils leading to the formation of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York in 1922.

We have numerous letters and reports regarding the 1939-40 New York World's Fair Boy Scout Service Camp. Beard noted in one that he used to fish in Flushing Creek, near where the Fair was constructed. June 22nd was Boy Scout Day at the 1940 World's Fair and a huge number of Scouts celebrated Dan Beard's 90th Birthday in front of the Federal Building. (645 pgs.)

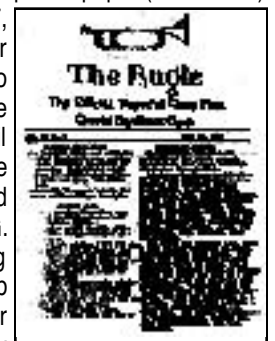
A.G. Jeffery Papers

A.G. Jeffery is best remembered as the builder of the Tower of Friendship and the Frederic Kernochan Memorial, both at Camp Man, T.M.R. We have been receiving his papers for several years from a relative. The most recent donation was the largest to date and was organized and indexed by John Dowd.



A. G. Jeffery

The A.G. Jeffery papers are roughly divided into two parts: Camp Man paper (1930-1937) and Troop 17, Queens paper (1930s). We also have some Queens Council paper from the 1930s and personal A.G. Jeffery Scouting paper. The Camp Man paper includes many issues of the



The Camp Man Bugle previously unknown camp newsletter, *The Bugle* (1930-1936). Mr. Jeffery was a District Activities chairman during the 1930s and most of the Camp Man paper consists of detailed descriptions for running programs at Camp Man including campfires, daily schedules, inspections, circuses, staff shows, treasure

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hunts, pioneer field days, rainy day programs, overnight and 3-day camps, songfests and conservation projects. There are also Camp Man staff lists, and numerous photos of the Tower of Friendship, including descriptions of the sources of each of the stones in the tower.



Frederic Kernochan Memorial

Of particular interest is a fundraising brochure for the Frederic Kernochan Memorial, which actually was the entire Camp Kernochan. The campaign sought to raise \$30,000 to construct the recreation and dining hall, activities and group leaders cabins, canteen and Cook's cabins, tents and platforms, waterfront, sanitary systems and road construction.

The Troop 17 paper consists of various Troop newsletters, activity instructions, and a huge number of Troop 17 rank induction ceremonies. Mr. Jeffrey was very interested in all types of secret organizations and ceremonies and devised quite a few for his Troop 17 scouts. Most had novel names, especially the Iruska Award, the Amyl, Butyl and Hexyl Degrees, and the AG-HADIN-A-EE. (485 pgs.)

Boy Scout Foundation Executive Board minutes

Courtesy of Lex Jervis, the Museum was permitted to copy the Executive Board minutes of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York for the years 1922-1925, 1928-1931 and 1934-1935. The Foundation was the immediate predecessor to today's Greater New York Councils. These truly historical documents will take years to fully review and analyze. Franklin D. Roosevelt organized the Boy Scout Foundation in 1922 and served as its President until 1938.

The most historically significant document is the first one, dated May 10, 1922. Immediately prior to the Foundation, N.Y.C. Scouting was under the control of National Council, B.S.A. through the Boy Scout Committee of Greater New York (also Greater New York Council).

National Council wanted to divorce itself from N.Y.C. Scouting and deal with N.Y.C. the same way it dealt with every other Council in the United States.

In April 1921, Roosevelt was recruited to head the Boy Scout Committee with the understanding that he would be reorganizing N.Y.C. Scouting to make it more efficient. However, Roosevelt contracted polio in August 1921, which left him severely disabled for many months, but he still retained his position as Chairman of the Boy Scout Committee.



Foundation Minutes

During the months preceding the May 10, 1922, meeting, extensive correspondence and meetings took place between Roosevelt, the National Council and the five N.Y.C. Borough Councils, determining the structure and powers of the new organization. After all parties agreed to the plan, the Executive Committee of the Boy Scout Committee met on May 10th, at Mr. Roosevelt's residence, and proceeded to reorganize itself into the new organization, soon to be named the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York.

The minutes have a "you are there" quality and describe in detail the various motions, elections and acceptance of credentials that formed the new organization. At a certain point, Roosevelt, the newly elected Chairman of the committee declared the Boy Scout Committee of Greater New York organized and proceeded to business. First tasks discussed included finding office space, fundraising and hiring a secretary. A Camp Committee was formed, with Barron Collier as Chairman. The committee was authorized to operate the Kanohwahkee Scout Camps that summer. A Bylaws Committee was also organized. (800+ pgs.)

Brooklyn Daily Eagle Boy Scout News Page

The *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* featured a regular Boy Scout column every Sunday starting with the December 10, 1911, issue. The Museum has have all of them from 1911-1927. The first column was titled "With Brooklyn Boy Scouts"



Brooklyn Daily Eagle Boy Scout Column, 1911

and covered both the B.S.A. and the United States Boy Scouts, a rival organization. The column grew in size through the 1910s until by 1919 it was largely filled with news from Brooklyn Troops and filled up most or all a page, four columns wide. By then, the masthead changed to "The Boy Scouts of America" noting that it was the "Official Organ of the Boy Scouts of America."



Brooklyn Daily Eagle Boy Scout Page, 1920

The April 20, 1919, issue went to a seven-column format with a totally new and graphic masthead, including drawings of the Brooklyn Bridge, Scouts camping and hiking and typical camping equipment. The Brooklyn Council name and address was included, along with the statement that "The Eagle is the official organ for Scout News." The Boy Scout pages for the next year were tremendous, almost always full-page and included numerous photos, official notes of Scout meetings and activities, Borough, District and Troop news.

Starting with the April 18, 1920 issue, the graphic masthead was replaced with "Boy Scout Page" and shrunk to five columns until the April 17, 1921 issue, when the old graphic masthead and seven-column width returned, although not full-page. During this period Queens and Nassau County Scout news columns were added. The "Boy Scout Page" masthead returned with the October 9, 1921, issue, still seven-columns wide. By 1925, "Boy Scout News" had shrunk to three columns and continued in one form or another, shrinking over the years until it ended in the mid-1930s.

The Scout Page extensively covered Camp Leeming at the Kanohwahkee Scout Camps and Brooklyn Council news, especially courts of honors and the annual borough rallies. Of particular interest is the June 18, 1922 column, which announced Lindsley Fiske Kimball as the Brooklyn Boro Scout Executive. This followed the resignation of Field Executive Alexander D. Murphy and Deputy Field Executive A. Wilson Beeny, as noted in the May 21st issue of the *Eagle*.

The *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* Boy Scout Page is the best source we have on Brooklyn Scouting between 1911-1927. (700+ pgs.)

Museum Web Site News



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Welcome back to my column. On tmrmuseum.org be sure to click on *Museum News* for the latest Museum photos, upcoming events and publications. Here are some recent additions to *Museum News*:

Historic New York City Scouting Photos.

2010 Brooklyn Council Calender.

T.M.R. Alumni Day Photos - 2009.

Museum Photos - 2009.

Junco Birds at the Museum.

Delivering Mannequin Display Case - 2009.

For those of you that missed the 2009 T.M.R. Alumni Day, you can view the entire program on our YouTube site: <http://www.youtube.com/user/TMRScoutMuseum>

For the latest additions to the Museum archives, go to tmrmuseum.org/archive/newstuff.html.

I received loads of new paper since the last issue of *T.M.R. Smoke Signals*. Keep it coming in! Here are the most recent additions to the Museum's online archives: tmrmuseum.org/archive:

1. Brooklyn Scout Camps - Division 3 - Arnold Drapkin Photos, Camp Algonquin (Phil Gittelman), Camp Kennebec, Staff list 1944.
2. Camp Aquehonga (Old) - Parents Visit, Directions to Camp Aquehonga.
3. Camp Chappegat - Bob Milch Photos, Paper (1951-52).
4. Camp Ihperonga - Staff Bulletin (1948).
5. Camp Keowa - Keowa Guide (1968), Keowa Staff (1969).
6. Camp Kunatah - Bob Milch Photos.
7. Camp Man - The Bugle newsletter (1930-1936), A.G. Jeffery Paper (1931-37), Camp Activities Manual, Camp Inspection Deductions, Camp Man Staff (1932), Menu (1934), Camp Man Staff Policies, Campers Day, Campfires (1936), Camping Days are Happy Days (brochure), Circus (1936), Daily Program Schedule (1936), Evening

Parade and Retreat (1934), Evening Review and Inspection, Kernochan Memorial, Overnight and 3-Day Camps, Scouts Totem, Staff Show (1931), Stationary, Leadership (1937), Tower of Friendship photos.

8. Camp Manhattan - Maps.
9. Camp Ranachqua (Old) - 1950s - Camp Ranachqua Fundraising.
10. Camp Rondack - Maps.
11. TMR Literature - 1940s - Staff Application - 1944, 1946, 1948, 1949; TMR Change of Employment, TMR Scout Award Booklet 2, Attend Summer Camp (1947).
12. TMR Literature - 1950s - Motion Picture Application, Scouts Medical Form, Swimming Privilege Application, TMR Brochures - 1956, 1957, 1958; TMR Final Instructions (1956), TMR Safe Arrival PC, TMR Skill Swimmer, Staff Application (1957).
13. TMR Literature - 1960s - TMR CIT Lists - 1966, 1967; TMR Staff Lists - 1966, 1968, 1969; TMR Staff Guide (1965), TMR Staff Training (1966).
14. TMR Literature - 1970s - TMR Staff Invitation (1970), TMR-Sanita Hills Roster - 1970, 1971.
15. T.M.R. Personalities - Barron Collier, A.G. Jeffery, Mortimer Schiff (Schiff Scout Reservation).
16. Kanohwahke Scout Camps - Personalities - C.A. Worden, Palisades Interstate Park Agreement.
17. Manhattan Scout Camps - Camp Spencer Stationary.
18. Camp Aquehonga (Lake Hopatcong, NJ).
19. Aquehongian Lodge - Aquehongian Lodge paper.
20. Man-A-Hattin Lodge - Membership Rosters (1944-1950), Lodge Banquet Programs (1945-1950), Man-A-Hattin Arrow (1945-1952), Lodge Weekend Programs (1946-1950), Lodge Guide Books - 1946 - Manual, Guide, Rules & Regulations (1947-1950), Paper (1945-1950), Winter Camping.
21. Ranachqua Lodge - 1940s - Photos.
22. Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge - Summons (1943), Annual Meeting (1947), Bischuwi Chapter - Dinner Program (July 1950), Oseetah Chapter - Dinner (1952), Saccaponac Chapter - Paper (1947), Reunion Dinner (12/28/48), Vigil List (1995).
23. National Council - Executive Board

Minutes (1912-1931), Scouting Magazine - 1914, Silver Buffalo Award (1930-1932), Roosevelt Memorial Pilgrimages - 11/26/20, 1937, 1939; National Camp Committee - 06/21/22, 10/23/22, 10/21/24.

24. Dan Beard Correspondence - James H. Beard (1910-1939), Joseph Brinton, Admiral Byrd, Edward Cave, Amelia Earhart, C.A. Edson, George Fairchild, Walter W. Head (1929-1940), Charles M. Heistand (1922-1941), Willis B. Holcombe, William T. Hornaday, Hubert S. Martin, L.L. McDonald, New York Zoological Park, A.C. Olson, George D. Porter, George D. Pratt, Frank Presbrey, Arthur Procter (1923-1936), Frank N. Robinson, Mortimer L. Schiff, Ernest Thompson Seton, Benjamin H. Smith, Lorillard Spencer, Frederick Vreeland, James E. West, C.H. Webb, Edward Wertheim, C.A. Worden.
25. Franklin D. Roosevelt - BSA Greetings, Speech (04/08/32), Inaugural Address (1933), TMR Visit (1933).
26. Seton Autobiography - Baden-Powell, Baden-Powell Disposition (1917), James West letter.
27. James E. West Correspondence - Coliseum Show (1923), G.H. Gendall, Walter Head, Max Herzberg, W.G. McAdoo, Milton A. McRae, A.C. Olsen, George D. Pratt, A.W. Procter, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mortimer Schiff, C.A. Worden.
28. National Council - Americas Answer, Baden-Powell visit (1919), Boy Scout Emergency Training Program, Boy Scout Uniforms (1923), BSA 25th Anniversary, BSA High Spots, BSA History (1910-20), BSA Press Release, Cardinal O Connell, Columbia University course, Gene Tunney problem, George Pratt, Harvey Gordon (1935, 1937 Jamborees), Hornaday Medal award, Less-chance Boys NYC, Mobilization for Human Needs, Montclair Council, National Jamboree (1937), National Court of Honor, NY Scout Store, NYC Armistice Demonstration, NYT Article (08/14/32), Theodore Roosevelt Scoutmaster Appeal, Schiff Scout Reservation, Scout Executives Conference, Scoutmaster Conference (1912), US Boy Scouts, Worlds Fair (1939-40) - Construction Ceremony (03/25/39), Boy Scout Days - 06/29/39, 06/22/40; Letters from Scouts, Service Camp report, Worlds Fair Service Camp 1964 photos, World Jamboree (1929).
29. Pre-Boy Scout Foundation - National Executive Board Minutes (1912-1922), Advisory Committee report (1917), NYC

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