



T.M.R. ALUMNI DAY & HISTORY WEEKEND, AUG. 2-3, 2014

Celebrating 87 Years of Ten Mile River

Save the date on your calendar now for the T.M.R. Alumni Day and History Weekend, Saturday August 3, - Sunday August 4, 2014, at Headquarters Camp, T.M.R. Gathering is at 10:00 am with a welcome orientation and ceremony at 11:00 am followed by lunch. After lunch, feel free to visit the camps of yesterday and today.



The Ten Mile River Scout Museum will be open for visits and video viewing of T.M.R. History. You can visit the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin historical display and the Kunatah Trading Post at the Museum.

Immediately after lunch (1:00 pm) will start the "T.M.R. History Weekend," which will continue until 5:00 pm, then resumes on Sunday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. The "T.M.R. History Weekend" will feature guest lecturers and displays from various local and regional history museums and the National Park Service. Alumni desiring to participate in the entire two-day event will be able to stay over in camp Saturday night. Lunch will be available for purchase on Sunday.

Do you miss sleeping in the canvas tents? We can help you! Arrangements can be made for an overnight stay on Saturday at Camp Keowa. We will supply the tent and cot; just bring your own bedding.

Don't miss the reminiscing of T.M.R. Scout Camps with your Scout friends of yesterday...

Register and pay online by credit card: bsa-gnyc.org/alumniday.

See the T.M.R. Alumni Day flyer on page 5 and the T.M.R. History Day Weekend flyer on page 6.

OUR GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL EXHIBIT

By: Michael Drillingner

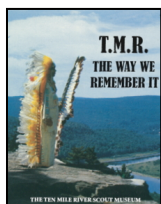
Scout Week 2014 – The Ten Mile River Scout Museum had a humble goal – make a good showing at a very public crossroads and reconnect with people who were once touched by T.M.R. and have since lost touch.



Meeting a former TMR Camper

The Museum's core of key volunteers stepped up and with a great but compact display we set up in the Graybar corridor of Grand Central Terminal. Almost immediately we drew the curious and yes, *Continued on Page 4*

MUSEUM PUBLISHING COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET FOR ALUMNI DAY



The Ten Mile River Scout Museum and the Ten Mile River Alumni Association are publishing a special commemorative booklet, filled with T.M.R. history, photos and the memories of T.M.R. Alumni. The booklet, entitled "T.M.R. - The Way We Remember It," will be distributed free of charge to participants at the 2014 T.M.R. Alumni Day.

T.M.R. Alumni are urged to send the Museum their favorite recollections of life in camp and place ads in the booklet, commemorating their years at T.M.R., recognizing their camp friends and their favorite T.M.R. summer camp(s). All profits from the booklet will benefit the Ten Mile River Scout Camps. **See the flyer on pages 7-8.**

WHY SUMMER CAMP MATTERS

By: Ethan V. Draddy



Ethan V. Draddy For generations, young people have joined Scouting to enjoy camping and experience adventure in the great outdoors. We are making it a priority to serve more kids in summer camp. We know that Scouts who attend summer camp stay in Scouting longer, enabling us to offer years of character education, fitness, life skills, and career exploration to our kids.

Summer camp prevents learning loss over the vacation, so kids go back to school ready to succeed. In a camp setting, a child learns self-reliance, initiative, resourcefulness, teamwork, and personal values. Additionally, at camp boys gain confidence as they tackle new challenges, such as learning first aid and CPR, lifesaving, and earning merit badges in a wide array of disciplines.

Now celebrating 87 years, T.M.R. is nationally recognized for its natural resources—spanning 12,000 acres, it has 15 lakes and ponds for boating, swimming, sailing, and kayaking, and *Continued on Page 4*

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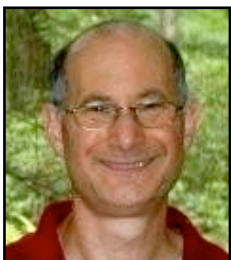
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some words from the chairman



By: Michael Drillinger
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Movin' On Up

We came from humble beginnings. We may not yet be ready for the majors, but the Ten Mile River Scout Museum is coming up through the minor leagues. We are a key player in the nascent Sullivan County Museum Association. We have become an anticipated fixture at the venerable West Point Camporee. Our museum has been asked and we have appeared at the Big Apple Jamboree at Camp Pouch and also the Camping Expo at Alpine. The TMR Museum made a public appearance at Grand Central Terminal. We are now opening on Saturday afternoons in May and June.

Thanks to a core of dedicated volunteers we have been able to produce public displays that are both financially rewarding to the Museum and that have made our presence known to a wider audience. It is the intention of the Board of Trustees, based on the work we started last fall, to continue to develop the Museum as a positive face of Greater New York Council, a promoter of the Scouting program in New York and an active program to keep the history of Ten Mile River Scout Camps and Scouting in New York City alive and available to scouts and the general public.

In May, five Museum Trustees attended a full day workshop given by New York State's PATH Through History program. David Malatzky, John Pritchard, John Dowd, Paul Lumpkin and yours truly attended workshops at Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie. We made some good connections for future collaborations, got some tips and ideas and further established the T.M.R. Scout Museum on a regional level.

Last summer we dipped our toe in the waters of public events by hosting C.C.C. Day. This summer we are hosting a more ambitious project we are calling our History Weekend. We are hoping you and your T.M.R. friends will come up for Alumni Day, Saturday, August 2nd, and that you will join in the fun and activities of the History Weekend starting after lunch and continuing on Sunday, August 3rd.

This spring we are discovering how much interest there is in the Museum by opening on Saturdays from Noon until 4 PM in May and June.

We may then open the Museum on Saturdays in September and October.

We are gearing up for this summer. In addition to the History Weekend, we will have an exhibit on the history of the New York OA Lodges. Please come check that out. We have also done some re-arranging of the interior of the Museum. We hope you will be pleased with the changes. Please let me know what you think after your visit.

Yours in scouting and great T.M.R. memories.

Michael Drillinger is Chairman of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum.

Editor's Letter



By: Mitchell Slepian
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Summer is rapidly approaching. If it was summertime in the 80s, I'd probably be sitting in Earth science or math class in Tottenville High School, Staten Island, N.Y. I'd be bored out of my mind. But I would probably be getting ready for my roles in Aquehongan Lodge's Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil ceremonies at Pouch Scout Camp on Staten Island.

My Lodge was always top of mind during my teen years. But spending my summer in Camp Chappagat, Ten Mile River Scout Camps, was higher than anything. It still is.

So while, I was getting ready to be Meteu or Allowat Sakima, I was really getting ready to go to Indian Cliffs, swim in Rock Lake or the Delaware River. I was lucky enough to play Meteu at Indian Cliffs and Blow Horn Field. Let's face it; in my mind I wasn't playing him. I was Meteu. I still believe that.

The day me and my dad -- how I miss him -- would lug my trunk and other stuff into his car and take the ride up to Hill was what I lived for. Mom was usually along for the ride.

I remember taking that short, but in my mind long ride to my precious hill. We'd park at the Chappy Dining Hall. It was a beautiful building. Then, I would hike up the steps and walk into the palace and see Larry. He'd take my money for the Chappy bank. I always had extra money in my lean-to. Dave would greet us and get us ready for our orientation hike and dock test.

The summer would begin and Super Week, Chappagat's special week would arrive sooner than you knew it. We would always get very

depressed around the second week of camp. That's because we knew we only had a few weeks left.

Super Week was special. We went to Action Park. I fell off the Alpine Slide. It was my fault.

We went to Cooperstown and lots of other fun places. We usually had our special banquet in El Monaco's. How we loved their famous "red sauce," which was splattered over every dish.

After dinner, we would walk over to Candy Cone, which was a little tiny place in the same parking lot as the red sauce restaurant. They had great ice cream or shakes. They had two or three video games and a pinball machine. None of them ever worked.

All these places are now just memories.

They are all gone.

But what memories they are. Thankfully, I made some of my best friends on the Hill. I know right now we are all wishing we were getting ready for camp.

I know there's no place I'd rather be. I bet my friends think the same.

Mitchell Slepian is Editor of Ten Mile River Smoke Signals.



Wanted: Your Old Scout Memorabilia

Readers. . . We want you to donate ANY type of Scout Memorabilia for the Museum store...uniforms, mugs, patches, neckerchiefs, books, "anything Scouting" that you have laying around the attic or basement. Money raised from sales will go towards the upkeep of the Museum. We have had considerable success over the past several years selling memorabilia, from our humble tables to the Museum store at T.M.R. and patch sales at West Point. Anything and everything Scouting can be used to help us raise money to help offset our expenses.

Items that can be mailed should be sent to Frank Mullane, Memorabilia Chairman, at his address, below:

*Mr. Frank Mullane
217 Kell Ave.*

Staten Island, NY 10314

If you have something "bulky" that you would like picked up, we can arrange one of our members to visit. Call Frank at 718-698-2315 to arrange a pickup or send an email to TheTrader112@aol.com.

If you plan on visiting camp this summer, items may be dropped off at the Museum as well.



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terrain that provides hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, and rappelling opportunities.

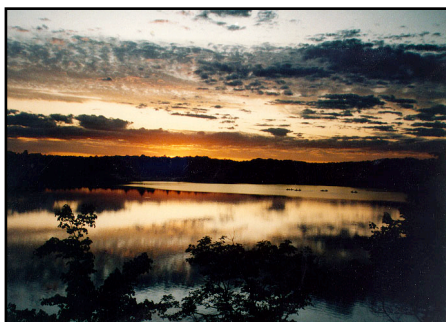
We want to serve future generations of T.M.R. campers with the same quality of experience we had as Scouts, but with modern facilities and innovative programming that prepares them for success in the 21st century. In recent years we have added new features such as an All-Terrain Vehicle program, horseback riding, the May and Samuel Rudin Wildlife Conservation Center Ecology Lodge, and much more. As a result, camp attendance is up, and we are looking forward to another exciting summer.

We'll welcome thousands of returning campers, and many Scouts who are sleeping under the stars for the first time. New or returning, these Scouts will make new friends and a lifetime of memories. Now more than ever, kids need camping so they can escape from the "concrete jungle," have fun, and just be kids.

Summer camp meant a lot to me growing up in New Jersey. Summer camp matters a lot to New York City kids who need us today.

Ethan V. Draddy is Scout Executive and C.E.O., Greater New York Councils, Boy Scouts of America

THE MOODS OF T.M.R.



By: Michael Drillinger

The Moods of T.M.R. is an on-going project to capture the heart and soul of Ten Mile River in photographs. Please look for the 2014 show at the Museum this summer. Bring your camera to camp and capture your own images of Ten Mile River to submit for next summer's show.

The images we select show scenes of nature and the beauty of Ten Mile River Scout Camps. Submit your images to chairman@tmrmuseum.org.

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former Scouts and Scouters who had not thought about T.M.R. for years. For some it was an immediate tug on their heart. We had one fellow who lived in New Hampshire and just happened to be passing through for a business meeting. He was the second youngest Eagle Scout from Queens in the 1970s and he stayed and talked to each of us for more than half an hour.

There was a grandmother who took information to sign up her grandson for Scouting. There was the fellow who was once active in the Bronx and



Our G.C.T. Exhibit

wanted to reconnect. There were several international visitors who knew nothing about T.M.R. but were Scouts from their home country eager to connect with U.S. Scouts.

The Girl Scouts had a monster display in the main public area. But we made emotional connections with individuals and that was our goal. Next year we hope to have a monster display in the main public area – check our website and Facebook page for more info and updates.

NEW YORK STATE ERECTS SIGNAGE FOR MUSEUM

Museum Trustee John Romanovich recently noticed new road signs in the vicinity of the Museum, directing motorists to it. Where did they come from? Who erected them?

Museum Chairman Michael Drillinger solved this mystery at our recent Board Meeting, when he announced that New York State erected the six signs as part of the State "Path Through History" program. This was an unexpected benefit of Museum Board members attending the workshop on Museum management at Locust Grove earlier this month.

In August, 2012, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the signage program: "The Path Through History will highlight the rich history that exists in New York State by showcasing more than two hundred of our most significant sites and historic milestones."



NORTHEAST REGION JEWISH COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING CONFERENCE

*By: David M. Malatzky
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Hal Rosenfeld and I spoke about the Museum and Jewish Scouting at T.M.R. at the Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting Conference, Sunday, March 23, 2014 at Reeves Lodge, Alpine Scout Camp. Phil Sternberg invited us to speak and set up a Museum display, which included various publications issued by the Jewish Committee dating back to the 1930s.



Hal Rosenfeld Talking About T.M.R.

Participants attended from New Hampshire to Delaware and the place was packed. G.N.Y.C. Scout Executive Ethan Draddy welcomed everyone. It seemed that many attended T.M.R. as Scouts while living in New York City and eventually moved elsewhere as adults. I saw some wearing flaps from N.Y.C. O.A. lodges dating back to the 1950s.

There was a lot of interest in the Museum display and about a dozen persons attended the talk, which lasted about 30 minutes. I spoke about the founding of the Museum in 1997 and our considerable growth and additions since then. Hal talked about Jewish life in the Brooklyn Scout Camps during the 1930s and 1940s and 1950s. It seemed that most of the participants at the talk attended T.M.R. as youths, since some recalled their days in camp.

The Conference was a unique opportunity to encourage Museum membership, since some of the participants attended T.M.R., but was no longer associated with N.Y.C. Scouting. We distributed Museum promotional literature as part of our display and hopefully will pick up some additional members as a result.



Our Display

2016 is the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish Committee on Scouting, which was closely associated with N.Y.C. Scouting during its early years. (See separate article on the history of the JCoS.) Hal and I mentioned the Museum's interest in sponsoring a commemorative exhibit on the Jewish Committee on Scouting in 2016.

Thank you Phil Sternberg for inviting us to this unique opportunity to talk about T.M.R. history and promote the Museum.



Celebrating **87** Years of TMR Scout Camps

You're Invited To:

Ten Mile River Alumni Day

And History Weekend

Sat. & Sun. August 2-3, 2014

10:00 AM - Gathering

11:00 AM - Welcome Orientation & Ceremony

T.M.R. Alumni Reunion Day

1481 Crystal Lake Road
Narrowsburg, NY 12764

Join us for a Welcome Orientation and Ceremony to be followed by lunch held at Headquarters. After lunch, feel free to visit the camps of yesterday and today with your family and friends. Visit our Camps and reminisce as you speak to the current camp leadership as they showcase their camps of today. The Reservation will be open for visits and video viewing of T.M.R. History. You can visit the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin historical display and the Kunatah Trading Post at the Museum.

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Don't miss your opportunity to relive your youth as you partake in our Alumni Weekend.

2014 TMR Alumni Day

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TMR Alumni Association

Ten Mile River

1481 Crystal Lake Road

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Camping Services Call (212) 651-3073

F-Name: _____ L-Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

H-Phone: _____ W-Phone: _____

☐ I would like _____ lunch ticket(s) at \$5.00 each. **Total cost \$** _____

☐ I cannot attend, accept my donation of \$ _____ to benefit TMR Scouts.

☐ I would like to stay over. I will need arrangements for _____ # of people.

Credit Card Payments: ☐ Master Card ☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

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T.M.R. HISTORY WEEKEND

Saturday, August 2, 2014 1 pm - 5 pm

Sunday, August 3, 2014 9 am - 3 pm

Headquarters Camp,
Ten Mile River Scout Camps
1481 Crystal Lake Road,
Narrowsburg, N.Y.



Please plan to join us as the Ten Mile River Scout Museum hosts a history-theme weekend, Saturday August 2 – Sunday August 3, 2014. The 1½ day program will focus on Sullivan County history and culture and feature exhibits and lectures by historians, local museums and the National Park Service.

Our tentative program includes the following highlights:

- A talk by Sullivan County Historian, John Conway.
- Speeches by an F.D.R. Interpreter.
- A video presentation on the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- A talk on the New York City water supply in the Catskills.
- A talk on National Scout Commissioner and nearby resident, Daniel Carter Beard.
- A Pioneering Era Interpreter and display of authentic artifacts.
- A talk and display on the Lenape Indians.
- A Canal Boat replica and speaker on the D & H Canal.
- Hikes up Tusten Mountain to explore the old bluestone mines.

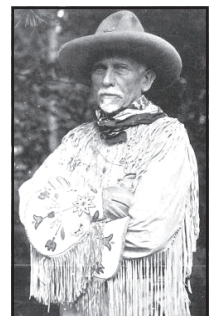


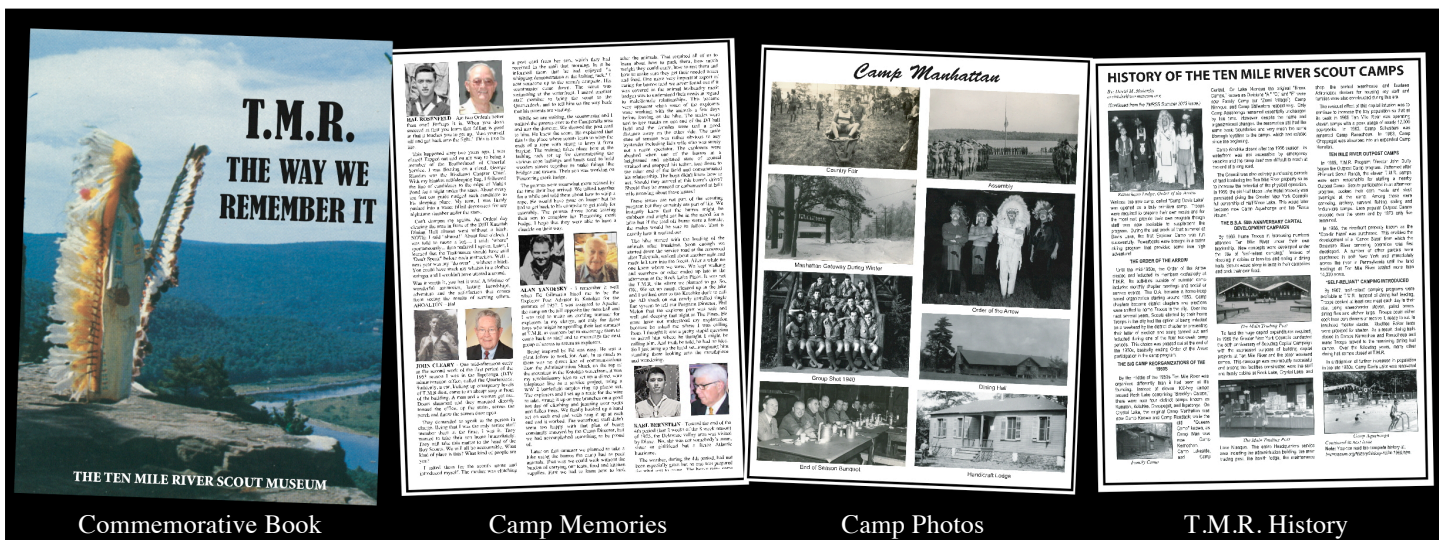
The History Weekend will start Saturday August 2nd at 1:00 pm, immediately after T.M.R. Alumni Day and end at 5:00 pm. It starts again on Sunday August 3rd at 9:00 am, and ends at 3:00 pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be on sale for lunch on August 3rd. The Ten Mile River Scout Museum will be open the entire period. The History Weekend will be free of charge and promoted to the general public.



All T.M.R. Alumni are invited to participate in the History Weekend, either on Saturday or on both days. Overnight accommodations at T.M.R. can be arranged upon request.

For additional information, contact David M. Malatzky, Associate Curator, Ten Mile River Scout Museum, at dmalatzky@aol.com.



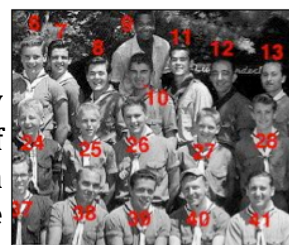


T.M.R. - THE WAY WE REMEMBER IT

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Submitting Camp Stories: We want your favorite T.M.R. camp story (maximum 400 words) to include in the book. You can also include a photo of yourself as a youth (preferably at camp) and/or a recent one. Note: We can use your photo if it is in one of the T.M.R. staff photos on our web site <http://tmrmuseum.org>. Just identify your camp, year and red identification number (see example) and we will use it.



Staff Photo from T.M.R. Scout Museum web site

E-mail your camp story and photos to dmalatzky@aol.com or mail them to:

David M. Malatzky
2332 Holland Ave.
Bronx, NY 10467

If you have any questions, E-mail David Malatzky at dmalatzky@aol.com.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND T.M.R. ALUMNI DAY

If you do not attend T.M.R. Alumni Day, you can still obtain a copy of the book through the mail:

- By purchasing one. (See order form on previous page.)
- If you purchased an ad that costs \$40 or more, you will receive a copy in the mail for no additional charge.

HAVING A CUP OF COFFEE WITH TOM PENDLETON NEW (I)DofC AND D-TMRSR

By: John Romanovich

I had the pleasure and an unexpected opportunity to meet G.N.Y.C.'s new Interim Director of Camping, and Director of Ten Mile River Tom Pendleton. We met at the West Point Camporee Saturday May 2, 2014 where Tom dutifully and exquisitely pitched T.M.R. to a receptive audience of over 6,000 people. He came to sell and was well prepared knowing factoids like T.M.R. has seven lakes, camp names, traditions, where we have been and where we should be going. Impressive array of T.M.R. facts he had available this early into his tour. I welcomed this opportunity as like most of us; share a deep concern for Ten Mile River's future and expansion.

Tom comes to us credentialed and accomplished. He is a graduate of James Madison University. A prestigious and highly selective academic institution. He has been a commissioned professional in the Boy Scouts of America for thirteen years. An Eagle Scout earning three palms, Wood Badge staff member and NYLT Scoutmaster, O.A. Vigil and other credentials that will bring us comfort. He leaves the Blue Ridge Mountains Council where he was a Field Director and administered their Summer Long Term Camps. And this is where the real story begins.

LET'S CHECK THE NUMBERS

Tom's former reservation, Blue Ridge Scout Reservation, (<https://bsa-brmc.org/summercamp>), has three operating Merit Badge/Base camps. Scouting is practiced over a 17,500 acres campus and is the largest council owned camp in the country. That's quite a stomach jab to us as we preached T.M.R. with 12,000+/- acres, was the largest. His Reservation has an annual summer attendance of over 10,000 Scouts and Scouters. A number T.M.R. hasn't seen since 1965. Blue Ridge Reservation employs a summer staff of over 250, supported by six Rangers. They operate a seven-week program with twelve exciting Specialty Camp Programs or what we might call "Outpost" camps. Does this sound familiar? Check them out: <https://bsa-brmc.org/sites/default/files/flipBook#1>.

LET'S PARTY

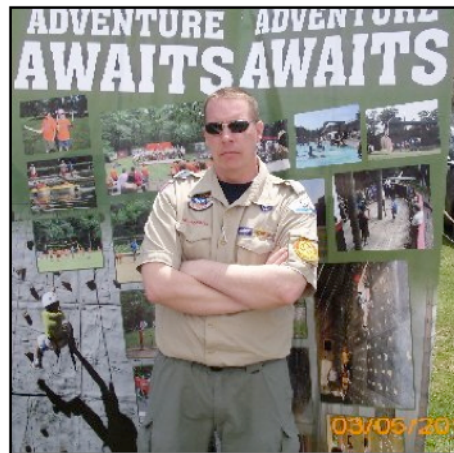
Program is what attracts boys and keeps them coming back for more. Just ask any G.N.Y.C. Scouter and dollars to donuts that would be their sentiments. Their Specialty Camps are traditional in flavor with a reverence to historic America and Scouting traditions. They use this facility as a Year-Round Program. At the close of summer camp, the Reservation reopens to provide opportunities for community, family, and unit camping. They view their Reservation as three major seasons: Summer Camp, Year-Round Program, and Hunting Season. Again, sound familiar? Check out what they have and what they do:

<https://bsa-brmc.org/summercamp>.

LET'S EAT

Tom brings experience in new avenues in feeding Scouts. The approach is unique. Their reservation

feeds in dining facilities cafeteria style. Within a 12-15 minute range they feed 500 plus Scouts. Trays are prepared and serve up to six foods on a tray as Scouts pick up a complete food tray ready for consumption. For breakfast and dinner Scouts sit with their home Troop but for lunch something changes. They have an open lunch program where Scouts can eat beyond the limits of their home troop. So if a Boy meets a new Bud in say Archery MB class, and they want to "lunch" together, they can. Lunch on this open ended program runs from 12:15 PM to 1:00 PM. A very interesting concept and a very unique approach. It works. It's different. It's exciting. It keeps the party going.



G.N.Y.C. New Arrival Thomas (Tom) Pendleton, Interim Director of Camping, Director of Ten Mile River on duty at the West Point Camporee May 2, 2014. He makes those shades look good.

FINANCING THE NUT

There is nothing more lucrative than exercising the physical plant by getting more "fannies in seats." Certainly we have the capacity to entertain an additional 6,000 every summer. Now, those are problems any forward thinking manager and business developer would welcome. Agree? This would be a primary source of newfound monies.

Tom is experienced in speeding up cash flow. Where we have been typically end heavy with payments, their approach is to spread it out to align cash requirements with cash flow. A system of payments due February, May, June to alleviate the burden of cash transmittal when they arrive in camp. Anyone with a cash business knows the perils and pitfalls of cash handling. Not saying what is employed is wrong, but there are other ways to help out the cause.

WHY PENDLETON?

I would guess Tom was hired for what he knows, what he has done and most importantly, what he can do. Having managed and developed multiple camps within a reservation may have initiated interest in him. He comes from a managerial/supervisory background and knows how to handle people, issues, ideas, etc. He has built a camping program to a 10,000 level. He

has done so without having a "Game Boy" in each Scout's fanny pack. Programs he knows are programs built on traditional American and Boy Scouting activities. It works, the numbers show it.

Pendleton wants five years to work a little "magic." He mentioned compiling and implementing a Five Year Plan for T.M.R. This would tie in National Council's strategic plan and vision with G.N.Y.C.'s Strategic plan and vision and in concert with the G.N.Y.C. Camping Committee and our local visionaries and implementers. Yes programs, modes of operation, shelter for campers, feeding finance, etc. are just a few of the areas of interest. He basically wants to turn the Enterprise into the wind so we can launch aircraft.

And please ladies and gentlemen, don't confuse the delivery to the pitch. What he says works, and works well. Listen to the content and you won't go wrong.

LEAVING LEGACIES

T.M.R. had its last revolution in 1967. That was the first year of Self-Reliant Camping with Modified Baker's, dining and kitchen tarps, patrol tables, program boxes and Sheepherder Stoves. It saw the demise of eight-boy cabins, eight-seat latrines, dining halls, food fights, bureaucracies, etc., and the emergent of self responsibility and self reliance. Scoutmasters were now large and in charge. After my conversation with Tom, we could be looking at a second revolution, a positive one, with a wave of innovation that triggers growth. That's exciting!

Having worked for many-a-DofC'ing, you see winners and losers. Some organically awkwardly, some not. Some leave legacy silly legacies of "he switched to generic ketchup instead of Heinz," "milk is a food, not a beverage," "binders twine is just as good as 1/4 inch," "this summer, we used thirteen gazillion squares of toilet paper. Where did it all go?" Well, we know that answer... All these legacies have endured over the decades. These types of legacies don't have a snow balls chance to be tagged to Pendleton. He is just that good, just that innovated. He knows what to deliver and how.

WHAT NOW?

Visit their website, "Blue Ridge Scout Reservation" and nose around. Enjoy their programs and visualize some being a part of T.M.R. Reach out to Tom, in his new assignment and energize him with a firm welcoming handshake, a smile and a note of appreciation for him accepting this assignment. All would be inline. His hiring is a credit to Bob Madsen who sees in Tom what he showed me. Good hire Bob. Nothing like aligning with a winner. Change is coming. Good change. Enjoy the ride.

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NEWS FROM THE CATSKILL CRIER

Editor's Note: The *Catskill Crier* was a newsletter published by C.C.C. Co. 299 when it was based at C.C.C. Camp Ten Mile River in early 1936. It was well written, with many interesting articles. Here are two from the Feb. 14, 1936 issue about the advantages of the new camp and an "Inquiring Reporter" column on what the Enrollees thought of the new camp.

MANY ADVANAGES NOTICED IN NEW CAMP

By P. Riley

Long faces cheer up, you have not been cheated. Just give yourselves time to concentrate and you'll discover that the Narrowsburg camp has many advantages, which our former home never had. In my opinion the advantages outweigh by far any of the disadvantages.

First and mainly we have decent lights. No longer is it necessary to squint and stare and thus take all life and usefulness out of God's great gift, our eyes, in reading. You can do all you want anytime, anywhere and not be afraid of ending up behind spectacles or worse. Also direct power offers us a chance to hear radio receptions without the sound of a far off rumbling of the camp generator. The camp itself is actually quieter without any motor droning. Lights can now be had when needed without having to chase all over creation for the camp mechanic.

Our location is better than at Masonville. Why? Because right in our back yard is a lake good enough to satisfy skating and fishing enthusiasts not saying how it improves the atmosphere and beauty of the camp.



C.C.C. Enrollees in the Woods

Then again, we have walked right into a Rec Hall though not as large still better than our own in Masonville. It looks homier although it still lacks some necessary fixtures to make it a place really worthwhile. To have a good start in the fireplace and all we need now are more additions, which I

am sure, are on the way.

Barracks can now be kept clean of mud and dirt with the fine layout of sidewalks; which also makes it safe for polished shoes to navigate and remain polished.

In the log cabin we have something that can be made into a fine schoolhouse or reading room and it is understood that plans have already gone into action to that effect. Of course, it may not duplicate the school system, yet with cooperation it can be made into something really practical and efficient on behalf of all who are wise enough to take advantage of it.



Camp Ten Mile River

But, the biggest advantage of all is the change in climate, they say. Doctors tell sick men, good men say to bad men and so forth, "*What you need is a change of climate so you can begin anew, rectify your mistakes and get started on the right road.*" It's all stilted stuff but it's good enough to report. It's never too late to begin. No matter what you've been in the past with a change you have a chance to arrange your future so when the time comes when what is now the future becomes the past it will overshadow all unpleasant thoughts and leave only the good.

It's up to the individual. Sounds foolish but it's true. Every cloud has a silver lining but like everything else you have to search for it to find it. Spend more time improving yourself instead of finding fault with others. Remember, a good, clean company, spiritually and mentally is to the mutual benefit of you and you alone for it shapes out your future. THINK IT OVER.



C.C.C. Enrollees Removing Trees

INQUIRING REPORTER

Reporter: Sgt. Frank Crabbe

Question: What is your opinion of the new camp?

John Orkwis: I think that the camp is alright, but I think our camp in Idaho was much better as it provided more advantages for the men of the company. Such as, better facilities for recreation and more sports.

Jim Vivacqua: I haven't seen enough of the county to talk about it but when Sears and I got to that lookout tower maybe we will come back with a good story.

Harold Mercia: I think the camp is located in a good spot for fellows who want to save their money. But for anyone who wants to go to town all the time it isn't so good.

Al Babeln: This new camp of ours offers a broader scope of outdoor activities. In general the camp is O.K.

Bob Walthers: (night watchman) The camp is alright as we have electricity at all times and I can read at night.

Ben Alexander: I like this camp because the surrounding territory gives me an opportunity to take many hikes and discover many interesting things.

Paul Domo: I like this camp because I can go out skiing and hiking, which can be done very easily here with the surrounding environments.

Ben Madden: I think the camp is O.K. and the fellows are all real sports, but I can't say much about the camp, as I have only been here a short time.

Albert Tesla: I think it is a very good camp as we have a place to go skating and sleigh riding, although the girls are not so plentiful around here. There is good fishing in the lake if the fellows would get out and try it.

Al Sears: I think the camp is O.K. It is in a very nice location but a little too far from town. But one's idle time can be used by bundling up good and taking a little stroll around the vicinity. There is an abundance of good and beautiful scenery that could be enjoyed by all members.

Len Borruso: In my opinion, the camp is O.K. But it's too far from town. Anyway the town isn't so hot and a fellow should be able to save most of his money here.

Caryl Smith: We have a fine camp here, if a fellow doesn't care for the pleasures of town he will find it very ideal. You can find plenty of recreation in the field of sports at our camp and vicinity affords.

John O'Mallry: (cook) The best thing about camp is the continuous supply of electricity which we need so early in the morning to start our days work.

Edgar Wardwell: I like the camp except for the fact that they won't allow me to set my traps.

Tommy Novaro: I like the recreation hall better than the one at the Masonville camp. It is much warmer.



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T.M.R. MESS HALL MEMORIES

By: John Cleary

I am fortunate to have been on the Ihpetonga (D4 Brooklyn) staff for eight years (1947-54). From those days I have memories I cherish of people, places and events that I recall often and others that just pop up out of nowhere after 60 years. As you might imagine, they range from borderline crazy to close to sublime. I'd like to share one with you – THE MESS HALL.

Here are some of the thoughts that come to the surface as I attempt to distill the experience. Three times a day, it was like entering a local town hall celebration with its town criers with information and town clowns with cheers and songs. It was like 300 kids from all over Brooklyn graduating into a unified "Scoutlyn."

I think mostly about the cheers and the songs; many silly and some great. During each two-week period we learned a few new songs and sang many oldies. The new songs came from new troops in camp or often from the mess halls of the three other divisions. For the All Brooklyn Council Fire every two weeks (total of about 1200 scouts) each division brought a new song. All the scouts knew the other songs at the council fire from their respective mess hall experiences.

We didn't realize it then, but the kitchen crew was essential to this whole phenomenon. With the exception of the cooks, the kitchen crew members were all active Scouts who functioned in the truly Scouting way of cheerful service behind the scenes. They also proudly comprised a somewhat benignly eccentric "unattached/troop/tribe" of their own.



The Kunatah Mess Hall

As they worked their way through three meals every day they were the singing and shouting keepers of the song culture. They were the also the unofficial filters through which new songs were tested and entered the Mess Hall scene. I remember once when the D4 kitchen crew decided to meet at midnight, climb up on the Brooklyn Camp Arch and sing the Ihpetonga Song book until sunrise and then proceed to the Mess Hall for work. They did it!

Many of the T.M.R. heroes of yesteryear were graduates of the kitchen crew. Bob Lander from Flatbush was a D4 Steward where he met Nick

Dale. Dan Paul was Steward and eventually Camp Director while on his way to getting his doctorate at Michigan. Marvin Abrams who now has a big part in keeping us old timers together is one of the hundreds of kitchen greats.

Seventy (70) Brooklyn Arrowheads, from all of the four Brooklyn Camps recently came together at T.M.R. for its 50th consecutive year. Where did we stay several days for most of those years? At the Keowa MESS HALL.

About a dozen years ago I was happy to spend one week during each of two consecutive summers with my troop at Camp Aquehonga. It was a delight to observe and participate in what I consider a true continuation of the T.M.R. spirit and Scouting. Aquehonga does not have a mess hall. My point of presenting my experience of 60 years ago has two purposes.

The first purpose is to contribute to the awareness of a treasured T.M.R. time as an encouragement to its present Scouts and leaders as they continue thoroughly healthy scouting in the T.M.R. tradition as they build their "time." My second reason is to recommend that current leadership might be able to smoke out and involve additional alumni by encouraging them to share their MESS HALL experiences.

T.M.R. CAMP STORIES

Editor's Note: The below stories are the result of a suggestion by a dear friend to many of us, Trustee Morty Fink. He suggested we include stories from former and current campers talking about where they are now and how camp helped them throughout their lives. Recently Chairman Drilling and I discussed our wish for multigenerational stories. We would love if our readers would submit grandfather-father-son, brother-brother stories. Or even better we want to get stories from the spouses, mothers and sisters of campers. Tell us what it was like when you packed your family member up for camp. When you visited them and what that was like, and also what it was like when they came home with lots of laundry.

SUMMER CAMP

This story was originally written 7/19/12 for another outlet.

Today, I spent the day at the American Museum of Natural History (A.M.N.H.). I got there at about 1 p.m. There were tons of camp groups wandering through the museum. I knew this would happen. This would bother some museumgoers. But I loved it.

I wandered through the mammals' wing. A bunch of kids stood in front of the wolves. They shrieked, "Wolf." They all tapped on the glass and yelled, "You can't get me." They all smiled and went to the next exhibit.

Most of these kids were day campers. I did see a group wearing T-shirts that said their camp hailed from the "Old Dominion" state. Maybe they were

on a trip into the City that Never Sleeps.

I too, went to camp; Camp Chappagat (*aka "Chappy Hill"*), part of Ten Mile River Scout Camps, located in Narrowsburg, N.Y. Mine was sleep away camp. I lived there for many weeks during my summer. It was the greatest experience of my life. Nothing can replace it. I was 12 when I arrived on the Hill. Sometimes I still feel like I am 12 -- and on the Hill. I made more lifelong friends than I can ever count. I still speak to dozens of them every day.

So while these kids in the A.M.N.H. were on a camp field trip, I thought back to the trips we took. We went on many. Yeah, we went to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown to pay our respects to the team that the building was built for -- the 27-Time World Champions. We went to Callicoon to bowl. We went to Action Park where I fell off the Alpine Slide. It was painful. And who can forget our Super Week banquet in El Monaco's. Man how I miss the red sauce.

We enjoyed these trips. But I must say and I surely hope my fellow "Scouuuuuuts" will agree that our best trips were the ones we did right in the vicinity of our blessed camp.

We had bog hikes. What could be more fun than playing in a bog? We went to Father Meyers Swimming Hole. It had a giant tree with a rope tied around it. We climbed up the tree and grabbed the rope. We swung on it, until we fell into the swimming hole. We swam around a little and climbed right back up our tree.

On Saturdays, we had lean-to inspections and hiked out to Bob Landers. Most of us had the two hamburgers, fries and soft drink special. Then we hiked to the Delaware and Ten Mile Rivers to swim.

We hiked back up to our beloved hill. We had a great BBQ and then our famous campfires. We had skits that would have won more Tony's than any Broadway drama or musical. We were that talented.

T.M.R. is huge. We went on many hikes. My favorites were led by an alumnus. He used to come up and stay on the Hill each summer for about three weeks. He used to teach me all sorts of things about the camp. He became my mentor. I still consider him my leader.

He would take us to D-1; his camp. On the way, he would point out historic sites: the dining hall, old cabins and other stuff. Sadly, none of these buildings remain. Well one was actually moved to our Camp Museum in headquarters. He took us to the "Asshole."

The Asshole is two large rocks with openings that resemble the aforementioned. I visited about three summers ago. It is still there.

We went on other great trips in camp. We went to the old sawmill; we hiked through closed down sites and dreamed of what went on there.

Sadly, Camp Chappy closed after 1988. But every day, especially during the summer, I still dream about the fun we had there. Oh Chappy, boy do I miss you.

I would love to carry a Scouuuuuut's trunk up the hill.

CH CH CH AP AP AP EG EG EG AT, Chappagat, Chappagat, Yeah Chappagat.

By Mitchell Slepian, Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, Aquehongian Lodge #112, Chappy staff

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WHERE I AM TODAY AND WHAT I DID IN CAMP

My name is Leon Feingold, and I'm now 41 years old. I live in Manhattan and run my own real estate practice here, finding apartments for people who need them. I am also a lawyer, I give baseball-pitching lessons (I played pro for 6 years), and I do volunteer/activist work with the polyamory community, Mensa, the Freemasons, and whoever else has managed to catch my attention that week. I have been featured on the View, CNN, New York Times, HBO, MTV, and broadcast television for some of these, and coauthor a relationship advice column at <http://openloveny.blogspot.com>.

I've got a serious girlfriend, a few less serious ones, and life is pretty damn good.

I camped at Ten Mile River with Dave Lelonek, Larry LeShay, and the Chappagat Scouts for a total of four years. 1985 was my first, at the age of 12, and I started one week earlier than planned because I got kicked out of my prior summer camp for mooning visitors canoeing on the lake on Family Day. As an obviously wild and crazy guy, I fit right in with the band of rebels at Chappy Hill.

What do I remember most about my time at Chappy? The arduous climb to the top, crested by the Scoutmaster's cabin "The Palace," was to my 14-year-old self akin to the stone steps climbed by Uma Thurman and David Carradine in Kill Bill.

There was the abandoned mess hall at the bottom of the hill, which after hours of diligent hunting for buried treasure revealed only a rusty dinner knife. Mail Call, which would often have catalogs, samples, and joyously received junk mail ordered in our names (often our pun-filled nicknames) so no one would go the summer without receiving anything. Our version of Capture the Flag, which involved finding and stealing a "bomb" (really, a Clincher softball marked TNT in Sharpie) from the camp leaders without getting caught. I still have one in my garage at home. Meal songs led by an emcee, TJ the DJ? Sporadic radio broadcasts from Uncle Funky, the secret identity of ASM Larry LeShay. The Olympics!

Sometimes sports-talent-related, sometimes Spaz Olympics which involved more sublime and ridiculous competitions like farting on command. Catching small random wild animals like frogs, snakes, and turtles, and setting them loose inside the terrarium. Cherokee Red soda was the usual prize (kept cool in a stream) for winning stuff. There was the always really cold shower behind the softball field. Dropping a table on my toe while moving it (thanks Bergy!) in 1987, which literally only healed properly in 2013.

There are more, but these stand out the most in my mind - of course, as well as the friendships and bonds with my fellow Scouts which still keep these things fresh and fun in my mind. It's been great just thinking about them. Hope you enjoyed, too.

By Leon Feingold

T.M.R.

As a third generation Scouter and Family Camper, our family spent Week 3 and Week 4 at Ten Mile River every summer. I still remember the

first interminable three-hour trip through Central and North New Jersey, then Pennsylvania, only to arrive back in New York State again! At 8 years old this was an eternity, especially since it was spent in one of two Fiats meticulously packed full of supplies, clothes and camping gear. However, once you turned onto the dirt road from the paved one and received your annual admonishment to "Slow Down, Stupid" followed by "Welcome Home," you have arrived at Family Camp. This was sage advice, as we all know the true definition of the T.M.R. acronym.

The program at Family Camp was an excellent primer for my attendance at Aquehonga as a Scout a few years later. Our troop still occupies Site 12 during Week 4 each year. As a camper at Site 12, you quickly learn to leave early for hustling grub or your activities each day, as 12 is tucked away behind Field Sports and the Waterfront.

I have been nostalgically browsing tenmileriver.org while typing this and came across the 2013 Patrol Cooking Guide. It is no surprise that some of the menu items have changed in the last 20 years, but it is comforting to know that READ INSTRUCTIONS TWICE BEFORE STARTING is still a prominent reminder to the cooks on the duty roster at every meal. Did you remember to put a pot of water on the stove to boil for clean up?

I have so many great memories of camp programs and outdoor activities at T.M.R., but it was the dedication, enthusiasm and teamwork of the Family Camp and Aquehonga staff that made it a truly memorable experience.

By Michael Varis

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I was a camper in Kotohke and in Campsite Delaware in 1947; I was Head Waiter and Steward.

I have been the host of the public service Auto Lab Broadcast heard every Saturday morning on WMCA 8-9 and WNYM 9-10 and simulcast throughout the world at www.theautochannel.com/cybercast/theautolab.

It is a program dedicated to reporting the information provided by Consumer Reports, The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. In addition we provide help to our listeners who call in with their automotive problems.

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You can see what we have done by going to www.theautochannel.com/cybercast/theautolab.

By Harold Wolchok

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MY FIRST SUMMER IN TMR

I was at the Northeast Region Jewish Committee

on Scouting conference Sunday (March 23rd) and ran into Hal and Dave from the T.M.R. museum org and one of the displays they had included a picture from the 50s of Scouts around a stone tower.

That got me thinking about the time I hiked into the old Lakeside camp area from Kernochan in 1980. By then, Lakeside had been closed for some time and the area was allowed to become completely overgrown. It was my first summer at T.M.R. and some of the older campers thought they could have a little fun with us newbie's by taking us to the "haunted" camp. These were the same fellas that told us stories of the "Willy Monster" on the bus ride up from Port Authority to make sure we were properly primed for their maximum amusement.

We hiked down towards Crystal Lake and then, instead of going to the waterfront, turned into the woods. It was a mild summer day, just perfect for a hike. We cleared the trees and stepped out into a meadow. In the middle was the tower of stones just peeking above the tall grasses. We went to it and inspected it and then, as boys will, climbed it to see what else was around.

All we saw was a view of the lake, with both Kernochan and Keowa waterfronts visible, grass and trees. It was a peaceful place, but definitely had the feel of abandonment. The big boys told us ghost stories and gave gory reasons for the closing of the camp, but under the bright sun, it just didn't have the impact they had hoped for. We younger kids came back to that field on our own a few more times during our three week stay, as we realized it was the perfect place to work on our Fishing and Environmental Science merit badges or to just find some solitude. All the reasons T.M.R. was and still is the perfect place for a boy.

By Seth Walter

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My summers at "Chappy" remain to this day some of my fondest memories of my youth. The mile swim, canoe swamping, Dinner at the Dam, feel like a million years ago, but also like it was just last week. What I wouldn't give to go back for a full week!

By Danny Weiss, Eagle Scout, Chappy Camper

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I can't count the number of times my wife has asked me "where did you learn that?" And my answer has been "at Scout camp." Whether it's been when we've rented a catamaran on vacation to sail, went camping as a family and wanted a fire at night, or bandaged up one of my children after they've been hurt. My time at T.M.R. was short. Only a few summers but the experiences I had there shaped me for a lifetime.

My summers there developed a love for the outdoors and especially the waterfront. I am now a waterfront director at a sleep away camp. I bring my love of the water to others. Learning the skills in T.M.R. was great. But there was something else about being up there in the outdoors, sleeping under the stars which made the experience with my other scouts something to look back on with great fondness and happy memories.

By Michael Seltzer, Eagle Scout, Chappy Camper

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THE COLLEGE POINT SEA BASE

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I recently reviewed early issues of the *Daily Star*, a Queens newspaper, and found multiple references to the *College Point Sea Scout Base*, which was the center of Sea Scouting in Queens during the 1920s. Queens Council was one of the first in the United States to establish Sea Scouting. By June 1918, two Queens Ships were registered as active with National Council: the *Constitution* and the *Monitor*. The *Monitor* was a 28-foot naval yawl, renovated after months of work by a Sea Scout crew organized by Jamaica Scoutmaster H. C. Barnes.

After a short experience in Jamaica Bay it was found that the facilities at hand were inadequate. With the assistance of the Navy Department, the *Monitor* was towed to College Point, Queens.

After a reorganization of the crew under James W. Pryor of Flushing, the *Monitor* became a familiar sight on Flushing Bay. By February 1921, the crew of fifteen members, with a skipper and two junior officers, were quartered in an abandoned barge on the bank of Flushing Bay. The barge consisted of three small rooms, with a gallery stove, cooking and mess gear, sea togs and equipment.

By May 1921, the barge had been rented and no longer available for use by the Sea Scouts. The Sea Scout Shipping Board of Queens, consisting of Jacob Sluzbach, chairman; Charles Lee Andrews, George J. Stelz, James W. Pryor and Queens Council Executive C. A. Worden met to find a replacement.

Agreement was reached between Queens Council and the American Hard Rubber Company Athletic Club to provide use of Ahrco Field in College Point as headquarters for the Queens Sea Scouts. Ahrco Field was constructed in 1915 and used for amateur soccer, football and semi-pro baseball games. It was located at 115th Street and Fourteenth Avenue, bordering on the East River. At the time, there were no other Sea Scout bases operating in New York City.

Ahrco Field was already very familiar to the College Point Boy Scouts. They celebrated the 1921 Independence Day at Ahrco Field, with shoe and sack races, three-legged races, and various dashes, open to all College Point boys.

Plans for the 22 ft. x 32 ft. one-story frame structure were drawn up by Alfred J. Dillon of College Point. The intention was for the building to be used for Sea Scout meetings, overnight campouts and to store all necessary seafaring equipment. The lumber for the structure was donated and the American Hard Rubber Company provided their carpenters to aid construction. At



1924 Aerial Photo of Ahrco Field and the College Point Sea Base.

the time, the College Point crew had three boats donated by the Government: The *Monitor* and two whaleboats, a navy cutter and a skiff. The Sea Scouts made periodical cruises up Long Island Sound.

A three-day "Scout Jamboree" was scheduled at Ahrco Field, Sept. 15-17, 1921 to recruit boys into Scouting. Many contests were scheduled, including a pie-eating contest, boxing and wrestling matches.

By late October 1921, construction of the Sea Scout headquarters was complete and sea gear moved to it from previous locations. It was located adjacent to the shore, and had a large open fireplace, cooking and mess gear, hammocks to sleep in, and nautical equipment of every variety. Camping equipment for cruising along shore, rope, tackle and life-saving equipment was also on hand. The grounds about the building were suitable for camping and several small tents were available. The building was also suitable for winter use.

The baseball field on the property permitted the Sea Scouts to engage in athletic contests and land drills.

The Sea Scout crew met at the base every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Base was advertised as having great advantages to the working boy who could not spend his entire summer in camp. It was noted that the trolley ran within one block of Ahrco Field.

In November, the Sea Scouts removed fifteen feet of the stone sea wall in front of their headquarters in order to bring in their whaleboats. In December, the Sea Scouts installed in the building a large cooking stove.

In May 1922, a borough-wide meeting of all Scoutmasters and Queens Boy Scouts was held at Ahrco Field to prepare for the Memorial Day parade and exercises.

James W. Pryor of Flushing served as skipper of the crew and portmaster of Queens Borough. He was assisted by E. H. Goetze, Leonard Scharfe,

Rudolph Zwicke and Walter Thorne as junior officers. Boys from all over Queens joined the crew.

In June 1922, the Sea Scouts made some news by saving a \$35,000 seaplane, moored off their base, from being dashed to pieces after an eighty mile gale had broken its mooring. College Point Troops celebrated the 1922 Independence Day with a parade through town ending at Archo field, where the Scouts heard speeches from dignitaries, observed a ball game and celebrated the rest of the day.

On July 5th, acting Chief Sea Scout Captain W. Huston Lillard moored the schooner *Black Duck* at the Sea Scout Base and led a conference of Sea Scout officials from the Greater New York area. The B.S.A. *Monitor*, the *Resolute*, *Admiral Dewey*, *Spuyton Duyvile* and the *Mayflower* were also in attendance, fully manned. During the following week the *Black Duck* took short cruises around Pelham Bay, demonstrating Sea Scouting to visitors. This conference was noted in the 1922 B.S.A. Annual Report.



Judge James Cropsey and Brooklyn Sea Scouts - 1931

Skipper Pryor died on April 10, 1924 and was replaced on June 4, 1924 by Robert C. Whitten, captain of the College Point Life Saving Corps. Captain Whitten was also appointed portmaster of the Sea Scout Base at Ahrco Field. Instead of building a life saving training station at the old ferry terminal as had been planned, the corps would take over the Sea Scout base as its headquarters. The plan was for the corps to train the Sea Scouts in swimming, boating and other branches of seamanship, followed by the elements of life saving.

In 1925, Rudolph Zwicke was appointed chief skipper, assisted by John Barlow. Plans were made to make the base headquarters available for weekend campouts by Queens Boy Scouts. By the end of 1925, 306 Scouts camped weekends in the headquarters with a total of 600 camp days. A Christmas week camp had an enrollment of 46.

By March 1926, plans were made to redesign the headquarters, add shower stalls and establish a swimming area. Queens Scouting officials

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anticipated that Queens Scouts would camp most every weekend at the Sea Base and during summer camp.

In March 1927, Queens Scout Executive C. A. Worden announced an expansion of the Sea Scout program in Queens, led by Michael E. Luciano, a WWI veteran. National Sea Scout Director Thomas J. Keane (a resident of Forest Hills), Scout Executive Worden and Mr. Luciano held a luncheon conference, when it was decided to open the Queens Sea Base, overhaul its four boats and launch a general seamanship course for Scouts.

During 1928, the base headquarters was frequently used by Troop 1, College Point, for meetings, parties and as a start-off point for hikes.

By 1929, death and other adversities resulted in the dissolution of the Sea Scout crew. In January 1929, a meeting was held in Jamaica by Regional Sea Scout Executive B. G. Andrews to reestablish Sea Scouting in Queens. It was felt that a revival of interest in Astoria, Ridgewood, Flushing, Jamaica and Douglaston would result in new Sea Scout Units.

On February 6, 1930 the Sea Scout Base headquarters was partially burned down, due to bonfires set by local boys on the nearby shore. The building was unoccupied at the time. An article in the *Daily Star* stated that the building was being used as quarters by the Sea Scouts of the Junior Naval Reserve during their summer encampments in College Point.

In April 1930, Ahrco field was closed to the general public due to vandalism during the previous season, including wrecking a part of the grandstand, concession booths and the destruction of the Sea Scout base.

In 1942, the Edgewater Industrial Park was constructed on the site of Ahrco field. The site of the *College Point Sea Scout Base* is now occupied by a parking lot.

If anyone has any photos or additional information on the *College Point Sea Scout Base*, please contact me at dmalatzky@aol.com and:

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DAMN THAT COOKOUT

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Back in the day, when were in summer camp, we would have a Dam Cookout. It quickly became the "Damn That Cookout."

We would row out to Rock Lake's dam. It was all the way at the end. It was far from the Kunatah docks. That was the site where many of us leapt off of to go swimming every afternoon.

I went back four summers ago and realized it wasn't really that far. But to us teens it was like paddling down the Amazon and hoping to reach a stopping point. Of course, I've never paddled down the Amazon. The only Amazon I've visited is Amazon.com.

Let us get back to my dam. The staff, which included me, would pack up the burgers, dogs and other stuff for our BBQ. Someone would drive our stuff down to the famous dam. The rest of us would hop into our rowboats. I loved rowing on Rock Lake. Canoeing and kayaking was fun, too. I would even carry trunks. Not on the lake. But that's a discussion for another time...

We would try and race each other to see who could get there first. We would dock and hang out. I being the camp cook would select a few of my favorites.... They helped me light the fire and grill

the dogs and burgers. The food came from the ever-delicious Kunatah Dining Hall. So it was kosher. Not sure once us heathens touched them they remained that way. But all we did was toss them on our grills. So who knows?

The rest of the campers would spend the day swimminK (note the "K", some of the astute camp leaders allege I changed the ings to inKs. I don't believe it) at the dam. Eventually, they got out of the lake to dine. I got my swim time, too. So don't worry that I slaved over the grill all day.

After we finished our meal, we may have swum a little more. Then we got ready to row back to the docks.

But before heading on that long voyage home, we would clean up. As good Scouts, we'd police the area quite well. We would load our garbage into the Whomobile or the Truckster. It was taken back to the Hill.

Those Scouuuuts who failed to earn merit badges were placed on a "special" list. They would be charged with cleaning up the cookware.

At the '84 Dam cookout one of our leaders missed getting into a boat and broke his foot. Boy did that create an interesting rest of summer. This of course is why the famous dam cookout became the, "Damn That Cookout." From that point on when we created the camp's weekly program, we'd write in "Damn That Cookout." Thankfully, no one got hurt at future Damn That Cookouts.

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I spent time during three summers in T.M.R., mostly in Kunatah. My second year there I was able to spend a few weeks in the Ramapo troop before my own troop was scheduled to arrive. My memories of the Ramapos are of meeting my friends at the "board" where you would place a buddy tag on whatever area you were headed for (lake, Ponderosa, trading post), a bacon treat for those of us that were able to eat it, and of course our verbal battles with Chappegat in the dining hall!

My last year at T.M.R. was at Aquehonga in 1987 where I was able to enjoy patrol site cooking for the first time, and start my tenure as SPL of Troop 8.

Since those times I have served in the U.S. Air Force, relocated to Denver Colorado for college (and ultimately marriage). I am now a firefighter with the City of Denver, and have also spent time with the U.S. Navy Reserve.

By Ron Hensler, Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, Aquehongan Lodge #112

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I am presently a supervisor in the emergency medical field. I have been in the EMS for 25 years.

I made Eagle Scout in 1989. This was one of my biggest achievements in life. It has helped my advancement in life many times. I learned leadership through Scouts that I use at my job every day. I'm proud to tell all that I'm an Eagle Scout. To all Scouts, keep taking steps in your journey. It truly helps you through life...

My days at camp were fun. I initially attended Camp Kernochan, which closed while I was in my mid-teens. I remember the fun at the dining hall; the songs, the skits, hanging with other scouts that I have now become longtime friends with. The friendships I made were second to nothing else.

By Bill Goffin, Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, Aquehongan Lodge #112

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I spent many years at T.M.R. from 1986-2001. From a Cub Scout at Keowa, to a Boy Scout at Aquehonga, to a junior leader and eventual adult leader with the Staten Island Webelos at Keowa.

One memory that stands out was when we would take the Senior Webelos on an overnight excursion, where we hiked a few miles, slept under the stars, and showed them some more Boy Scout-oriented skills. We used three separate camps through the years: Kernochan, Trout Pond, and Conklin Farms on the Delaware. Each camp had its own charm, but there was nothing like sitting on the stone steps at Kernochan, after dinner and just discussing the history of T.M.R., Boy Scouts in general, and camping. It is truly an amazing place that will always be in my heart.

By Brian Birstler, Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, Aquehongan Lodge #112

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I grew up in Cub World but Boy Scouts changed my point of view on life I am grateful for scouting and being a staffer. K U N A T A H, / Keowa hats off to thee.

By Jimmy Russell, T.M.R. staffer

THE JEWISH COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

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The Jewish Committee on Scouting, a national organization, is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016, just two years from now. The Jewish Committee is of particular interest because of its early association with New York City and the formation of the Jewish Committee for Greater New York in 1935. The Jewish Committee on Scouting used the New York Committee to develop and test organization plans and programs for N.Y.C. Jewish Scouts. These were later distributed to cities with Jewish populations throughout the United States, with the hope that they would each organize their own local Jewish Committee.

The early years of the Jewish Committee are documented in the B.S.A. Annual Reports. Excerpts from the Annual Reports describing the Jewish Committee (1930-1940) can be found in the Museum library and on our web site.

The Jewish Committee is one of several committees associated with major religions established by the B.S.A., primarily to encourage sponsorship of Scouting Units by institutions affiliated with those religions. According to the 1935 Annual Report, a majority of the Jewish population in the United States resided within 30 miles of New York City, making it the logical place to establish a Jewish Committee on Scouting and focus efforts on organizing Scouting Units sponsored by Jewish institutions.

In 1926, the Jewish Committee was founded by Dr. Cyrus Adler, an educator, Jewish religious leader and scholar. By 1930, the Committee consisted of representatives from eleven national Jewish associations, was self-funding, and had a full-time executive director, Mr. Philip W. Russand, who prepared printed folders, articles for the Jewish press and visited cities with large Jewish populations. Committee members promoted Scouting on radio broadcasts. The committee issued leaflets in both English and Yiddish and helped establish kosher kitchens in Boy Scout camps.

In 1933, the Jewish Committee was able to identify 43 new troops of Jewish boys, which were organized due to its efforts within the previous year. The most active of the groups affiliated with the Committee was the A.Z.A. (Junior Order of the B'nai B'rith), which organized 18 troops within the year and was responsible for 56 troops jointly



Dr. Cyrus Adler



The Synagogue in the Pines

sponsored by the A.Z.A. and other local Jewish institutions.

The Jewish Committee published and distributed through the B.S.A. several thousand copies of a 40-page booklet, "Scouting and the Jewish Boy," and a leaflet in English and Yiddish, "What is Scouting." (Both are in the Museum's collection.) An article, "The Jewish Boy in A Scout Camp," was published in various Jewish publications and newspapers.

The B.S.A. Assistant Director of Relationships, as part of his regular service, made several extended visits to nearby Scout camps attended by large numbers of Jewish boys.

In 1935, the Jewish Committee recognized the need to develop a conference of Jewish organizations to promote the Scouting program among Jewish boys in the N.Y.C. Metropolitan area. Dr. Cyrus Adler appointed Frank L. Weil, a prominent New York attorney, and member of the Committee, to head this group. Mr. Weil called a meeting of a representative group on October 24, and representatives were appointed for B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Welfare Board, the United Synagogue of America, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Young Israel, National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, Metropolitan Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Young Judea, B'rith Sholem, B'rith Abraham and Free Sons of Israel. Each of these representatives undertook to form a committee within his own group and through this committee to stimulate its members to promote the Scouting program in local institutions.

Mr. Weil pointed out the necessity for complete autonomy in each Jewish group and indicated that the function of the general Jewish Committee for the metropolitan area would be to advise, consult with, and stimulate the several group committees to carry on the Scout program with their respective constituencies.

The same year, Mr. Jesse J. Finkle developed for the United Synagogues a series of Scouting-Jewish programs for various Jewish holidays throughout the year.

In addition, several projects were identified for the Jewish Committee on Scouting to carry out:

1. Rebuild the group representation in the Jewish Committee and get members who will work with their own constituencies.
2. Update the program for Jewish holidays prepared by Mr. Finkle and make it available for general use by Boy Scout troops in all the Jewish groups.
3. A special committee with representation from each of the Jewish groups should prepare a series of Scouting articles for the Jewish periodicals.
4. News releases should be sent systematically to the Jewish press.
5. Scouting should be presented to Jewish assemblies of all kinds.
6. There should be Scout talks on the radio.

The 1936 B.S.A. Annual Report conservatively noted an increase of 100 Jewish troops in the previous year, with the total number on file for 1935-36 including 582 Jewish troops nationwide.

The Metropolitan group under Frank L. Weil and Harry L. Glucksman developed a more intensive program in the five boroughs of New York City. Funds were raised and Mr. Herman Alofsin was employed to work with Jewish agencies operating in the five boroughs. Their first objective was to discover what organizations and groups could effectively promote Scouting and what procedures were most effective in establishing and maintaining troops in Jewish institutions.

Within the N.Y.C. Metropolitan area, Jewish troops were making extensive use of the program for Jewish holidays prepared by Mr. Finkle. A new special program for Sabbath observance was prepared by Jerome G. Vogel, international chairman of the A.Z.A. Scout committee.

In 1937, the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York had one staff man employed full-time working with the Jewish Committee on developing relationships with Jewish agencies in the five New York City boroughs. It was felt that experiences gained in N.Y.C. with Jewish relationships would greatly benefit the work of Scouting in other parts of the county.



The Synagogue in the Pines

In 1938, the Jewish Committee for Greater New York under chairman Frank L. Weil, and supported by John Schiff and Paul Warburg, made major progress. A chairman for each borough was selected from local Jewish leaders, each who proceeded to organize his own committee, recruited from the B.S.A. council organization in each borough. The New York Committee consisted of the five borough chairmen and Mr. Weil and met every two months to discuss common problems of organization and to report progress.

The New York Committee issued a pamphlet explaining its function and plan of work. Copies were sent out to Jewish leaders in other cities with a suggestion that they organize the work among Jewish people in their cities and in cooperation with their local councils as it was done in Greater New York.

Mr. Herman Alofsin was employed by the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York to carry out the experimental program with the Jewish plan in the five boroughs of Greater New York, with the expectation that the plan would be extended to other Jewish centers once proven effective.

In 1940, the Jewish Committee for Greater New York consisted of chairman Frank L. Weil with the

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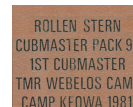
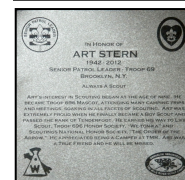
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EXCERPTS FROM MY FATHER'S EULOGY, DELIVERED, APRIL 28, 2014, MT. HEBRON

By Mitchell Slepian

Well dad, I can't believe what I am saying. I struggled so much in the last few days. But let me talk about good stuff. Let's see I remember when I had half-day kindergarten at PS 209 and every Wednesday you left work early to get me. That was right after my Ahi Yezer days. We'd take walks along Sheepshead Bay Road and wind up in Baskin Robbins. You'd take me to the firehouse and lots of other places. Or when we went to Lake George and I said Daddy Bruce and we walked in the forest.

When I was 8, I joined the Cub Scouts because of you. One day, I was in Pouch Scout Camp and saw people wearing Order of the Arrow sashes. I was 8 or 9 at the time. But after hearing you tell me about it, I knew I had to get elected when I became a Boy Scout. He was chief of the former Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge, Brooklyn and at that time at 16 years of age, he was the youngest brother to be inducted into the Order's highest honor, the Vigil. He was given the name Shattek-Younger Brother.

I was chief of the former Aquehongian Lodge, Staten Island. We are the only father-son chiefs

between Brooklyn and SI and maybe even all of N.Y.C. My name is Alhaquot Aptonen-Stormy Speaker. I was 17.

I remember the smile on his face when they put the sash on me, named me and handed me my axe. No one was surprised with my name. He went on every winter camp out with us. And every summer my home troop went to Forestburg Scout Reservation. He would pick me up from my camp, the place that changed me forever my Troop 521/721 Chappagat Hill, Ten Mile River Scout Camps and spend the week with me in Forestburg. He was in the rowboat while I did the mile swim. I remember how proud he was when I made Eagle.

July 1, 2000 several friends and I went to camp. Unfortunately, there was an awful accident on the way home. I spent the summer in the hospital and he even though he lived in Florida he was in the hospitals I was in almost every day.

RIP: Bruce Slepian, 11/22/46-4/25/14, Netami Sakima (Lodge Chief), Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge #24, 1966-67, Chapter Chief, Ktchquehellen Chapter, 1965-1966

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following borough representatives: The Bronx, Benjamin J. Rabin; Brooklyn, Benjamin C. Ribman; Manhattan, Rabbi William F. Rosenblum; Queens, Mordecai Konowitz; Staten Island, Cornelius Bregoff. The Greater New York Committee established cooperative relationships in community centers, and Y.M.H.A.'s affiliated with the Jewish Welfare Board, with local lodges of B'nai B'rith, B'rith Sholom, B'rith Abraham, the Jewish War Veterans, and the synagogues of all branches of Judaism. There were large increases in the number of Scout troops in the Bronx, in Brooklyn, and in Manhattan.

The Jewish Committee was gratified with its progress in the five boroughs and planned to apply the same methods of promotion of Scouting in all the larger cities with considerable Jewish population. The 1940 B.S.A. Annual Report noted that Los Angeles has a Jewish committee, and there were at least 25 other cities with sufficient Jewish population to justify forming a Jewish Committee on Scouting.

Publications in the Museum's library and website relating to the Jewish Committee on Scouting and Jewish Scouting in New York City:

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THE CHAPPY YEARS, SETTING UP CAMP

By: David Lelonek

Editor's Note: This is the 2nd part of a multi-part series of articles by David Lelonek on his years at Chappy.

As we now had an entire large old camp to ourselves, we needed to find a way to communicate with everyone what was going on. This was facilitated by the means of an old school cathode ray tube PA system, which was being tossed out when a new solid state one was being put in. Although it took about a minute to warm up, once on, it could easily be heard throughout Chappy, as well as the most of the rest of Kunatah with the large old battleship speakers we had hooked up. We actually put the speakers on a pivoting system, so that we could turn the speakers as necessary to either reach our site or the rest of the camp. Most of Kunatah hated our loud presence but we loved it.

The Palace got transformed from a musty, stale, old office into a great hang-out with a good cleaning, a fresh paint-job, carpeting, a large refrigerator (which was often packed with soda and drinks), a packed pantry (filled with snacks), posters, a black light, an old sturdy large wooden teacher's desk, closets full of board game, our camp library (a very large collection of merit badge books, Fieldbooks, and related literature), and some sofas and chairs. The Palace was an efficient office, a great advancement facility during the day and a wonderful hangout at night. Although it was packed tight when the whole troop was there, it felt like a party most nights, and quickly became "the place to be" not only for Chappy, but most of the "in-crowd" and staff at Kunatah for that summer and many summers to come.

Chappy at that time still had many of the old lean-tos by the Palace, which we referred to as the Front Sites (about 15 of them), another 10 or so in Hidden Valley (the area beyond the small Chappy Field) and an additional 8 on High Chappy (this was a site which was on the road up towards Indian Cliffs, just to the side of the old Hay House (this structure still stored hay in it, which scouts used to use to fill their "straw ticks" to sleep on – once air mattresses and foam pads came along in about 1970, this building and its purpose became obsolete). For the most part, especially during the first few weeks of camp when our numbers were smaller, we tried to use the Front Sites as much as possible to keep things simple.

In the middle of summer, when the numbers grew we needed to expand to those back sites in Hidden Valley and High Chappy. Most Scouts hated to be that far out, but some embraced it. After all, some thought it really nice not to be under the constant watchful eyes of the unit leaders, giving them more independence, especially when "lights out" was called, usually at about 10 PM. In order for us to make sure that our now bigger camp stayed in contact, we then added extra speakers by the lead lean-tos in those far out sites, so that they could hear the announcements. This worked well, except that those speaker lines kept coming down (or we wondered at times if some of

those Scouts were knocking them down, but I digress). And in order for those Scouts in the outlying areas to be on-time for Fall-Ins and activities, we now had to give them advance notice so they could start out a bit sooner than those who were in the Front Sites. Still it seemed to add to the adventure and many Scouts would volunteer to be out there, as soon as those sites became available those middle weeks of camp. At the end of each summer, once our numbers shrank a bit, reluctantly, those Scouts were brought back in to the center of our camp.



Assembly at Chappagat Dining Hall, 1986

Another great part of being on Chappy was its hidden gem, the Chappy Dining Hall. The dining hall was just at the foot of the hill, and was not ours in theory, as it was now considered part of Kunatah, but absolutely no one had used it for many years when we arrived in 1973. The Chappy Dining Hall was a large open air-dining hall that had not been used for at least 10 years when we got there. One of the first things we did was clean it up (it took over a day just to sweep it out), replace the floor boards and rails that needed it, closed off the old dish washy, and locked up the old kitchen. This made it much safer for our use. Over the years we used that dining hall for Unit Elections, scouting competitions, game nights, birthday parties, Casino Nights, Campfires, Gong Shows, Kangaroo Courts, barbeques, End-of-the-Year Blow-Out Parties and many of our own specialized modified sporting events. Over the years we adapted many sports to make them work for our semi-indoor arena. In the dining hall amongst other games we played Chappy Soccer, Dodge Ball, Prison Ball (a variation of Dodge Ball, where no one is ever entirely out of the game), Guts (a Frisbee game) and gaga ball. Once Camp Kunatah saw what a great facility the Chappy Dining Hall was, they decided to use it too. Thankfully as it was a bit too far from the main part of camp to use it in a practical way, so Kunatah only used it once a week for Movie Night. This too worked well for us, as it was just down the hill from our site, and if Scouts didn't like what they were showing, they could just walk back up to Chappy, where we always had alternative program for those who didn't attend the movie.

Over the years, we also developed many special weekly competitions to accommodate our new site. We developed a game we called Chappitraz, which was a combination Prison Escape game, with a "capture the flag" goal. But instead of a flag we had a "bomb" which scouts had to find (we gave out clues) and then they had to blow up the Warden's Office (The Palace). The more we played it, and modified the rules to suit our needs, the more fun

everyone had with it. We also developed a Scout Skills Competition called Hurdles. This was an entire afternoon based on some common theme, where patrols were presented with a rotation of challenges or Hurdles, that they had to accomplish before time ran out (we usually gave a half hour per hurdle). If they accomplished their task, they were given clues to figure out how to win the event (usually to get "The Treasure" or some similar prize). We had tree house building competitions, as well as stone Dutch oven building too. Each summer we would have a regular Olympics, with classic sporting events, such as Track and Field, Swimming, Boating, Water sports, and team events (Softball, Frisbee, Football, Archery, Rifle Shooting, etc.). We even gave out medals to all of our Gold Medal winners, which I understand, many of the winners still have. We also created a variation of the Olympics with silly events, which we called Spaz Olympics (not too politically correct, this day and age). Here we did many off-color but fun events, like pie eating, dizzy lizzy, balloon shaving, dunking for apples (or some other fruit), egg or water balloon tosses, pie throwing, etc. It seemed the sillier the better. As you can see, we were very program oriented.

Coming back to that first year, we only had Chappy for the first six weeks, as the Big I, Troop 298 from Queens, had Chappy for those weeks 7 & 8 each summer. The Big I was a big troop like us, with about 80-100 kids each week, for their two-week stay. This was the only use Chappy had each summer for about ten years before we came on the scene. So sadly at the end of week 6 we had to move out of Chappy, heading to the site right next to the then new Shower House by the ball field. For a Kunatah site, it was not bad, but now that we had experienced it, it was not Chappy. And again sadly in 1974, we had to leave Chappy after 6 weeks. But things changed in 1975.

Next time: My Chappy

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AN INTERVIEW WITH KEN CRANDALL

By: Ed Winters

Editor's Note: This is part four of the third edited interview based on interviews Museum Trustee Ed Winters made in 1975 with key individuals in T.M.R. history. This one is an interview with longtime T.M.R. Property Superintendent Ken Crandall, Sr.

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Ken Crandall: up. I used to live where Wilson lives. That barn up there was a cow stable. The original house burned down.

EW: When were all those chapels built?

KC: Well, they range from about 1935, and the first chaplain I think that we had was a Catholic chaplain in Manhattan, and that was built probably 1934 or 1935, and the Protestants, they had to have a chapel, so we built that one past the waterfront, and then of course, the synagogue, which they wanted around the edge of the lake. There was quite a battle over that



Ken Crandall

EW: What was the Big House?

KC: The Big House was the main house, that was the and (the VanAllen family). . . . they are



Ken Crandall, 1936

socially prominent people as I understand it, but this was a three-story house about 50 x 50, and you will notice in Keowa there is a road that goes through the orchard by the log cabin, then there is a little loop that goes in there. Well, that was the back porch of that house. That was four rooms downstairs 1925, of course later I put petitions in. Upstairs there were about 8 rooms on the second floor, and a couple of bathrooms that have been put in later. Then on the other floor upstairs up there under the roof, and a big wide veranda.

That place, when the Scouts bought it, had around that orchard on both sides of the road, a stone wall laid up perfectly with capped stones on it. They just took them up and threw them away. It was a beautiful place. The VanAllen's kept all of his horses up there. The original dining hall in Keowa was a converted barn.

Originally it was not a girl's camp. It became one. Over at Queens at the Tower of Friendship was the girl's camp in that area. That is what became Lakeside. They had there what they called Stag Hall. That was a replica of the house I am telling you about, the Big House, except they were

identical except there was no cellar in the one at Stag Hall.

KC: Ben Nowitz. I don't know how long he has been here. Ben has been here must be 32 years.

There was an old post office right where the Schiff Trail meets the highway now, just up a little bit, just beyond the chain. We had another post office in Brooklyn Camp. It was separate originally, down . .

EW: When did that burn down?

KC: Well, I think about 1939 or 1940.

EW: What about Stag Hall? You said that it looked like the Big House?

KC: Yes it is an exact replica. This house had a cellar under it, full cellar with all stone flags on the floor, and in front of this there was a stone walk that went right down.

EW: Did these things exist concurrently, were they both up at the same time?

KC: This was the residence. Stag Hall is where the guests came. Where (VanAllen) kept their guests, and they has what they called Both burned down within a few years of each other, I would think it was about 1936.

EW: The old dining hall, when did that burn? They were both by accident?

KC: The old guy they had as a caretaker, he knew all about electricity. He put pennies behind fuses. I don't remember, I think that it was an electrical fire at Stag Hall. I think that it was a short that started that, but that wasn't a pure accident. No question about it. Always more outlets, as electricity became more, gadgets and electrical appliances, they had to put more outlets. . .



Ken Crandall and Family, 1942

EW: What about the forest fires in the 1960s?

KC: Well, it might have burned 50 acres. What happened there, we put it out. I think it burned about 20 acres. I told Dick Ruffino, he was camp director. Along about three days, he decided it was out and he pulled everybody off, all of a sudden it came out again and then it burned another 30 or 40 acres.

EW: The flood, a hurricane (1955).

KC: Well, it started to rain. We had a big meeting in August, and all the camp members became involved, down at

We sat there and it really rained. We were discussing the projects for the following year. We sat there all day, and at the close of the meeting, I said to the caretaker, we better get some planks out of that dam. The lake was high. So, I went home and ate my supper, and I came right back. He hadn't been able to get more than a couple of

planks out of the dam because of the force of the water. He couldn't handle it alone. I tried to help him, but by that time, there was so much water going through I couldn't.

I was worrying about the dam, and it was still raining, just in sheets. I was worried about the dam at Rock Lake. Got down there, the roads were washed out. We got down by the dam, and I had my boy, he was a small kid, and a couple of men, and we got marooned down there. We couldn't come back, and the docks floated up and they came down the lake with all the rowboats tied to them, and got in the spillway, and the water was rushing right over the top of the dam. Some of them got loose, and they went down the road to where the culverts go under the road, and they plugged them.

Of course, the water gutted the road down the mountain for half a mile, eight feet deep. A couple of boys had an old 1951 Willys Jeep, and they were coming up the hill with this jeep, trying to get to the Brooklyn Camp. Someone had sent them out, and they saw this wall of water coming down the hill, and they jumped and made it into the woods up over the bank on the upper side, and the jeep ended up down in the gulley. It ended up on its wheels.

EW: Was 97 washed out?

KC: Yes, water was over the road. The Lackawaxen River overflowed. Turnpike Lake, the water was almost over the top. They sand bagged that. That was the next day. The engineer and the caretaker at Manhattan, they were down at this lake and they floated an old log across and got sandbags down there to hold that. I tell you, that was a wild night. I had no light with me, and I had sent Bill and and down the road to look at that culvert to see what was happening. I was up there alone. I was at the far side of Rock Lake, and I didn't have a light of any kind. I stood there with water coming off the mountain in torrents. It's hard to imagine that.

I stood there and there wasn't a sound. They had my light, and They must have had a long conversation there. Finally, I saw the light coming up the hill, and I couldn't get back across, and Yates were younger than I was and he got across by hanging onto the pipes, and and . . . brought the light with him. Bill and Dickie drove

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Note: You can read the complete Ken Crandall interview at:

<http://tmmuseum.org/archive/Ten%20Mile%20River%20Scout%20Camps/TMR%20Interviews/Ken%20Crandall/index.html>



Ken Crandall, circa 1950

Museum Web Site News



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For my column in this issue I am continuing the multi-issue history of the Ten Mile River Scout camps.

HISTORY OF THE TEN MILE RIVER SCOUT CAMPS

(Continued from Winter 2013 issue)

and expanded in 1968. In that same year a brand new and expansive Camp Aquehonga was constructed on the opposite shore of Half Moon Lake and the much smaller old Camp Aquehonga was abandoned. In 1969, yet another new camp was completed and opened on the opposite shore of Davis Lake. It was first called Davis Lake West but was rededicated as Camp Hayden in 1970. Also in 1970, Camp Sanita Hills in Holmes, New York, was prepared for summer camp usage and Tom Voute, the successful camp director from Davis Lake, got the call as its first director. For the first time in almost two decades, the Greater New York Councils was operating summer camps in two distinct locations.

In August of 1969, not long after the Scouts in Ten Mile River had applauded the great event of the first manned moon landing, another momentous occasion took place not 240,000 miles away but less than ten. The Woodstock Music Festival was held at Yasgur's Farm in Bethel, N.Y., not three miles from the northernmost boundary of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps. Though the camp management ordered heavy equipment parked at every back entrance to the reservation in an effort to dissuade enthusiastic concertgoers from camping on Scout property, many of the staff spent their days off attending the festival if they could find a way to get close. In the evenings during that time, the music of the festival could be plainly heard in Camp Keowa.

HARD TIMES IN THE 1970's

By the late 1960s and early 1970s, attendance at Ten Mile River began to dwindle. The aftermath of the Vietnam War had created a deep rift in the American consciousness. Values were changing rapidly and Scouting was getting lost in this re-adjustment. The National Scouting movement experimented with new programs, which tended to depart somewhat from the things, which made Scouting great; namely, camping and the outdoor program. Scouting enrollment plummeted in New York City and the corresponding effect at Ten Mile

River was fewer boys at camp. Some of the very same persons who were involved in the ambitious capital expansions of the 1960s were now forced, by real economic circumstances, to do an about face.



The Ranachqua Blockhouse

In 1969, Camp Lakeside was absorbed into an expanded Camp Kernochan, which closed its dining hall and converted into a Troop-cooking camp with new campsites. Camp Nianque, which had a long history going back to 1929 when it was known as Bronx Division "C," was closed in 1969 for lack of attendance. At the end of 1973, Camps Davis Lake and Rondack were closed for the same reason. Thus, by 1974, where eleven camps had operated a decade earlier, six were still open. The Ranachqua Blockhouse, an icon of the Bronx Camps since 1929, was intentionally burned down in December of 1975 as a result of decay due to inadequate maintenance.

In 1976, the Greater New York Councils no longer found it feasible to operate Camp Hayden but an agreement was worked out with Rockland County Council to lease the camp. By 1977, Camp Ranachqua also became infeasible to operate but another agreement was worked out with Hudson Delaware Council to lease this property and it reopened in 1980. In 1982, Camp Kernochan, the final remnant of the original three Queens camps, was shut down.



T.M.R.'s 50th Anniversary

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On July 30, 1977 Ten Mile River celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gala celebration at Camp Keowa. Members of Aquehongan Lodge hiked the 120 miles from Camp Pouch to T.M.R. on a nine-day trip, saluting the anniversary.

The same year, Federal funds became available for summer camp programs for N.Y.C. youth. This was seen as a way to dramatically increase attendance at T.M.R., which had dropped in previous years. Thus, the "Country Adventure" program was instituted, bringing many N.Y.C. youth without camping experience or even a Scouting

background to Ten Mile River. Boys were organized into provisional Troops and attended camp alongside traditional Troops. Generally young and inexperienced Provisional Scoutmasters were hired, leading to considerable friction with the traditional Troops. The "Country Adventure" program ended in 1983.

DISTRICT AND COUNCIL PROVISIONAL TROOPS

By 1984, City Districts organized provisional Troops, consisting of Scouts within the District and adult leadership from the District professional staff and volunteers. This further encouraged attendance at T.M.R. G.N.Y.C. also organized its own provisional Troop, the T.M.R. Adventure Troop, which continues to the present day.

While Boy Scout membership was declining in the early 1980s, Cub and Webelos membership was holding firm. The T.M.R. Cub Camp started in 1985 at Keowa for Cubs and Webelos as a one-week experimental camp.

B.S.A. 75TH ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In 1985, the 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign raised at least \$1.2 million, mostly spent on purchasing new equipment and upgrading facilities at T.M.R. In 1986, T.M.R. offered a seven-day Junior Leader Training Conference at Camp Keowa called the "Big Oak Experience." Scouts received instruction in Scoutcraft and patrol or troop job skills. Also in 1986, the Ten Mile River Great Expedition, a weeklong backpacking program, was introduced for older Scouts with previous camp experience. Scouts hiked the T.M.R. Trail, visiting the camps and participated in a variety of exciting camp activities.

THE TEN MILE RIVER RALLY

In May of 1986, G.N.Y.C. sponsored the T.M.R. Rally for Junior Leaders. Overnight facilities, most meals and a closing show were provided at Camp Keowa. Different activity areas were established all over the reservation and transportation was provided by the camp bus. The Rally was repeated again in 1988.



T.M.R.'s 60th Anniversary

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More than 500 T.M.R. Alumni celebrated its 60th

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