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Celebrating 85 Years of Ten Mile River

Save the date on your calendar now for the T.M.R. Alumni/Reunion Day, Saturday, July 21, 2012. Come anytime after 10:00 am and stay as long as you like (within reason!). At 11:00 am there will be a welcome orientation and ceremony, followed by lunch at Headquarters. The Museum will be open for a visit and video viewing of Ten Mile River History. You can also visit the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin. After lunch you can visit the camps of yesterday and today and visit Camp Keowa, where an "Open House" of Scouting and Ten Mile River will be taking place.



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F.D.R. - CAMP MAN DOCUMENTARY

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The Museum is working with Bill Topkis of the Order of the Arrow on a short documentary video on President Franklin D. Roosevelt's visit to Camp Man, T.M.R., on August 23, 1933. President Roosevelt was inducted into Suanhacky Lodge at the Camp Man Amphitheater during that visit. The documentary consists of various photos and black & white newsreel film clips of the event. We gave Bill copies of video clips, photos and papers related to F.D.R.'s visit from our archives.



President Roosevelt

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AN INTERVIEW WITH MARGARET SOLLER

By: Ed Winters

Note: Museum Trustee Ed Winters recently donated to the Museum interviews he made in 1975 with key individuals in T.M.R. history, including Ken Crandall, Nick Dale and Margaret Soller. These interviews are a goldmine of T.M.R. history. We will be presenting edited versions in T.M.R. Smoke Signals, starting with Mrs. Margaret Soller, who ran the famous Doughnut House, also known as the Doughnut Farm.

EW: Mrs. Soller, do you miss the business?

MS: Very much, and the boys, and all the years, we never had any trouble with any boys, never reported anything to headquarters. They were always perfect then.



The Doughnut Farm (recent photo)

EW: What made you start the doughnuts?

MS: That's a good one. Because the boys were hungry the first year. They weren't prepared in (the) camps. When they came they would try to get all

the neighbors to make cookies or something. So they came to my door and I broke down and made them doughnuts. They promised faithfully they wouldn't tell where they got them. In twenty minutes time, I had all the Scouts from the camp in my yard. That lasted for the rest of the year.

EW: Now, how many years was this?

MS: Since 1928, until 1972. Do you remember coming one year?

EW: I remember coming one year, 1969, you were closing and I was crushed.

MS: We started baking doughnuts in a little two quart kettle, and ended up with a doughnut machine, making 40 dozen an hour.

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Spotlight on T.M.R. Staff: Kevin Dolce

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SS: When and how long were you a TMR staff member? What camp(s)?

KD: I started as a volunteer in Camp Aquehonga in 1977 and was a full time volunteer and staff member through the 2000's. I never worked at any other camp.



Kevin Dolce

SS: What jobs did you have at camp?

KD: I was Service Director a few times. Rifle Range Director and a volunteer. I also worked as the Alpine ranger for a while when they were between rangers.

SS: Why/How did you become a TMR staffer?

KD: I went to TMR a few times and John Pritchard, a volunteer at the time in Aquehonga, invited me to come along. Bruce DeSandre wasn't sure if he wanted another volunteer but he let me stay anyway. We later had a district Camporee at Schiff Scout Reservation. I made a bunch of engraved signs. Bruce DeSandre asked me if I could do that for camp and gave me a list. I did them...and I never left. It was a great place to use my tools and

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from the chairman's desk



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Greetings everyone. As we move from the summer season towards autumn and winter, a nostalgia engulfs me that makes me wish there really was an "endless summer" in New York City. But even in the reality of the coming autumn the excitement surrounding TMR in general and the TMR Scout Museum in particular makes me start thinking ahead to the next summer.

The summer of 2012 should be a very exciting summer as it's the 85th anniversary of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps. My goodness, wasn't it just yesterday we were celebrating the 80th anniversary?

This past summer was wonderful. With the incredible team of John Romanovich, Mike (Birdman) Herbert, Bob Chiusano, John Dowd, Hal Rosenfeld, Karl Bernstein, Dave Malatzky, Bernie Sussman and a supporting cast of thousands...okay maybe another ten great volunteers, the "impossible" was accomplished. An old cabin which was built in old Camp Brooklyn in the Cayuga site which had rested on its piers since the mid-1930's was engineered and moved to the Museum. Lots of "nay sayers" including me I will add said "It couldn't be done." It was last used in 1956, the last year of Camp Kotohke which was old division 1. Other than a rest stop along the TMR trail it had stood vacant since then. To me, the number of trees that would have to be cut down, the narrow road from Kotohke and the Indian Cliffs that would have to be traversed made it seem like the "Impossible Dream." But the determined aforementioned crew of "heavy lifters" worked diligently measuring, removing those trees that absolutely had to go and with the amazing help of Jim Loeffel and the Ranger crew it was turned into a reality. Through the efforts of Bob Chiusano a metal roof was donated for the building and it now stands proudly next to the Museum on what is becoming a Museum Compound (don't tell Bob Madsen I called it that). The plan under the direction of Dave Malatzky will be to re-create by next summer a typical campsite around this cabin with artifacts and built items showing how Scouts of the 1930's through the 1950's lived. I can say "we" as we hit the late 1950's, slept on ticks made of cotton and filled with straw. Oh, how I hated that smell. Thank goodness someone invented air mattresses along the way. The plan is to have a typical mid-20th century campsite outside and a typical setup on the inside.

Speaking of Bob Madsen, our wonderful Director of Camping (now Director of Support Services), and Sean Quinn our super Director of TMR (now Director of Camping), we also have permission to

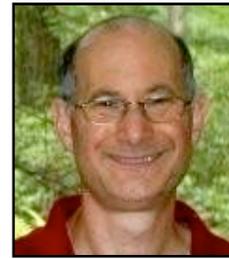
transport the former Kunatah (Jerry Reimer) trading post to the Museum sometime in the near future. This will allow us to move things from the Museum proper creating more room for exhibits and our Museum Shop. The new building will serve for now as a workshop to build exhibits and other goodies and also as a storage area for items not being currently exhibited.

Our hope for next season is to run a fun packed full Outdoor program and have it as successful as our full Indoor program. We plan to have a solar energy exhibit. We plan for the Blockhouse to have exhibits showing how the area was first settled and why Blockhouses were built, the history of the area and implements Pioneers of the area would have used in everyday life from weapons to protect themselves to farm implements to toys and games for the children. We hope to build on the infancy of 2011 of the Geocaching program and make available our newly created Historic walk in the Headquarters-Turnpike Lake area. So there is a lot on the map. We are looking to hire an Outdoor Curator who will run the outdoor program as Bernie runs the Indoor program. If you know of anyone 18 years of age to 80 years (we don't want anyone older than Bernie) that might be interested in a summer job at the Museum as an Assistant Curator, please have them contact me by email, geneberman@verizon.net to discuss the job.

And lastly, plans are coming together for the great 85th anniversary of TMR. The weekend is Saturday July 21 and Sunday July 22, 2012. There will be more later but for now please reserve the date. Camping overnight in the Keowa sites will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. You can eat out, cook your own meals or they will be available for a small fee at the Keowa Dining hall. Of course the Museum will play its usual role on Saturday morning but plans are now in the works for all the Areas in Camp to be open for Saturday enjoyment and Sunday morning as well. In addition to encourage younger alumni with young families plans are being made for activities for children of all ages from 5 and up. So stay tuned, and I will speak to you again in our summer edition of Smoke Signals and you will hear much more about the upcoming Museum activities and the 85th anniversary of TMR.

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

from the next editor



Welcome New Editor!

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I consider it an honor and a privilege to be asked and accepted as the new editor for Smoke Signals. It is for many the only link they have to their own memories of Ten Mile River and it brings news of things new and exciting at the camps. This current issue, ably compiled by John Pritchard and composed by David Malatzky contains articles that will bring a smile, a tear and a pang of longing. I know because they did so for me.

I have been offered many suggestions and a few hands to help with upcoming issues of Smoke Signals. John Pritchard has proposed a column called "Splinters from the Board" that I will incorporate into our next issue. I am asking the chairs of the museum's various committees and sub-committees to submit short notes updating us all on the activities and news of their respective efforts.

John has also graciously offered to continue his interviews with TMR staff members. I look forward to reading them. I am planning a series called "My Very First Day At Camp." I am asking all of you to submit your personal memories of the first time you arrived at a TMR camp.

Note: Michael Drillinger will be Editor of T.M.R. Smoke Signals starting with the next issue.



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 three 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
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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.

THAT WAS THE DAY THAT WAS



By: Dr. Gene Berman
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It was 1981 sometime in late August and I was Scoutmaster of Troop 109, Kew Gardens Hills, Queens. We were a Kunatah Troop. Our unit camped on Chappegot Hill sharing the campsite in August with Troop 521 (later 721) from Mill Basin Brooklyn and surrounding environs. It began as an ordinary day, much like any other at camp. Camp was drawing to an end. In those days I went to camp with the Troop for the whole month of August and we usually had about 25-30 boys, each summer. I used to give our then Dan Beard District 100+ boy weeks each summer just from the one Troop. Different times. Anyway, that night was the night of our big annual end of the Summer "blowout party." I was going shopping while Steve Blom my Assistant Scoutmaster would take care of the Troop through lunch. I needed some help to carry the sodas and other goodies we would be buying. I expected to be back for lunch.

My JASM, David Lerman, was in camp and I asked him to come with me to do the shopping. He would be company and he would help with the packages. In those days, there was no such thing as two-deep leadership at all times. So anyway off we went to Narrowsburg and promptly found PECK's Supermarket did not have half the things we needed. So we continued on to Honesdale to complete the shopping for food, prizes, etc.

By the time we were done shopping, it was obvious we were not going to make lunch so I stopped at Bob Lander's to get lunch for David and myself. Mistake #1. While I was busy planning the party and ordering food for lunch, David was busy fooling around with one of the waitresses, a young

girl named Stacey or Tracey or something similar. The result was we got our food in a very timely manner but unbeknownst to me, and without asking me, David had invited this 16-year-old girl to our Party on Chappy Hill. Lunch proceeded normally and we returned to camp. Well, I guess someone at Bob Lander's gave this girl a ride to camp once her shift ended because around 7 PM who is in my Castle on Chappegot Hill, but Stacey. When I asked what she was doing there, she told me David had invited her to come to our party. Well, wasn't much I could do at that time except start a big raucous so I asked her whether she had permission from her parents to be there. She promptly answered, "Of course." Remember, there were no cell phones in those days, no personal computers and I do not think Dave and Larry from 521 had installed their phone yet in Chappegot. So the closest phone was the Kuntah office, quite a jaunt away. Well after some stern words to David about invites without my permission, I basically let it go. The party went on uneventfully and we all had a lot of fun with jokes, skits, awards for camp, which we presented to the scouts who earned them and, in general, lots of fun. Well, now it was 9:45 PM and the party was over. David asked me if he could take Stacey to see Indian Cliffs. "Not on your life" I told him. "She is going home NOW." So grudgingly David, Stacey and I got into my "Blue Beast," a 1968 Chevy Van for the trip home. As I passed through the main gate of the Kunatah Office I saw two New York State Trooper Cars at the Kunatah Office. I said to David and Stacey, "I wonder what is going on." But wanting to get her home and get the whole thing over with, and being tired from a long day, I said, "Ah, I will find out what is going on later." We arrived at her house and she promptly left the Van, and off we went back to camp.

David was grumpy on the way back because I had not let him go to Indian Cliffs with her at 10 o'clock at night. I don't know what he thought he was going to do...Oh sure I do...same as most 16-year olds would think they are going to do!!

Anyway, when we passed through the Kunatah gate, I noticed the Troopers were still there. I just didn't want to get out of the Van and get into someone else's business. So, back to Chappy Hill I drove and returned to my Castle. David took leave and went off to his bunk. When I got inside, Steve says to me, "Hey Gene you better call Frank Rickenbaugh the Camp Director on the radio." (In those days we had CB radios for contact around the camp.)

It's not like today where you can call on the camp radios, both Intracamp and Intercamp. "What does he want," I asked. "Something about Stacey," he said."

So I called Frank on the radio. Now those who know Frank know when he is angry he is not inclined to use the "Kings English." The conversation went something like,

"Where the f #&*k have you been and where the f #&*k is that 16 year-old girl? The State Troopers have been here for an hour already." "She's home, and she's been home for a half an hour already," I told Frank. "The cops want to talk to you," he said. Well, I guess they used their radios or the phone in the office to verify she was indeed home, as they never came up the hill to find me. You see she had never gotten permission to go to the party from her parents and they called the Troopers when she failed to return from work. It then suddenly dawned on me that those Troopers were at the Kunatah Office looking for moi. Oh my goodness. I called back to the office to see if I had to come down and someone who picked up, not Frank, said, "BERMAN GO TO SLEEP, YOU HAVE DONE ENOUGH FOR ONE NIGHT." And to sleep I immediately went. I was also mad at David in the morning for having cooked up this whole thing and when he tried to apologize my only comment to him was, "AND YOU WANTED ME TO LET YOU TAKE HER TO INDIAN CLIFFS" BAH!

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

ORDER OF THE ARROW TIMELINE PROJECT

The Museum is working with Bill Topkis to provide documents and photos from our archives for the National Order of the Arrow Timeline project. Many individuals associated with N.Y.C. Scouting also had important roles in the National O.A. Organization. Here is a condensed list of the subjects we provided:

1927 Grand Lodge Meeting, Camp Ranachqua, Kanohwahke Scout Camps.

Al Nichols (former National Chief).

Harvey Gordon (former National Scribe).

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Joseph S. Barstang (former National Treasurer).

William A. Stumpp (former National Chief).

1954 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Paul Siple (Antarctic Explorer & T.M.R. visitor).

Reeves Lodge.



MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Museum Curator Bernie Sussman and Greater New York Councils President Ms. Alair A. Townsend at the T.M.R. Scout Museum exhibit, G.N.Y.C. Financial Tribute Dinner, November 30, 2011.

A LOST DIME AND A RETURN TO CAMP MAN

By Sam Lewbel
TMR Camper 1961-1969

As he spoke Ron Lewbel handed me a 1941 Mercury Dime. Like its owner, the slim silver disk was still bright, but worn with age. "The last time I was in camp I found that dime," he says. "It was laying in the woods on an old path behind Suanhacky Lodge in Lakeside."

Ron explains, "In 1944 Troop 149 was camping in Wipoch, a tenting site a little past the old amphitheater, not far from where the dime was sitting. In those days this division was called Camp Man. That was the summer I became an Assistant Scoutmaster, I got to drive the camp truck and I also lost my penknife and my money."

He stops to point to an old camp map. "I was



Ron Lewbel - 1944

fifteen years old and America was still at war. Just before camp our Assistant Scoutmaster was drafted and had to report for induction. My friend Seymour Tindell, who worked on the waterfront and I were the most experienced Scouts in the troop and I was selected to be the Acting Assistant Scoutmaster."

It would be the first of many leadership roles for the now 83 year-old Scout Commissioner for the West Orange District of Central Florida. Over the next 68 years Ron Lewbel would serve in almost every scouting role one could imagine, first in Queens, and later in Florida. A scoutmaster, committeeman and national jamboree staff member, he earned the Shofar Award, Wood Badge and Fifty-Year Service Award. Two of his sons are Eagle Scouts and three generations of Lewbels have been campers at Ten Mile River.

"Troop 149 in Richmond Hill was sponsored by Beth Israel Temple in Queens," Ron explains. "To get to camp we took the elevated train and then the subway to the upper west-side of Manhattan. From there we walked across the George Washington Bridge and boarded a bus. With a stop for hot dogs at The Red Apple Rest on Route 17, we sat on that bus for five hours before we finally arrived at the camp road. Our trunks, shipped earlier by train, were sitting on the parade field. In pairs we carried them to our campsite."

While many aspects of camp life have changed over the past six decades some have remained the same. For one, Scouts still have to eat. "That year

even though I didn't have my license yet I was allowed to drive the camp truck over the dirt roads to a local farm where we picked up corn and potatoes," he recounts. "We also had to use ration coupons at a gas station in White Lake to buy fuel."

Ron especially liked the waterfront. War canoe races were a favorite activity when parents came to visit during the middle weekend and provided the best laugh of the summer. "A troop from the Bronx was much better than everyone else," he recalls. "So the night before, someone booby trapped their canoe. As they paddled for the finish line in front of parents and cheering Scouts their boat mysteriously sprang a huge leak. Our boat was able to pull ahead as they suddenly found themselves shoulder deep in Crystal Lake. But, it was all in good fun."

That summer, Ron's future wife Phyllis visited camp on family day. While Ron and Phyllis have now been married for 62 years, it was actually Seymour who she came to see. On the pretext of missing her younger brother Buddy, who was also a camper, Phyllis endured five hours of carsickness because Seymour had promised her a canoe ride.

However, the day before he and Ron had taken the old truck for supplies. When it broke down they had to leave it with a local farmer for repairs. With no telephone there was no way to contact the camp, so the pair had to hike the many miles back in the hot sun. Before sending them on their way, the farmer offered the boys a cup of Narrowsburg moonshine to fortify themselves for the long walk. While Ron declined, Seymour downed the bitter brew. Between the hike and the rot gut moonshine Seymour was as sick as a dog the next day. Phyllis says she still hasn't gotten her canoe ride.

Ron returned to TMR many times in the following decades, camping with his sons first at Lakeside and later in Kernochan. After his own boys had grown he continued, assisting first Walter Engel and later Dan O'Shea of Troops 42 and 427 Queens.



Ron Lewbel at Camp Keowa - 2008

Today, his Florida license plates are "Troop 42" and "B.S.A. 1" a special issue honoring his service as a Florida Scout Commissioner. For a number of years Ron brought Florida Scouts to share summer camp at Kunatah with his New York troop.

In the summer of

2004, sixty years after his memorable summer of 1944, Ron returned to Camp Man with David Malatzky, the author of Summer Camp! David was using a GPS to trace the long gone road that once led from the waterfront to an amphitheater in the woods near the Wipoch tentsite. The road was originally cleared to allow then President Franklin D. Roosevelt to visit in 1933.



As they were walking Ron, who after 70 years as a watchmaker still has an eye for detail, spotted a small

disk on the sun dappled forest floor. Leaning on his cane, he slowly bent down to pick up the object. It was a coin – the silver 1941 Mercury dime he had just handed me.

"You know," Ron says, shaking his head in disbelief, "I had forgotten all about this. You always wanted to have a little money with you to buy an O'Henry or a Baby Ruth bar in the commissary. One evening Seymour and I were late and had to run down that very trail to get back to camp in time for light's out. I didn't realize it but I had a hole in my pocket. Back in camp I discovered that I had lost my penknife and a few coins. I went back the next day but never found anything."

Dave Malatzky asked if he thought the dime was one of the coins he had lost as a TMR camper that summer in 1944. "I guess we'll never know the answer to that question," says Ron. "But how many World War II era coins could possibly have been lost on a path buried in the forest for over half a century?"

Note: The Museum has a marked walking tour of Camp Man, based in part on Ron Lewbel's input.

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Registration information will be available early spring of 2012.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT AND THE ORGANIZATION OF N.Y.C. SCOUTING

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We can thank former President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the organization of New York City Scouting as we know it today.



Roosevelt in 1920.

In 1921, New York City Scouting consisted of the five Borough Councils but there was no equivalent to today's Greater New York Council. In 1918, National Council, B.S.A.

dissolved a previous citywide entity, the Federation of the Councils of the Boy Scouts of America in the City of New York, due to conflicts between it and the Federation over New York City fundraising. National Council subsequently raised the necessary funds to operate the Borough Councils and ran the Kanohwahke Scout Camps in Harriman State Park, predecessor to today's Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

National Council quickly decided that it didn't want to pay for New York City Scouting. In November 1919, it appointed a Committee on New York City Scout Work, consisting of the five Borough Presidents and representatives of the National Council Executive Board. Before long, the Committee was urged to assume the responsibility to raise the funds needed to operate New York City Scouting.

National Council did not want to deal with the Borough Councils. It wanted its relationship with New York City to be the same as with all other municipalities. Like any divorce, talks to separate National Council and the five Borough Councils went on for many months, and were sometimes bitter.

Franklin D. Roosevelt previously served as New York State Senator, Asst. Secretary of the Navy, and candidate for U.S. Vice-President in the 1920 Presidential campaign, on the Democratic ticket. At the time, he was a practicing lawyer in New York City.

On May 12, 1921 a committee headed by Chief Scout Executive James E. West met with Roosevelt and asked him to head the Committee on New York City Scout Work. He was asked to complete the divorce by organizing a new citywide entity to be responsible for fundraising and other citywide Scouting business. National Council would then deal with this entity instead of the five Borough Councils. Roosevelt had no previous association with New York City Scouting.

Roosevelt agreed, but indicated that he could not start work for several months due to previous commitments. The Committee soon renamed itself the Greater New York Council, a name better suited for its anticipated responsibilities.

Roosevelt came down with polio soon after an inspection tour of the Kanohwahke Scout Camps, on July 27, 1921. The disease made him horribly ill, and he lost use of his legs and remained bedridden for many months. As a result of his illness, he cut his association with many organizations, but not the Boy Scouts, stating that with the Scouts he "still had a job to do."

At the January 9, 1922 meeting of the Greater New York Council, Roosevelt requested authority to appoint an Executive Committee to define the relationships between itself, the Borough Councils and the National Council.



Governor Roosevelt receives the Silver Buffalo from Judge Frederic Kernochan, Camp Man, T.M.R., August 23, 1930.

On February 3, 1922, Roosevelt appointed a subcommittee on Plan and Scope to decide on the responsibilities of the Executive Committee. The subcommittee mostly consisted of the five Borough Council Presidents. In his letter to the subcommittee, Roosevelt proposed that the Executive Committee take over direction of all fundraising for New York City Scouting and supervise all matters where two or more Boroughs were interested, but leave the other administration of Borough affairs to the Boroughs.

On February 8, 1922, the subcommittee on Plan and Scope recommended that the Greater New York Council be dissolved and replaced by a Supervising Board consisting of Borough representatives and at-large members. For want of a name, the proposed entity was temporarily called "The Organization."

Over the next three months, Roosevelt finalized the specific responsibilities and membership of "The Organization," through intensive discussions

with the Subcommittee on Plan and Scope, National Council and the Borough Councils. The five Borough Councils and National Council finally signed written agreements defining the new entity.

The May 10, 1922 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greater New York Council was held at Roosevelt's home. Roosevelt, as Chairman of the Executive Committee proceeded to reorganize the Committee into the new entity. Borough and at-large members were nominated and elected into their positions.

At the June 5, 1922 meeting it was decided to call the new entity the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York. National Council agreed to issue a special charter for the Foundation, the same one that was previously on display in the Council's Service Center.

Franklin D. Roosevelt remained as President of the Foundation until he resigned and was replaced by J. Stewart Baker, chairman of the board of the Bank of the Manhattan Company, on July 21, 1937.

On February 27, 1943, the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York renamed itself the Greater New York Councils, B.S.A.

Note: The Ten Mile River Scout Museum library has copies of most of the Boy Scout Foundation Executive Board Minutes between 1922 and 1935. We also have an extensive collection on Franklin D. Roosevelt and N.Y.C. Scouting.



President Roosevelt speaking at Camp Man, T.M.R., August 23, 1933.

F.D.R. DOCUMENTARY

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The video, entitled "The Spirit of Service" will be shown at the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference this summer at Michigan State University. If you attend N.O.A.C. look for the video in the Center for History and Preservation (Museum).

The T.M.R. Scout Museum will receive a copy of the video after it has been shown at the 2012 N.O.A.C.

MARGARET SOLLER

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EW: What kind of doughnuts did you make?

MS: My own recipe, and we never made according to the others. I made my own homemade doughnuts. Everything was homegrown, all fresh eggs, home-made butter, fresh sour milk. Everything was fresh from the farm.

EW: The ice cream too?

MS: In the beginning we made ice cream as long as we could. We made that and froze it by hand grinders, started in the trays in the refrigerator, and we sold from that. We made our own pies, cakes, doughnuts, etc.

EW: Which summer did you start selling them at the back door?

MS: In 1937, we opened the dining room. At that time we lived in one building, and had a living room and dining room, etc. We turned the living room into a dining hall.

EW: And was there?

MS: Yes, and that was two rooms, the dining

room, and I think the main thing started by serving meals to the WWW. Order of the Arrow. They used to come in at 11 o'clock at night to have their From there on it started, first all meals, and we couldn't keep up with it, so we gave them breakfast and

THE DOUGHNUT HOUSE	
NARROWSBURG, NEW YORK	
BREAKFAST	
Ham & Eggs	Eggs 55
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SANDWICHES	
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5 Steam \$1.15	Hot Coffee 15
Plw 25 30c 40	Tea Coffee 15
Ice Cream 15	Hot Tea 15
Soda 15	Tea Tea 20
Fruit Juice 15	Milk 15

Doughnut House Menu

lunches. We opened at 9 o'clock and closed at 12 midnight.

EW: Through all those years?

MS: From 1937. We didn't start breakfast in those early days, but then after we stopped, we didn't serve dinners any more. They could get something like ham and eggs, something simple, hamburgers, and all kinds of sandwiches.

EW: In that small kitchen?

MS: Two kitchens. This was the kitchen that they served in. We had a counter out there, and we made the meals there. The baking I did in the back room after I had the machine, I had to turn the room into a bakery.

EW: What was the first year you yourself were here?

MS: Did I live here? Yes, in 1915 or 1916 probably.

EW: Did you always just have it open during the summer?

MS: Just during the summer when the Scouts were here. We would be open at Labor Day and sometimes on weekends, something like that. Of course, the kettle was always on the stove.

EW: I remember when I first came in here, back in 1965 or 1966; doughnuts were three for a nickel. What was the price originally when you first opened?

MS: They were 15 cents a dozen, then 20 cents a dozen. I think around 1966 they were two for a nickel. They might have been three. You are supposed to use a regular mix in the machine, but I didn't use that. We didn't make the regular doughnuts.

EW: What year did you get the machine?

MS: In the 1950's. I used my own recipe for the doughnuts.

EW: Do you give the recipe out? Would you give it to us? We would love to have it.

MW: I'll dig the list out.

EW: What people used to come here, what people had the best nature?

MS: They all came here. I often wondered what percentage came, whether it would be 60, 10 or 90%?

EW: The years I worked at camp and the years I was a Scout, everybody knows to come here. I would say any Scoutmaster that came up in these woods who had access to a car would come down. I would say there was at least 75%. We used to hike over from Davis Lake. That is where I camped for years and years. It was only 2 1/2 miles by trail. We would come down every other night and then every third or fourth night. We would come in here and have doughnuts ala mode. Then we would go up to and play pin ball or something, and go back to camp. . . . Some kids would use the phone and call home or something. That's how we did it, even though we weren't allowed. Bob Landers'



Our Doughnut Farm exhibit, including the doughnut machine, piano, deer head and ashtray.

place was off limits when I was a Scout. We weren't allowed there.

MS: When all of my girls left home, I used to hire all the girls from the school. They were 13 could get their working papers then I could hire them. They were young waitresses. That was another attraction here. They were nice girls, very quiet.



Museum Trustees Richard Miller and Mike Herbert making donuts at the 2011 T.M.R. Alumni Day, using Margaret Soller's doughnut machine.

MS:The night I gave them a skunk at the . . . dinner. Well, that night, I was out in the back of the store. Out there in the grass was a skunk. . . . gave the skunk some cooked potato, was the cutest thing. Then the wheel started. I got this cake, and I put it down and laid . . . on it. I picked him up and put him in this cake plate. Took the cover and put it on the skunk. I took it down and put it out on the back lawn. Well, the Arrow boys came down that night, and you know how they chomp, chomp. The dining room was one dining room with one long table. They all sat along it, about 25 just like that.

I said "Well boys; I want to thank you for coming down here. It is a pleasure to have you, and I want to present your chief a little something." He got up all smiles; there was this big cake plate.

I pick the cover up, and then there was a war. They all started out the door, and the skunk came to life, and I decided I better get the skunk out, because this Saturday night and Sunday morning, I need the dining room. I picked him up by the tail, ran out the door, and he never squirted. If that thing had squirted . . . This must have been in 1948 or 1949.

EW: Did you give any Scouts a free doughnut or anything?

MS: No, these were the days before Welfare.



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

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2. Two copies each year of the journal of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum: T.M.R. Smoke Signals.
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6. A special Member's patch.

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TMR MUSEUM SERVICE DAYS

Dear Museum Members and Friends:

2012 will mark the 85th anniversary of TMR and we would like "U" to be a part of preserving the memories of the past 85 years, as we prepare to enter the next 85!

To get ready for the 2012 Camping season, we are planning to have 3 dates to gather together to do some work projects in our expanded Museum "Complex". We will have some cleaning projects, moving projects, building projects. Projects for all ages and skill levels. All we need is "U". Come for the day, or come overnight. The comfortable Hearst cabins will be available with beds, hot showers, bathroom facilities and kitchen. On the weekend service days of JUNE 1-3, meals will be provided on Saturday at the Keowa dining hall, consisting of breakfast, lunch and a steak dinner!

If you can't give up a weekend, we have two weekday project days on MAY 1st & 2nd (Tues./Wed.) and another on May 30th & 31st (Wed./Thurs.). Come to one if you can or come to all 3. If you can't come, show your support with a small donation if you can't be with us.

Frank Mullane
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Tues./Wed. May 1st., May 2nd, 2012

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Donation \$5-\$10
 (I can't make any of the dates, but
 here are a few bucks to buy the guys
 something when meals are not available.)
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KEVIN DOLCE

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soon I had my own workshop in the service building. I liked camp and I liked what I did.

SS: *What was the most interesting/unusual/exciting experience at TMR?*

KD: I always got excited with Lost Campers. Fortunately there were always drills.

SS: *Were there any other staff members that intrigue you or that you looked up to? Who and why?*

KD: Two. One was Franco Sagliocca who was waterfront director and scout skills director. The other was Ted Janacek — commissioner extraordinaire. They both had their act together, could do anything and were great to be around.

SS: *During your tenure as a staffer, what good and bad changes did you observe?*

KD: Bruce DeSandre was director for almost 20 years. The camp had its own personality. Great camaraderie, a very high standard. After Bruce left, a lot of that is missing. He started the traditions that are there today. I don't see any new traditions.

SS: *Were you ever a Boy Scout? (Town, Troop, Highest Rank.) Were you a Cub Scout? What jobs did you have in your troop?*

KD: No. I was never a scout as a boy.

SS: *What jobs did you hold in scouting as an adult?*

KD: I worked with the Sexton at St. Mark's church where Troop 201 met. There I met Ken Tremaine and got involved that way. I was an assistant scoutmaster, troop committee member, Webelos leader, etc. I was Gateway District chair, held various district jobs and was Lodge Advisor to Suanhacky Lodge. I also worked on shows at National Jamborees and National OA events.

SS: *Are you still involved in Scouting?*

KD: Yes. I am active as a Troop Committeeman in Troop 71 Leonia NJ and I still stop by some of the Queens troops to help out when needed.

SS: *What Scouting Awards have you received?*

KD: Silver beaver, Woodbadge, District Award of Merit, Vigil Honor, Pelican Award.

SS: *Are (were) you in the Order of the Arrow? Which Lodge? What level did you attain? Are you still active?*

KD: Yes. I was inducted into Suanhacky Lodge in Queens. I had various jobs, usually related to camp promotion or service, in the lodge and in Tatanka chapter, ultimately becoming Lodge Adviser. I'm now in Lodge #9 in Northern NJ Council. Unusual name...came about through a merger of seven other lodges.

SS: *Away from camp, what is your job in the Real World?*

KD: I am a foreman with Time Warner Cable TV.

SS: *Are you involved in any other activities (community, hobby)?*

KD: I like photography and household projects. I'm involved with Leonia NJ American Legion Post where I do photography and some event planning with them. I also spend some time volunteering at the Overpeck Nature Preserve.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

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Aerial Photo of Camp Manhattan (today's Camp Keowa), circa 1944.

photos and a few that we haven't seen previously. Hal noted that Camp Kunatah and its waterfront (1946) are completely missing. The Ranachqua Unit E Dining Hall (which burned down in August, 1949) is in plain sight. Karl noted that there are definitely two waterfronts toward the dam end of the lake, probably the old D-1 Sacut and old D-2 Accaponac. The Accaponac waterfront disappeared after the 1945 season and the new D-1 used the Sacut waterfront from 1946 - 1952.

The photos of T.M.R.'s Old Headquarters Camp are the most complete that we have, depicting all the major buildings. All of the septic fields that are prominent in the various camp aerial photos starting in 1959 are missing. Camp Keowa's Forest Preserve (adjacent to Crystal Lake) is missing. The road between Ranachqua Unit E and Lake Nianque is missing.

These aerial photos depict a T.M.R. of another era, very different from today. (21 photos.)

William H. Pouch Photos and Paper

This is a small but excellent collection of photos and paper related to William H. Pouch, longtime G.N.Y.C. President and Commissioner. William H. Pouch Scout Camp on Staten Island is named in his honor. Ed Winters donated it to the Museum.

There are five photographs with Mr. Pouch in it:

1. Mr. Pouch with Governor Thomas E. Dewey and other G.N.Y.C. officials (circa 1950's).
2. Mr. Pouch welcoming Boy Scouts to the William H. Pouch Scout Camp
3. Mr. Pouch and six Cub Scouts welcoming Margaret Truman to the 1948 G.N.Y.C. Scout-O-Rama.
4. Mr. Pouch, three Scouts and G.N.Y.C. officials at the dedication of the William H. Pouch Scout Camp (1950).



Mr. Pouch welcoming Scouts to the William H. Pouch Scout Camp (detail).

5. Mr. Pouch and other members of the G.N.Y.C. Executive Board at a Board meeting at Camp Pouch (1950's).

There is also an original 4-page fine vellum document in colored calligraphy, produced for the Executive Board of the Greater New York Councils in memoriam of Mr. Pouch upon his death in 1959. Here is the full text of the document:

*In Memoriam
William Henry Pouch*

Whereas, William Henry Pouch had played a leadership role in the development of the Boy Scout Movement in Greater New York for the past thirty years, and

Whereas, he had been a member of the Executive Board of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America for the last twenty years, and

Whereas, he had served from 1940 to 1946 as Chairman of the National Council's Region Two (comprising New York, New Jersey and Puerto Rico), and had served as President of the Greater New York Councils from 1942 to 1948, and

Whereas, he was the holder of the Silver Beaver, the Silver Antelope and the Silver Buffalo for distinguished service to Boyhood on a local, regional and national level, and

Whereas, he was unstinting of his time and substance in promoting the interests of the Boy Scouts with special emphasis on the camping aspects of the program, of which the most eloquent witness is the great William H. Pouch Boy Scout Camp on Staten Island, and

Whereas, his great heart embraced not only the boys he worked for, but the adults he worked with in the movement.

Now Therefore, be it Resolved that the Executive Board of the Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts of America record their deep sense of personal loss at the death of their devoted friend and associate of so many years.

Note: *Copies of these materials were donated to the Museum at the William H. Pouch Scout Camp.*



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Ten Mile River Scout Camps

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TMR Alumni/Reunion Day

Saturday, July 21, 2012

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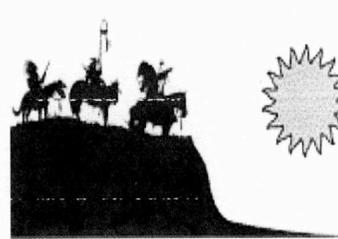
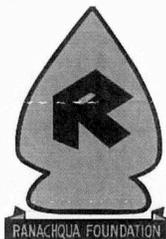
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VISIT THE NEW LOCATION OF THE CAYUGA CABIN AT THE MUSEUM

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GREATER NEW YORK COUNCILS, B.S.A.

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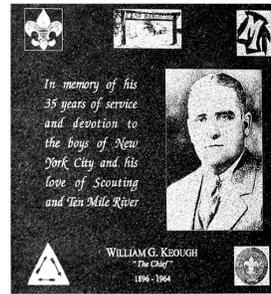
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OLD HEADQUARTERS CAMP WALKING TOUR

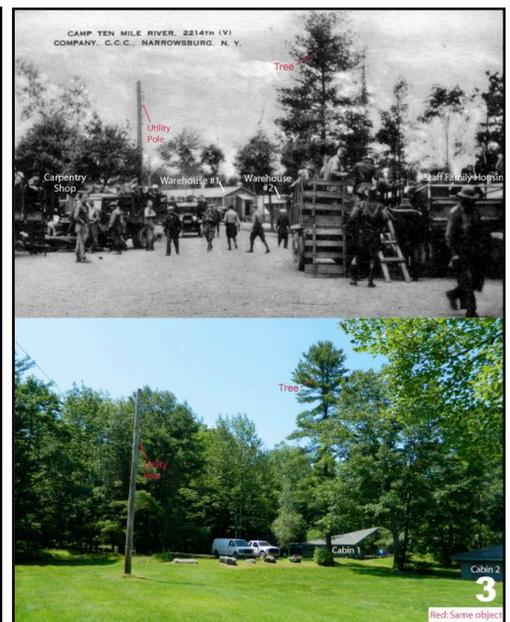
By: David Malatzky

Plans are moving ahead for a marked, self-guided walking tour of T.M.R.'s Old Headquarters Camp and the Ten Mile River Civilian Conservation Corp (C.C.C.) Camp. This will replace the present unmarked, map-based tour.

The C.C.C. built the camp in 1933 and occupied it until 1936. In 1938, the new T.M.R. Reservation Staff under Al Nichols, Jr. took over the camp buildings and made relatively few changes. Old Headquarters Camp was almost completely torn down and replaced with the present Headquarters Camp in 1962.

Old Headquarters Camp was only a short walk from today's Ten Mile River Scout Museum. This means that Museum visitors in the future will be able to walk the Old Headquarters Camp tour in addition to visiting the Museum.

The tour guidebook will include a route map, photos and histories of all the major buildings and structures, and general histories of Old Headquarters Camp and the T.M.R. C.C.C. Camp.



Historic and contemporary photos of Old Headquarters Camp and the T.M.R. C.C.C. Camp. (From the Old Headquarters Camp Trail Guide.)

A LETTER FROM A BRONX SCOUT TO DAN BEARD

352 Sumner Ave,
Plainfield, N. J.
April, 19th, 1940.

Dear Uncle Dan:

I have been asked by the members of our Troop Committee, to write to you, to ask you sir, to accept our invitation to attend our Troop picnic on Saturday, June 29th at our Scout cabin near Plainfield atop Watchung Mt.

The reason why I was asked to do this is because I have so often spoken about you to the boys in the Troop, the things you have taught me, and what I did while with you. I doubt very much Uncle Dan if you remember me as it was so long ago, but I am writing in the hope that you still do.

When I first became a Scout in Feb. 1911, I was with a Troop in the Bronx, and then later moved to College Point, L.I. I was selected later as one of the Scouts to welcome Baden-Powell and was with him and you for a long while. I was also one of the first to go with you to Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay on our pilgrimage to our beloved Theodore Roosevelt's resting place. Still later sir, do you remember in the N.Y. Council room opposite the old Madison Square Garden on Madison Ave. in the A.S.P.C.A. building at a long table were seated Dr. Crampton, Lorillard Spencer, Mr. Pollard, and yourself. On the table was a model Bleriot monoplane then by the table stood a very nervous Scout trying to appear calm, up for his Merit Badge for aviation. After the examination, and testing of the plane, you asked me about kites, the different kinds that I had made, and you asked me where I got the information from on their construction. The others all laughed when I said they were all from your books. I was really happy when you gave me my Merit Badge and told me I was the first Scout ever to receive this aviation badge. I was surprised to see that the New York Herald saw fit to write an article about the award the following Sunday.

We left the Council office together that day and we found that we were neighbors in that you lived in Flushing and I in College Point and from then on we often went back and forth to the Council office



Daniel Carter Beard

together. Believe me sir; I was one proud Scout to be so often in your company. It was while with you that you told me so many stories and accounts, which I have retold as coming from you to other boys who were not as fortunate as I as to have had the privilege of being in your company so much. The climax came the day you presented me with my Eagle Badge in the arena of the Garden during a Scout rally. That is something I will never forget.

Troop #1 was formed at that time with Mr. Lorillard Spencer, was Commissioner at that time in N.Y. as Scoutmaster. This Troop was made up from Eagle Scouts throughout Manhattan, and we were used to try out various Scout materials and activities before they were sent out to other Troops. When Mr. Spencer resigned, you took over the Troop until the World War when we disbanded to take our place in the various services of the Government, I going with the Civilian Aviation division as airplane inspector, and the buying of wood for aircraft construction.

After the war I came to Plainfield, with my family, and became connected with the Watchung Council on the Organization Committee until my son was old enough to become a Scout. I then went with his Troop as Asst. Scoutmaster and have been here since. While I watch my son go through his work is like reliving my boyhood days as a Scout all over again.

Mr. C.J. Hellen, Scoutmaster is a wonderful man who is doing a great job here, being recently awarded the Silver Beaver. We have a Cub Pack

of 60 boys, a Scout Troop of 90 boys, an Explorer Patrol and a Rover Crew. We have our own cabin which is continually used and I can assure you that our boys are real Scouts in their outdoor activities as we are fortunate to have experienced leaders who have also been in Scouting a long time.

So Uncle Dan, if you can possibly find your way clear to be able to attend our picnic on June 29th, I can assure you that you will be received with much welcome, and if you will let me know, I am quite sure suitable arrangements can be made for your getting here. You can imagine sir, what this would mean to me to be able to introduce to the boys my Scoutmaster and adviser of long ago whom I bragged about so much "what I did with Uncle Dan when I was a Scout."

Hoping that this letter finds you sir in the best of health and wishing you continued success, I beg to take leave now and will expect and hope to hear from you with favor. God Bless you Uncle Dan and thanks again for what you have done for me.

Sincerely and gratefully,

O.J. Thielhart
Asst Scoutmaster. Troop 15
Plainfield, N.J.

April 23, 1940
352 Sumner Avenue
Plainfield, New Jersey

My dear Scoutmaster Thielart:

Thank you for your very interesting and historical letter. Yes, I remember the scout and the flying machine and the award.

I will tentatively accept your invitation. With the load of years I carry, all engagements are tentative, largely dependent upon the weather, and particularly upon my physical condition at the time you name.

Give my greetings to the boys, and my congratulations to yourself.

Cordially yours,
Daniel Carter Beard

EARLY PHOTOGRAPHS OF DAN BEARD



1862 - age 12



1874 - age 24



c1892 - age 42



c1905 - age 55

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Conference Outline, Envelope, Executive Board Meetings, Harlem District Camping Committee, Manhattan Council Calendar 1962-63, Membership, Post Cards, Unit Visit Record, Manhattan Council Certificates, Personalities - Albright Membership Cards. Stationary - 01/03/23, 04/06/26.

11. **Queens Council** - Queens Council History - Gene Berman Request. - Anthony Joseponis Reply, Jullian Rashkind Reply.

12. **Local History** - TMR CCC Camp – Photos.

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

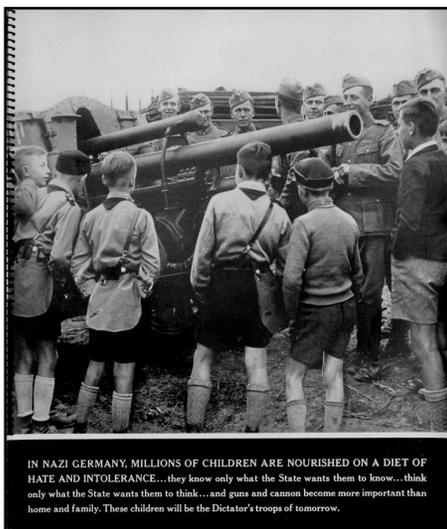
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than 2,500 other copies were soon sent to religious, civic, industrial and business leaders in all five boroughs.

National Council quickly revised *America's Answer* and sent copies to all the B.S.A. Councils.

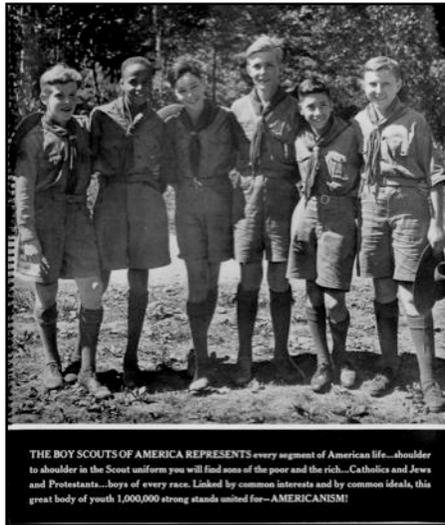
By the end of 1939, more than 35,000 copies of the National Council version of *America's Answer* were distributed nationwide. Reprints from it appeared in newspapers and national and local magazines, providing the theme for numerous editorials. A 35-mm. film version was developed and 105 copies were sold to local councils. A 2-



IN NAZI GERMANY, MILLIONS OF CHILDREN ARE NOURISHED ON A DIET OF HATE AND INTOLERANCE...they know only what the State wants them to know...think only what the State wants them to think...and guns and cannon become more important than home and family. These children will be the Dictator's troops of tomorrow.

German Scouts and Soldiers from
"America's Answer."

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American Scouts (probably from N.Y.C.)
from "America's Answer."

minute 35-mm. trailer, narrated by Bob Trout, was developed in cooperation with Paul Parker and released for the 1940 Boy Scout Week.

The Museum has both versions of *America's Answer* in our archives and on our web site. Both have the same basic design, with large dramatic photos and white-on-black text.

The Foundation's (original) version starts with headlines and photos depicting the destruction and chaos of the European war, followed by young boys training in Russia, Italy and Germany. In America, youths are shown doing the Nazi salute and Communists shown marching in New York City. *America's Answer* states: "The dictators of Europe have not stopped with regimenting the youth of their own countries... Today they are spreading their propoganda of hate and intolerance to the four corners of the earth." *America's Answer* then asks: "What are we going to do about it? What CAN we do about it? How are we going to keep the real spirit of America alive in the Nation's youth?" It is no surprise that the answer according to *America's Answer* is the Boy Scouts of America.

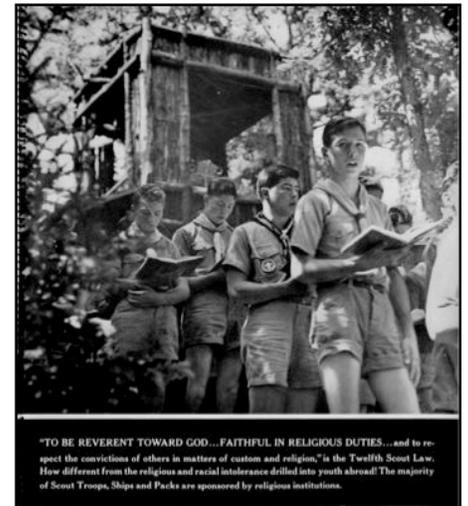
Next are shown photos of the Boy Scout Foundation Executive Board, cheerful (and integrated) Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts praying, a Scout blowing a bugle in front of an American Flag, a young Scout carrying a litter, Scouts doing handicrafts at camp, Sea Scouts and a Scout at the Washington Monument. Many themes are mentioned. The most important one is that the B.S.A. represents every segment of American life: sons of the poor and the rich, of various religions, of various races, all linked by common interests and by common ideals, all 1,000,000 strong standing for "AMERICANISM!" Most of the photos were apparently of N.Y.C. Scouts and taken at T.M.R. or the other N.Y.C. Scout camps.

America's Answer then explains how the Communist-sponsored "Young Pioneers" was attacking the B.S.A. Also that more camping areas within easy reach of New York City were needed, and that the Boy Scout Foundation needed additional funding to make this happen.

Next are shown additional photos of groups of Scouts, and the statement that "these 40,000 N.Y.C. Scouts will be the backbone of our National life, the leaders of tomorrow."

America's Answer states "Never before has it been so vital for each of us to Invest in Americanism!," followed by a contribution card. The document ends with the names of the Officers and Executive Board members of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York.

In the National Council (revised) version of *America's Answer*, all references to N.Y.C. Scouting and the Boy Scout Foundation were replaced with references to Scouting in general or the National Council. Some photos were replaced, notably the one of President Roosevelt was replaced with another with F.D.R., James E. West and Walter Head. The contribution card was removed.



Camp Man chapel and T.M.R. Scouts from
"America's Answer."

Dan Beard criticized *America's Answer*. He thought that the youths marching in the dictator country photos were far too cute and empathetic. However, these photos were not changed in the National Council version.

The names of Foundation Officers and Executive Board members at the end of the booklet were replaced with names from the National Council. Inside the back cover is a text box recognizing the Boy Scout Foundation for originally developing *America's Answer* and giving instructions for local councils to order additional copies. (64 pgs.)

1944 T.M.R. Aerial Photos

Hal Rosenfeld found these at the T.M.R. Headquarters Camp Administration Building and they are very significant. Our previously earliest T.M.R. aerial photos date back to 1959. These photos are in fact undated and 1944 is an estimate based on analysis by David Malatzky, Hal Rosenfeld and Karl Bernstein. Camp Rondack (opened 1945) is completely missing, but Our Lady of the Lake Chapel at Camp Keowa (built 1941) is present so the photos date between 1941-1944.

There are some T.M.R. landmarks missing in the

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Museum Web Site News



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Welcome back to my column. On the web site <http://tmmuseum.org> be sure to click on Museum News for the latest Museum photos, upcoming events and publications. Here are some recent additions to Museum News:

1. T.M.R. Alumni Day Photos-2011.
 2. T.M.R. Smoke Signals - Summer, 2011 Issue.
- Here are some recent additions to our YouTube Site:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/TMRScoutMuseum>:

1. 2011 TMR Alumni Day Program (Parts 1-5)

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

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

1. Kanohwahke Scout Camps - Brooklyn Scout Camps - Camp Cropsey - Good Will Banquet - 8/24/27. Manhattan Scout Camps - Camp Spencer - Amiello DeVito Paper, Patches. MSC Literature - Camp Guides - 1921, 1923. The Royal Blue (newsletter). Personalities - Harvey Gordon and Staff. Trail Map.

2. Ten Mile River Scout Camps - Brooklyn Scout Camps - 1928 Staff. Camp Kotohke 1928-29. Division 4 - Camp Leaders Guide (1942), D4 Camper (1941), Div 4 Dinner (1942), Div 4 Map, Ib Mork paper. Joseph Satten memorabilia. 3rd Degree Emblem Requirements. White Bar Race. Camp Aquehonga (New) - Camp Photos. Camp

Keowa - Camp Photos. Camp Kunatah - Camp Photos, Map. Staff list (1975). Camp Man - Camp Photos (1950s). Camp Manhattan - Staff (1943), Orderly. Old Headquarters Camp - Camp Photos (1949). Misc - Jacques Abelow Gateway, Solar Power Photos. TMR Publicity Photos - 1940s, 1950s, 1970s. T.M.R. 60th Anniversary - BJ Lerner. T.M.R. Literature - Whos Who at TMR (1938), TMR Brochures - 1951, 1959, TMR Passbook (1953). 1960s - GNYC Camp Promotion Committee, GNYC Camperships, The Cabin (1963). Camp Promotion Kit (1961) - Camp Patents Night Kit, Camping Bulletin, Envelope, Explorer Base, Family Camp, Hold A Place Form, Its Parent Night, Parent Letter, Request for Camp Promotion Tools, TMR Scout Information, Unit Committee Carries its Fair Share. Camp Promotion Kit (1962) - Camp Promotion Timeline, Camping Bulletin, Camping Philosophy, Envelope, GNYC Camping Award, Its Parent Night, Parents Letter, Savings Card, Sticker, Summer Camp Roundtable. TMR Registration 1961-62. TMR Brochure 1960. TMR Scout 1976. TMR Alumni Association (1994-1, 1994-2). TMR Aerial Photographs (1944). Camps - Aquehonga (New), Aquehonga (Old), Chappagat, Davis Lake, Family Camp, Hayden, Headquarters, Headquarters (close up), Iphetonga-1, Iphetonga-2, Keowa, Kernochan, Kotohke, Kunatah, Lakeside, Nianque, Ranachqua, Rondack. Lakes - Crystal Lake, Half Moon Lake, Lake Nianque, Rock Lake, Turnpike Lake. TMR Memorabilia - Stillwaters 1962 n/c, TMR Scout Museum Historian Patches, TMR Patch Artwork. TMR Personalities - FDR - Feb. 1935 FDR Report to Scouts, Mar. 1935 FDR Silver Buffalo. Ken Crandall.

3. Short-Term Camps - Alpine Scout Camps - Photos. Kanes Open - Map. Spruce Pond - History, Local Area photos (2004). William H. Pouch Scout Camp - Camp Photos (William H. Pouch).

4. Order of the Arrow - Grand Lodge Meeting Minutes (1923, 1926). Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge - Publications - Chiefs List (1994), Vigil Lists (1994-1, 1994-2, 1995). Meal Ticket (1953). Suanhack Lodge - 50th Anniversary Award. Lodge History

Request (1992) - Request, Anthony Joseponis Reply. Lodge Paper (1939-40) - District 8 Annual Report (1939-40), District Report Format, Joseponis Camp Man (1942), Lodge Meeting Program (1941), Member Record Form, Suanhack Lodge Activities (1939-40), Suanhack Lodge Bylaws (1939), Suanhack Lodge Receipt (1940), Suanhack Play and Dance (1940). Tower of Friendship Rededication (1986).

5. National Council - 1964 Worlds Fair Service Camp - Jay Barrett Paper. Baden-Powell Photos. Dan Beard - 1935 National Jamboree Invitation. Correspondence - General Brainard, Girl Pioneers of America, Martin Freeman. Photos - Family, Youth, Pre-Scouting, Work, Kentucky Progress Magazine, Scouting, Non-Scouting, Dan Beard and BP, Dan Beard Outdoor School, Flushing, Suffern Home, Farm House-Reding CT. Uniform. Newspaper Articles. James E. West Photos. National Council Meeting (1955). Roosevelt Memorial Pilgrimages - 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1935. Seton Photos. Silver Buffalo/Silver Beaver 1943. W.D. Boyce Photos.

6. Boy Scout Foundation - Publications - America's Answer (Boy Scout Foundation), America's Answer (National Council).

7. Greater New York Councils - Brunton Photos. Fundraising - Lunch-O-Ree (1961). GNYC Artwork. Personalities - Irving Berlin. William H. Pouch - In Memoriam, Photos. Publications - 50th Anniversary Award, Eagle Recognition Ceremony 1962, GNYC Rank Cards, Merit Badge Application 1962. Publications - Greater New York Scouter - 01/20/48, 05/57. NYC Scouter - 06/62, 03/63, 09/67, 05/68, 02/69. Scout Shows - 1952, 1961.

8. Bronx Council - Individuals - George Stream (Dan Beard).

9. Brooklyn Council - Districts - Sunset District - Court of Honor Requirements. Troop Publications - Troop 25 (Dan Beard), Troop 164 - Grunts & Groans Newsletter, T164 Minstrels, T164 Photos.

10. Manhattan Council - Annual Dinners and Reports - 1943, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1993. Manhattan Council (1961-1962) - Annual Meeting, Camp Promotions, District Operations Conference, District Operations

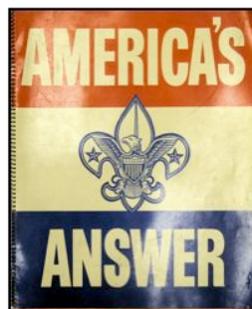
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America's Answer

This is a great example how National Council, B.S.A. adopted something that was developed by New York City Scouting, then modified and distributed it to all the Boy Scout Councils in the U.S.A.

America's Answer, an oversized 32-page illustrated booklet with wire loop binding, was published by the Boy Scout Foundation in 1939 to depict pictorially the contrast between Scouting activities and the activities of youth organizations



America's Answer

in the dictator countries (Russia, Germany, Italy and Japan). The booklet was prepared by deLancey Kountze, chairman of the Foundation's Public Relations committee, and several assistants, with the advice and

cooperation of many Boy Scout officials, and was received with wide acclaim.

It was released by the Boy Scout Foundation shortly before the 1939 Boy Scout Week, as part of a program to help dramatize democracy and to interpret the part that the Boy Scouts of America played to guarantee to future generations the American way of life.

On January 27, 1939 Scouts throughout Manhattan distributed four hundred copies. More

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