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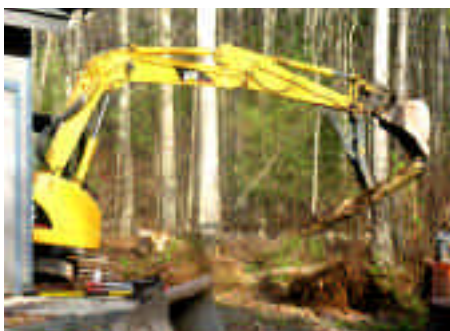
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Museum Extension Construction Begins

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Construction of the \$25,000, 20 ft. x 28 ft. T.M.R. Scout Museum Extension started Monday, December 10 at 9:00 AM when Grey's Woodworks of Grahamsville, N.Y. rolled into Headquarters Camp, T.M.R. Completion is expected by the end of January 2007. This is the first major addition to the Museum since 2002 and will add almost 600 square feet of new space. Plans are to use the space for a storage area, expanded office and an exhibit workshop.



Clearing Trees Behind the Museum

The donut machine shed slab will also be extended, permitting easy movement of the donut machine in and out of the Museum.

The new building will be on a 12 in. concrete slab with two doors and two windows, facing the picnic area. It will be attached to the back of the existing Museum, but will not be as tall.

Future improvements, as funds become available, will include internal walls, insulation, electricity, doors, heat and air conditioning. Eventually a flush toilet and shower will be added to the workshop.

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Spotlight on T.M.R. Staff: Greg Hofer

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When did you become a Boy Scout?

I joined as a Cub Scout in 1960 and was in the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explorer Programs.

What is your history in the OA?

In Suanhacky Lodge, I became an Ordeal member circa 1968 and a Brotherhood member circa 1970. In the Lodge, I did Camp Promotions as a youth in Amagansett Chapter (the old North District). As an adult in the Lodge I have served as Chapter Publications Adviser, Lodge Publication Adviser, Lodge Unit Elections Adviser, Lodge Ordeal Adviser, and Lodge Brotherhood Adviser. I'm currently the Associate Adviser of Matinecock Chapter.

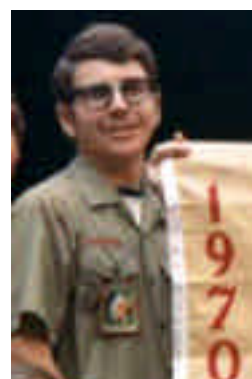
What year did you first come to camp?

1963 - Camp Lakeside. I also was a summer camper in Kunatah, Nianque and Keowa.

What year were you first a staff member?

1970 - Canteen Manager, Camp Aquehonga (The camp closed 2 weeks early that summer and I finished the summer at the Rondack Canteen).

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Greg Hofer in 1970

New York City Scouting: The First Fifty Years

The Ten Mile River Scout Museum is planning a major exhibit for this summer on the history of New York City Scouting, from 1910 until 1960. The exhibit will feature a massive timeline, listing the major Scouting events that took place in the five Boroughs and Citywide during this period. There will also be numerous photos depicting all aspects of New York City Scouting during its first fifty years.

We are looking for donations and loans of photos, paper documents and memorabilia for this exhibit.

Our focus is on District, Borough and Citywide programs and activities, but we also want to know what individual Troops and Packs were doing. If you have anything you would like to loan or donate to the Museum for

this exhibit, please E-mail Associate Curator David Malatzky at archivist@tmrmuseum.org.

Look for some exciting Museum exhibits in 2010, the 100th anniversary of New York City Scouting.

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from the editor



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Greetings!

It is an uncharacteristically beautiful November day as I write this. It makes us think of Spring, and then Summer, when the camp season starts once again. Caught in this reverie, we forget that Winter has yet to come, and that brings us back to the present, the Winter, 2006, number.

In this issue we return to our "TMR Profiles" series, with a short interview with Greg Hofer. Our usual columns return:---"From the Chairman's Desk"---Gene's news of the Museum; the web site column; the patch-trading column; this column, and the "Where Are They Now?" mini-bio columns.

Please send future suggestions for biographies (or the biographies themselves) to Karl---the address is elsewhere in these pages.

Suggestions for the front-page "Profiles" will also be gratefully accepted. Send them to me at the address in this column.

In addition, we are interested in your reminiscences of Ten Mile River. Jake Pontillo supplies us with just such a story, which neatly complements Gene Berman's story on the Great Kunatah Fire in the Winter, 2005 issue.

We have come a long way from that summer day at the Order of the Arrow Conclave a few years ago, when Gene Berman waylaid me, and asked me to become editor of a newsletter that he had in mind. Any success that I've had is due to his help and encouragement, and the T.M.R. Museum Executive Board, especially David Malatzky and John Dowd. None of that would matter if it were not for the encouragement I've received from you, the reader. Keep your letters and suggestions coming, and thanks for your support. Have a great New Year, and enjoy your holiday.

Fred Gervat is editor of T.M.R. Smoke Signals.

from the chairman's desk



By: Dr. Gene Berman
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As I sit here writing this article, there is an air of excitement surrounding the members of our Board of Trustees, and most of our Museum members as well. We are beginning our tenth anniversary year for this incarnation of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum. And we are on a roll. Our new addition is being scheduled for construction as I type. Lord willing, by the time you read this article we will have completed our second annex to the T.M.R. Scout Museum. It was a hard grind and long haul raising the needed \$25,000+ but with the dedicated work of our Board and the great support from all of you we did it. It will only be a shell, not yet finished but we will be well on our way. Eventually, the inside will be completed in slow incremental steps as we raise more funds. When complete and open to the public we envision a library, a conference room, a larger office for our Curators, an exhibit preparation area, a storage area and more exciting and interesting exhibits.

Our summer season was a huge success with high marks all around and virtually no criticism that I have heard. We had more local "non-TMR" visitors than ever before due to our promotional campaigns in the surrounding community. Of course our main focus, the Scouts and Scouters of T.M.R. continued to come out as well. Our Curator, Bernie Sussman did a fabulous job as usual entertaining and educating the visitors to the Museum. Our Associate Curator Dave Malatzky deserves lots of praise for his super display on the New York City Short Term Camps (weekend camping) of Yesterday and Today. And our experiment with the Assistant Curator of the week, was a big success with each Board member that spent a week bringing his own flavor and expertise to the Museum. We welcome interested folks who would like to spend a week next year at the Museum. You do not have to be a Trustee. You just need an interest, a love of Scouting and a willingness to help out. Thanks go to Jake Pontillo, Frank Mullane, Dave Malatzky, Bob Chiusano, Mitch Strauss for each taking a week to help out.

For this season our Board welcomes four new Trustees. Dr. Jake Pontillo, a teacher and

former T.M.R. Staffer and Philmont Ranger brings a whole new meaning to Indian Lore with his knowledge, display items and expertise. Mr. Mike Herbert, the owner of those fabulous display birds in the Museum brings a promise of even more interesting exhibits on those endangered species of birds. His license allows him to exhibit and what better place than the Ten Mile River Scout Museum. Mr. Mike Drilling brings an enthusiasm to the Board and will be working with Jake and Ira Nagel on some outdoor activities to enhance the whole Museum experience for those who come to visit. Lastly, we welcome Mr. Jesse Metz, one of our Staten Island Good Guys without whose dedication and hard work we could not have progressed to the point we are at.

For those that haven't seen the Museum recently we have our own new drinking fountain, which looks just like the original green water fountains that could be found in all of the Camps and many of the Campsites right through the 1960's. Our thanks to Trustee Jim Gallo for both the fountain and the installation.

Our Wall of Fame continues to grow and we hope many more of you will consider purchasing a brick or a tile on the Wall to help our efforts to make this Museum even better and better while you Memorialize or Honor someone important in Scouting, in your life, or even yourself.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Fred Gervat, Dave Malatzky and John Dowd for their great work in putting this Newsmagazine, T.M.R. Smoke Signals together.

Dave Malatzky gets an additional kudos for his great work with our web site. If you haven't visited it lately, do so at tmrmuseum.org. Dave has added a "Wikopeida" or commonly called a "Wiki," which is an encyclopedia of T.M.R. to which any and all can contribute. If you have problems logging on to the new Wiki you can E-mail Dave at archivist@tmrmuseum.org.

We continue to get donations of Memorabilia including Order of the Arrow items, Ten Mile River and T.M.R. Staff items. This has helped us add greatly to our ever growing displays of this memorabilia and those items we receive in duplicate or not relevant to our theme we have been able to swap or sell to enhance the displays in other ways.

We are building now for a great tenth anniversary of the Museum, a great 80th anniversary of Ten Mile River Scout Camps and a great anniversary of the C.C.C. camps of the 1930's as well. Don't know what a C.C.C. camp was? Come visit us at the Museum or our virtual Museum at tmrmuseum.org on the Web.

Firm Bound in Brotherhood,

Gene Berman

Dr. Berman is founder of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum.

letters to the editor

Hi Fred,

David mailed me my copy and I have to commend you on one fantastic job!

I was the Blue Heron editor (the Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge newsletter) back around 1952/53 so I know what it takes to put these together. I had to cut mimeograph stencils and I can still smell the correction fluid.

I plan on sending you some stuff for the next issue and will alert the members of Brooklyn-Arrowhead@googlegroups.com (I'm the moderator) to participate.

I also will be calling Phil Nelson who drew the masthead. He's a very close personal friend and I know that he can do a far better job. We talked about it recently.

Again, a masterful job. Maybe in the next issue you can limit it to just one pic of Gene Berman ;<)

Morty Fink

Letters to the Editor are appreciated and should be sent to Mr. Fred Gervat, editor-in-chief, at fgervat@gmail.com or by regular mail to 548 3rd Ave, Pelham, NY 10803-1120.

Dear Fred,

Just caught my breath. I got winded reading the Summer 2006 issue of Smoke Signals. What a great issue. How far you have come in such a short short time. You must have one helluva bunch of dedicated people working with you.

I especially enjoyed Pierre Thyvert reminiscences on Camp Man. To me Scouting and Camp Man are, were and always will be, inextricably joined.

Pierre listed thirteen unit sites for Camp Man. Actually, there were twenty eight Camp Man unit sites. Do you suppose anyone would be interested in the entire list of sites?

Firm bound.

Ben Breitung

Camp Man

Steward

Lakeside Division

Hi Fred,

Just a quick note to say that I enjoy reading your "TMR Smoke Signals" newsletter. Great job, kudo's to those making contributions.

Joe Bradley

Museum Extension Construction Begins

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As a result of the Extension you will see substantial improvements in the rest of the Museum. When the new office is occupied there are plans to move the Museum's Library into the old office. The boardroom table will also be moved to the center of the room, permitting the addition of three six-foot showcases.

The large velcro display boards in the center of the room will be moved behind the new showcases. No changes are anticipated in the front room of the Museum.

When completed, the Extension will add a tremendous amount of storage and administrative space, sufficient for years to come.

The Museum raised \$25,000 for the work being done by Grey's Woodworks, mainly through patch sales and direct donations by supporters of the Museum. Additional fundraising will be needed to further improve the Extension and make it fully operational.

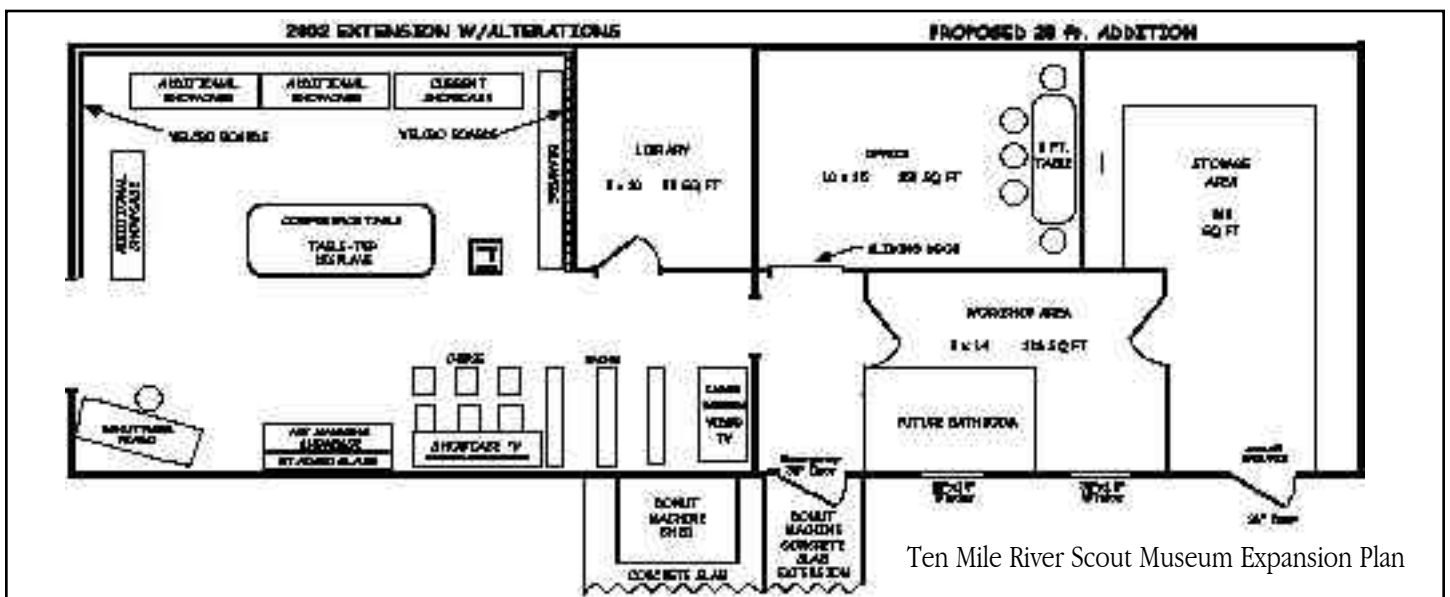


Construction site showing concrete forms.

2007 Greater New York Councils Camping Dates

1/20 - G.N.Y.C. Camping Kickoff Breakfast & Training Extravaganza.
2/7 - G.N.Y.C. Camping Committee Meeting.
3/7 - G.N.Y.C. Camping Committee Meeting.
4/4 - G.N.Y.C. Camping Committee Meeting.
4/21 - Pouch Wilderness Engineering Work Day.

4/28 - Alpine/Cub World Wilderness Engineering Work Day.
5/2 - G.N.Y.C. Camping Committee Meeting.
5/12 - Cub Scout Activity Day - Alpine.
6/2 - Cub Scout Fishing Derby - Pouch.
6/2-3, 9-10, 16-17 Family Fun Weekends.
6/2 & 6/9 - Wilderness Engineering - TMR.
7/14-15 - TMR 80th Anniversary Weekend.



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Join the T.M.R. Scout Museum - Support the Ten Mile River Scout Museum by joining and keep informed about our latest acquisitions and special Museum activities. Give your time. The Museum needs enthusiastic, knowledgeable volunteers to help in many different ways.

Ten Mile River Smoke Signals - T.M.R. Smoke Signals is the official publication of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum. Published three 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.

Levels-of-Giving - You can also support the Museum by donating to our "Levels-of-Giving" program. You will receive all of the benefits of Museum membership and be recognized with an engraved metal plate with your name and the year, mounted on a plaque, prominently displayed in the Museum.

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. Three 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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2006 Ten Mile River Scout Camps Hall of Fame Induction

The 2006 Ten Mile River Scout Camps Hall of Fame Induction was held Tuesday, November 28, 2006, at the Penn Club of New York. The purpose of the T.M.R. Hall of Fame is to recognize Ten Mile River Alumni who have achieved distinction and have given of his or her talents and resources selflessly.

T.M.R. Alumni were recognized in three categories: Distinguished Alumni, Dedicated Scouter and Legends of T.M.R.

John "Jack" Kohler was first posthumously recognized as a Legend of T.M.R. (See his biography in the article, below.)

Gene Berman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum, awarded the recognition plaque to Mitch Morgenstern, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jack Kohler Campership Association. Gene knew Jack Kohler very well and the presentation had a very special meaning to him.

Next, Gordon Bennett, Scoutmaster of Troop 106, Queens was recognized as a Dedicated Scouter.



Gene Berman (right) awards the Jack Kohler T.M.R. Hall of Fame plaque to Mitch Morgenstern, representing the Jack Kohler Campership Association. (photo: Scott Wynn)

Gordon started as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster in Brooklyn Council in 1953 at the age of 17. In 1977 he transferred to Troop 106, Queens and has been Scoutmaster of the troop since 1983, a period of 23 years.

He has led a district provisional camp at Ten Mile River's Camp Aquehonga for thirty years. At one point during the mid 1990's, his district camp teamed up with the Big Apple District in Manhattan to become one of the best run,

most well attended district provisional groups in its era.

Deryck A. Palmer was then recognized as a Distinguished Alumni.

Deryck joined Scouting in 1968 as a member of Troop 491, Brooklyn, New York. He became an Eagle Scout and attended Camp Aquehonga, William H. Pouch Scout Camp and Camp Alpine as a youth. He also attended the 1973 National Scout Jamboree in Idaho.

As an adult, Deryck became a very active Director of the Greater New York Councils and served as Council Commissioner from 2004 to 2006.

Deryck is trained as a lawyer and a partner in Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

Thomas S. Bain and Thomas J. Kavalier, both members of the T.M.R. Hall of Fame, conducted the induction. G.N.Y.C. Scout Executive Charles E. Rosser gave an inspiring speech.

Editor's Note: Biographical information in this article was derived from the T.M.R. Hall of Fame event program.

John "Jack" Kohler: T.M.R. Legend

John "Jack" Kohler joined scouting in 1932 and remained active for over 50 years.

Jack served his country with the United States Army in Europe during World War II. After the war he returned home and started a career with the City of New York. No matter how busy he got at work, he always kept an active role within Scouting.

Jack believed in keeping the "Outing in Scouting" and his dedication to both Ten Mile River and the Order of the Arrow were unparalleled. Jack served as Camp Director for both Camps Kernochan and Keowa and he also served as the Ten Mile River Reservation Services Director providing support for all of the camps as well as being a longtime camp Scoutmaster. For four decades, Jack was advisor to Suanhacky Lodge #49, Order of the Arrow.

During his long tenure in Scouting, Jack served as Chairman of the Camping Committee for Queens Council for more than 25 years and was the Vice-Chairman of the Greater New York Councils Camping Committee.

In recognition of Jack's outstanding service, several different organizations and institutions have honored him. From Scouting, Jack has received the Silver Beaver Award, Scouter's Key, The Saint George Award and the Medal of Merit. Jack was also a Vigil honor member of the Order of the Arrow and received the Order of the Arrow's Founder's Award. Jack has received government citations from Queens County, New York City, New York State, and the Congress of the United States.

Jack passed away in 1983, but his spirit is still strong among many whose lives he touched. His close friends preserving his memory formed the Jack Kohler Campership Association in 1986. The Kohler Association's mission is to continue Jack's legacy of bringing youth to the outdoors by perpetuating the spirit and brotherhood that Jack Kohler lived by. The Kohler Association has provided financial assistance to Queens scouts attending Ten Mile River for the last 20 years. Many of the scouts that receive these camperships may not have been able to experience Ten Mile River without the association's assistance.



Jack Kohler at T.M.R.

Editor's Note: John "Jack" Kohler was recognized as a "Legend of T.M.R." at the 2006 Ten Mile River Scout Camps Hall of Fame Induction on November 28, 2006. This biography was reprinted from the event program.

The T.M.R. Wall of Fame

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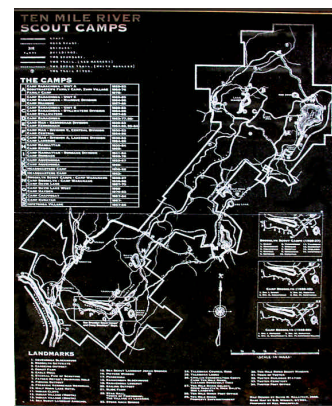
The TMR Wall of Fame is located at the Ten Mile River Scout Museum, Headquarters Camp, Ten Mile River Scout Camps. It consists of two parts:

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.

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Different jobs?

1971 - I came back to Aquehonga as Commissary Manager. However, due to severe staffing shortages and differences with the new Camp Director over how to run the Commissary/QM/Canteen, I resigned after just a few weeks.

1972 - Camp Commissioner, Sanita Hills. This was one of the few summers that G.N.Y.C. ran a summer camp program at Sanita Hills.

What do you think is the most significant change at T.M.R. (property or people or both) since you started?

Camp closings due to the significant fall off of summer camping.



T.M.R. 80th Anniversary Weekend: July 14-15, 2007

All T.M.R. alumni should circle July 14-15, 2007 on their calendars and plan now to attend the 80th Anniversary of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

Rekindle friendships with your fellow T.M.R. alumni and make new friends. Tour the camps and recall old camp memories. The

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Visit our web site tmmuseum.org for the latest information about T.M.R.'s 80th Anniversary.

Where Are They Now?

Michael Drillinger

I was a T.M.R. camper in 1969 & 70 and on staff 1971-1975. During that time I worked at Kunatah, Keowa, Aquehonga and Davis Lake. For the past 24 years I have been a partner in a technology company providing custom software and computer systems for businesses. Scouting, and especially T.M.R., have made me a life long hiker, camper, bicyclist and kayaker. More important though, T.M.R. and Scouting have made me passionate about the environment and conservation.

I am an active member, and currently the chairperson of my town's volunteer committee that oversees recycling and environmental matters. I most recently contributed to a new web site hosted by the Weather Channel dedicated to the issue of global warming. I love to travel, and last year my wife, two children and I hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. I continue my links to Scouting and T.M.R. as a proud member of the Brooklyn Arrowhead and a board member of the T.M.R. Museum.

Fred Gervat

A member of Headquarters, Keowa and Kunatah staffs for several years. He also ran the "Trail to Eagle Camp" at T.M.R. for 7 years. He is currently the editor of the T.M.R. Museum Newsletter, Smoke Signals and is an A.S.M. of Troop 240 in the Bronx. Most of his present Scouting activity is with the Westchester-Putnam Council where he is a Training Chairman, and course director for their National Youth Leader Training Course among other things.

He is a retired N.Y.C. Public School teacher and is married to Joan, also a teacher, and the father of Tom, who is now doing graduate work at Iona College. Tom is an Eagle Scout like his father. Some of Fred's other awards include Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor, Founder's Award, Silver Beaver, the District Award of Merit and the St. George Award.

Hal Rosenfeld

Sixty years in Scouting and "Trying to give back a fraction of what I got." Retired Deputy Chief Engineer MTA, NYC Transit, BCE, MCE, PE (NY & NJ), Captain, US Army Corps of Engineers. Fellow and Life Member ASCE. Eagle '54, Vigil Honor '58, Bischuwi Chapter Chief '54-'55, Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge Chief '57-'58, SM T381 Brooklyn '58-'59.

Also T.M.R. Scout Museum Trustee, Brooklyn Arrowhead, Brooklyn Council Executive Board, James West Fellow, Brooklyn Heritage Society, G.N.Y.C. Camping Committee, NESA Boards Brooklyn, Theodore Roosevelt and Gulfstream (FL) Councils. Nassau County Council Executive Board ('74-'75). Married 46 years to my childhood sweetheart Irene with wonderful memories of our son Philip and enjoying the challenges of our wonderful daughter Laura.

If you worked on staff or attended T.M.R., we want to hear from you as well, even if you are not a member of the Museum. Send us information on where you camped at T.M.R., what you are doing now, where you live, etc. Also, please share your knowledge of others such as births, deaths, special awards, careers, etc. for other staffers you might know about. Please E-mail to Karl Bernstein at louella558@aol.com.

Wanted! T.M.R. Alumni

We are updating the Ten Mile River Alumni Association mailing list and need current addresses for the alumni listed below. If you can help, please E-mail David Malatzky at archivist@tmrmuseum.org.

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Collecting T.M.R.

T.M.R. Anniversaries - Part 1



By: Bill Mulrenin
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The Ten Mile River Scout Camps (T.M.R.), located in Narrowsburg, New York has served the Scouts of New York City as their summer camp since its purchase in 1927. The 2007 Season brings the 80th Anniversary of Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

Collecting all Ten Mile River Scout Camps (T.M.R.) memorabilia can be daunting since there are literally hundreds of patches, neckerchiefs and other types of memorabilia to collect. One relatively small and easy collection of these patches would be an Anniversary collection. In its simplest form, an Anniversary collection would be a single item from each Anniversary commemorated by T.M.R. A more complex collection would include all of the "standard" issues and other more esoteric pieces that may have been issued in the heydays of the Main Trading Post.

A representative Anniversary collection, particularly of pieces from the 1950's through 1970's is surprisingly easy to assemble. Many of these items become available through the Museum Shop or from other sources. Remember that during that period there were as many as a dozen camps open for an 8-week season. Frequently there were

only a small number of different items issued and they were issued in the thousands.

This article will restrict itself to Council issued patches and neckerchiefs with a limited amount of other items. Of course you should collect whatever fits into your collecting theme.

The first known T.M.R. Anniversary issues were for the Silver Anniversary in 1952. There were 4 pieces issued for the 25th Anniversary. The pocket patch has a blue background and white border with a compass rose at the center. There are several minor variations of this patch with differences in the lettering. There was also a silk-screened neckerchief, half orange and half blue with white 25th Anniversary Ten Mile River Scout Camps. The last two pieces were a one inch yellow pin with the picture of an Indian brave and a somewhat larger pin of the same design with a white background.



T.M.R. 50th Anniversary Backpatch - 1977

and a pocket patch with loop. There was also the first and only embroidered Anniversary neckerchief for this anniversary. Another unique item for this anniversary was a window decal.

For the Golden Anniversary in 1977 there were a total of 6 patches issued. There were 3 square jacket patches with rounded corners all with the Indian Cliffs design and gold mylar borders. One had an orange background and two with a yellow background, one with red feathers on the chief's coup stick and one with orange feathers.

There was also a 4-inch circular patch with a yellow inner circle with black lettering 50th Anniversary 1927-1977. In my opinion, the best looking patches were 2 six-inch arrowhead-shaped patches with identical designs; with the exception that one arrowhead was labeled STAFF in gold. Many staff members wore this patch on the right sleeve that year.

While there was no issue for the 55th Anniversary; there was a grand total of 19 council issues for the 60th Anniversary including a neckerchief, two C.S.P.'s, a decal, 12 earned awards, a council-wide event patch, an expedition patch and the general anniversary issue. All but two of the items used the Indian Cliffs logo as part of the design.

There have been numerous other items issued by T.M.R. to commemorate its various anniversaries including coffee mugs, belt buckles, and neckerchief slides.

What is the most unusual T.M.R. Anniversary item you have?

Bill Mulrenin has been collecting TMR since 1967.



T.M.R. 45th Anniversary Backpatch - 1972

T.M.R.'s 30th Anniversary occurred in 1957, there is one known neckerchief. No patch was issued. The 30th Anniversary neckerchief was silk-screened on yellow cloth with two dancing Indian Braves. There was also a ladies scarf. It has the same design silk-screened on off-white or cream cloth with a fringed edge.

No issues are known for the 35th Anniversary, but there are 2 issues for the 40th Anniversary and the first use of the Indian Cliff on an Anniversary design. The neckerchief is silk-screened on yellow cloth and a red 40th Anniversary 1967. There was also a 6-inch jacket patch on orange twill cloth.

1972 was the 45th Anniversary of T.M.R. and there were 4 items issued. Again the Indian Cliffs design was used in both a jacket

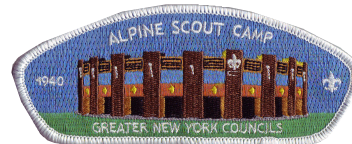


T.M.R. 25th Anniversary Patch - 1952

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The Survival Hike To The Pines



By: Jake Pontillo
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Before the '65 Kunatah season started, the Camp Director, Brendan Sheedy, sent Richey Manus and me to National Camp School at Schiff in New Jersey. Richey took the Waterfront Director course and I took the Nature-Conservation course. I learned a lot about survival, utensil-less cooking, etc.

The beginning of camp went fairly well, but it seems that Norman Russakoff, the Assistant Director was sick. I made up a tea of different things (I think, I put some aspirin, catnip and echinacea, in it.) I also made a "Medicine stick"- carved into an arrow head with other Indian figures with beads and feathers. I danced and chanted around his bunk and gave him the tea to drink. I shook the stick all around him and then stuck the stick into the ground in front of Norman's bunk... The combination of ingredients must have worked, and Norman got better... The stick stayed in the ground in front of his bunk...

That summer I did all the old fashioned Scout skills stuff, and I also gave a survival session. Whenever I did the survival talks my point was always was for them to learn the stuff and IF NECESSARY, SOME DAY, like after a plane crash or similar disaster, they would know what to do. One day I was on a day off and Norman Russakoff did the survival hike. When I got back one of the Provisional troops on the hill was all fired up to do a real

survival hike. They were going to hike down to the Pines trail site on the Delaware River with NO FOOD... and very little equipment. Yikes!

On the appointed day the provisional troop assembled on the compound, with very little camping equipment, maybe ponchos and sleeping bags, but each kid it seemed had a big sheath knife, and no food... Before they moved out I took the stick out of the ground and with suitable ceremony said

"Here is the sacred stick of the Kunatah- bear it with you proudly"

Up to that point it had been a beautiful, cloudless, sunny day... they marched off and about 20 minutes later a really terrible thunderstorm came up... the kind that people who are at Kunatah know well... it drenched everything. I thought about those 30 plus kids going down the trail to the Pines. I knew what was going to happen and tried to hide from Brendan for the rest of the afternoon, but he caught me at Supper.

"Jake, run down after supper to the Pines and check on that troop ..."

Going thru deep woods after a rain storm is just as wetting as walking in the rain... so I was a tad reluctant, but went, of course...

I got there and found the troop. . The best I can say was that it looked like a shipwrecked crew had been hit with a tornado... it was a real mess.

Somewhere they had found an apple tree and had been eating small green apples. They had no fish, nothing else. They were also having a hard time lighting a fire. One kid, we all called Tuddy, was sitting there- he had a pile of half rotten and soggy logs and was methodically striking a stick match, holding the flame to the log then discarding the match when it went out... I said, Tuddy,

you need some small dry sticks.

He said "Can't find any."

"Look Tuddy, just gather up the old match sticks ..."

So with some dry dead branches from the trees and the old match sticks we got a fire going.

The really wicked part of it all was that the Provisional Scoutmaster, and his assistant HAD food, and were cooking a nice stew... as the aroma went around, any kid who wanted to could 'give up' and go get some food.. I gotta say that very few of those kids did, they most all stuck it out... They had good survival techniques- they had shelters, water and fire. The rest was a kind of a fast... I left them and hiked back up to a nice shower and dry clothes at Kunatah.

Next morning I had to go down again and, I could hardly believe it. They had caught a rabbit that had been hit by a car and had a broken leg... and they **BANDAGED THE LEG AND WERE FEEDING IT THEIR SUPPLY OF GREEN APPLES!!!!**

I told one kid to get some sticks and I quickly dispatched, skinned, gutted and skewered the rabbit and had it on the fire, to the protests and yews! of the kids... until they smelled the rabbit turning into FOOD... of course the rabbit belonged to the patrol that found it. So they formed a circle around the fire waiting for the rabbit to be cooked... around the first circle was another patrol, waiting if there might be any 'left over'- around that was another patrol, I don't know, maybe they were waiting to lick the sticks...

Last thing I did was tell them to burn that "Sacred Stick of the Kunatah..."

Well, be well,
In Brotherhood,
This is KKD9563, Jake, over.

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Be sure to visit our redesigned and much improved Archival Web Site tmrmuseum.org/archive. Generic folder icons have been replaced by representative thumbnail-sized photos. Now you can jump to any page in a multipage document and up the folder structure for far easier navigation.

Be sure to click on **News & Photos**, **Movie News** and **PDF Downloads** for the latest Museum news.

Lots of new paper came in over the summer. To see a list of the recent additions go to: tmrmuseum.org/archive/newstuff.html

Here are the major recent additions to the Archival Web Site tmrmuseum.org/archive:

1. TMR: Staff Guides: 1976-91 (6 diff.); Leader Guides: 1976-79 (4 diff.); Literature (1991-1992): 13 diff.; TMR Scout Award Booklet - 1949, 1970's; 1949 Brochure; Personalities (22 diff.)
2. Staff Guides: Aquehonga (1976, 1979), Kernochan, Leader Guides: Aquehonga (1991), Keowa (1991), Family Camp.
3. Camp Man - Tower of Friendship Booklet;

Camp Ranachqua Staff List 1951; Camp Maps: Kunatah, Chappegat, Kowanoak 1929; Songbooks: Camp Iphetonga, Camp Rondack; Zumi Village Brochure.

4. Boy Scout Foundation: Scouting for the Jewish Boy, Annual Report (1940), Boy Scout Week (1940).

5. Boys Life Magazine articles (1911-1943) 485 diff.; Scouting Magazine (5/1/15); Greater New York Scouter: 1950-53 (6 diff.)

6. Brooklyn Council: Scout Bulletin 1925 (2 diff.), Council Ring: 1931-1941 (13 diff.); Brooklyn Troop 174 Program 1940.

7. Queens Council: Boy Scout Camping Opportunities 1936, Dinner 1941, Cub Scout Songbook.

8. Staten Island: Troop 22 photo, Troop 31 Songbook

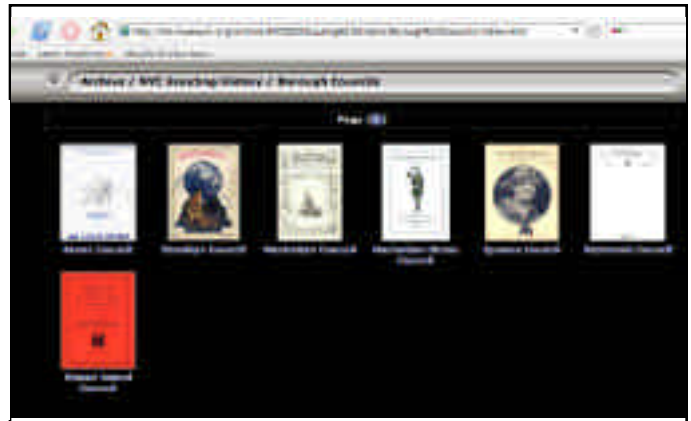
9. Stationery: Boy Scout Foundation, Greater New York Councils, Queens Council, Manhattan Council, Man-A-Hattin Lodge OA.

10. Maps: Alpine, Hoyt Farm, Kaines Open, Newcombe, Pouch, Sanita Hills, Spruce Pond, Schiff Reservation.

11. Alpine Scout Camp Photos: 1943, 1944.

12. Ranachqua Lodge: Roster Revision Committee 1948, Tapout Ceremony 1951, Banquet Program 1958.

13. Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge: Sakaneck Chapter, 1970.



Archival Web Site: New Look and Improved Navigation Tools

Recent additions to tmrmuseum.org:

Promo for the G.N.Y.C. Service Corp/Scout Speaker C.S.P. sets; T.M.R. Museum Extension Appeal; Sullivan County Historical Society meeting at the Museum; The Indian Artifact Exhibit; Alumni Day 2006 photos; Museum 2006 photos.

New downloads:

1. G.N.Y.C. Service Corps/Speaker C.S.P. flyer.
2. T.M.R. Wall of Fame brochure.
3. Kunatah 60th Anniversary Day flyer.
4. Museum Extension flyer.
5. Museum Library Index.
6. 2006 TMR Hall of Fame flyer.

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 sites. 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 archivist@tmrmuseum.org.

Recent Acquisitions

Boys Life Magazine Articles (1911-1943)

These are articles and photos from Boys Life Magazine on T.M.R., the Kanohwahkee Scout Camps, N.Y.C. Scouting and related personalities. Starting in the early 1920's, James E. West edited a monthly column on national and local Scouting news first called "National Council News" and later "The Scout World." When West attended a noteworthy Scouting event he included it in his column or elsewhere in Boys Life. So we find gems in Boys Life Magazine like a detailed description of a Kanohwahkee Scout Camp Pageant with over 6,000 spectators.

Starting in the late 1930's, "The Scout World" consisted entirely of 3-4 pages filled with photographs of local Scouting news. Typically each issue would have one or more photos on N.Y.C. Scouting. As a result, we now have hundreds of photos on N.Y.C. Scouting, a major addition to the Museum's Library. These range from photos of individual troops hiking to the big council-wide Scout shows of the period. "The Scout World" column ended when West resigned as Chief Scout Executive in 1943. 485 pgs.

Brooklyn Council Scout Bulletin

The 1925 two-page Scout Bulletin newsletter preceded "The Council Ring" as the official Brooklyn Council newsletter. 4 pgs.

Queens Council Boy Scout Camping Opportunities (1936)

This pamphlet provides the most detailed description so far of summer camping opportunities at Camp Man and Camp Newcombe in the 1930's. Newcombe was used by Troops desiring to operate a long-term camp under their own leadership. Queens Council also operated two "Day Camps" two days each week in 1936 and these are included. 12 pgs.

The Ten Mile River Scout Museum is always looking for donations of paper and memorabilia from the Kanohwahkee Scout Camps, Ten Mile River Scout Camps and New York City Scouting.