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### MUSEUM ADVISES HISTORY DETECTIVES "SHOOT" AT ALPINE SCOUT CAMP

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**O**n Feb. 7, 2008, the Museum provided historical advice and archival documents for the filming of a segment of the PBS series "History Detectives" at Alpine Scout Camp.



David Malatzky, Gwen Wright, Cedric Bodley at Alpine Scout Camp

The show's producers received an e-mail from a 14-year-old Oregon teenager who wanted to learn more about a 1933 program for a fundraiser for the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York. The yellowed banner, which the girl found wrapped around a book in her school's drama room closet, listed the party's sponsor as socialite Cobina Wright. Franklin D. Roosevelt was identified in the program as President of the Boy Scout Foundation.

The event was called Cobina Wright's Society Circus and held in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on April 25, 1933. A circus tent with sawdust ring was erected in the ballroom and various circus acts were featured. Affluent members of New York

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### Spotlight on T.M.R. Staff: Karl Bernstein

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**T**he subject of this issue is Karl Bernstein. Karl has been a mainstay of the Ten Mile River Museum Executive Board since its inception. He agreed to answer our questions, which follow:

**SS: Which Camp Staff did you work with, what were your duties, and what were the dates?**

KB: Camp Kotohke, Division 1, 1952 - Dishwashing Supervisor. 1953 - Assistant Waterfront Director. 1954 - Office Manager. 1955, 1956 - Waterfront Director.

**SS: The Order of the Arrow, especially in the early days of TMR, was an integral part of the Camp Program. What was your involvement with the OA?**

KB: I was Chapter Chief, Saccaponac Chapter. Vice Chief and Lodge Chief, Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge, Brooklyn. I received the Vigil Honor in 1955.

**SS: What was your home troop and location?**

KB: Troop and Explorer Post 442, Sheepshead Bay, then Kingsway District, Brooklyn.

**SS: What are some of your awards?**

KB: Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor, Scoutmaster, Explorer Advisor and OA Awards.



Karl Bernstein

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### MUSEUM EXHIBIT WILL SHOW HOW T.M.R. HAS CHANGED SINCE 1959

**I**f you ever wondered how much T.M.R. has changed over the years, it will be evident after viewing the feature exhibit at the Museum this summer.

The exhibit will include aerial photographs of various T.M.R. Camps (Keowa, Rondack, Kunatah, Lakeside, Central, Davis Lake, Hayden, Aquehonga, Ranachqua, Nianque, Stillwaters, Family Camp, Kunatah, Iphetonga, Chappegat, Kotohke and Headquarters) taken every 7-10 years between 1959-2006.

Key buildings, roads, trails and campsites will be identified in each photo. T.M.R. alumni will be able to see the camps they remembered from their youth, although from a perspective of several thousand feet.

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## from the chairman's desk



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**A**s I sit at my desk and write this article we are beginning to see the first signs of spring. And as Spring arrives my thoughts as always turn to TMR and to the summer coming very soon. This is a particularly exciting summer as so many new things are planned for TMR. Sure, it's sad to see some of the old things go but the excitement of new and better reaches out to stoke the imagination of what is possible.

As a Kunatah kid, myself, for many many years I am very sad to see Kunatah closed. But I am also realistic to know that Greater New York Councils could not continue to operate a camp where most weeks the staff outnumbered the campers. But the property will still be there. Scouts and Scouters will still be able to see the majesty of Rock Lake and enjoy hiking to the Indian Cliffs. And who's to say that in the future, if Scouting's fortunes change, and the Scout population dramatically increases that a new and better Kunatah might not arise like a Phoenix from its ashes. But that is a dream for the future.

Right now, we have lots of new and exciting things to look forward to. Perhaps the biggest changes in TMR in the past 45 years will be occurring during the next few years. While nothing has been finalized yet, rumors abound about Headquarters camp moving from its present location to a brand new location, yet to be built, on Crystal Lake with access from a new road that will be built entering from Route 26 located between Keowa and Kernochan. If this really does come to pass, we would hope that a new and modern Headquarters will include a new Museum Building as well. With the consolidation of the Summer camping population, monies saved on dining hall operations, water tower and pipe issues, Ranger Trucks and Rangers, nurses vans and nurses, staffing and duplication of program items, funds will become available for a World Class TMR to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Bigger is not always better. Sure in 1965 we had 12 camps operating but did we have dirt bikes for the scouts? Water

## from the editor



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**I**t doesn't seem possible that we are starting our fourth year of publication of "Smoke Signals"! It was several years ago that Gene Berman approached me at an Order of the Arrow Conclave with the proposal of starting a newsletter, with yours truly assuming the position of Editor. I agreed, and we haven't looked back since...

Much has happened, and much has changed in those years. We have closed a camp at Ten Mile River. We have developed and expanded the Museum, and there has been extensive renovation throughout the Reservation, to name just a few of the changes. People have come and gone. And we have great plans for the future, including moving Headquarters and the Museum.

But we will keep up with the changes, because, although we are a historic and nostalgic publication, we also are a newspaper which reports the news. Knowledge of the past is essential to a successful future, if only to insure that the mistakes of the past are not repeated. It is our hope that, as we look forward to the future, that it will be bright with hope and growth. The Boy Scouts of America serves the youth of the nation, and our Scouts mature and grow through the program. Watching these boys, we cannot help but be hopeful and optimistic. Come to camp and see for yourself!

Have a happy summer!  
*Fred Gervat is editor of T.M.R. Smoke Signals.*

trampolines, pedal go-carts? Motorboating? Water skiing? Rappelling off Indian Cliffs? High and low COPE courses with the biggest and best ever coming to Keowa for 2008? Sure we had the donut farm but now we have the original donut machine, piano and little cat right at the Museum.

So hang onto your hat as it's a wild ride these days at TMR. You can visit the TMR you remember, the TMR of yesteryear at the Museum as you take a virtual tour through time and space. And then, you can take a real world tour of what the TMR of today looks like

and in a few years, the TMR of tomorrow will knock your socks off if everything that is planned comes to fruition.

Because of all of this, the Museum's expansion plans were put into a little bit of turmoil. After all, we will still be living in our present building for several years until the new Museum is built and we have to make the current Museum as "Top Notch" as we can. However, we want to scale back on some of our long range plans since we will not be there to implement them. Therefore, the slogan that has been adopted is for us to do as much as we have to and but not more than we have to in order to maintain progress, growth and effectiveness at the Museum to continue to strive for the "World Class" label everyone wants today.

Apropos of this our completed shell is in place. Walls will be erected inside to provide a storage area, a new office, a library, and a work area to develop projects for exhibits. While we have scrapped our idea for a new electric service, the opening of the new wing will allow us to create more and better exhibits in the old wing.

We have our own new Museum Flag and Jake Pontillo has promised a bigger and better knot rack from whose top both the American Flag and our new Museum Flag will proudly fly. Dave Malatzky has promised a great exhibit of maps and aerial photographs showing how TMR has changed in the past 50 years as to buildings, camps, etc. We plan to have several new outdoor activities that will be set up by Mike Drillingier similar to some low COPE elements. And hopefully, we will have some indoor interactive displays more in line with what today's modern child expects to find in a Museum. And since among our goals are to continue to record the history of TMR we will have new archival material that we have gleaned during the winter available and on display this summer. And of course our old relics, the donut machine will make donuts on July 12th, Alumni Day, the stained glass window from the old Catholic chapel and the bell from the old Protestant chapel and of course our oldest relic, our curator Bernie Sussman who returns for his tenth season. (Just kidding Bernie.)

I am excited just thinking about all of this. If you are enthused, come visit us Tuesdays thru Sundays at the Museum the weeks camp is open, or our 24/7 virtual museum on the web at [tmmuseum.org](http://tmmuseum.org). Alumni Day will be Saturday, July 12th and while not as big as last year's 80th just the joy and camaraderie of getting together makes this a date you don't want to miss. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

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



## Welcome 2007 Members

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The Ten Mile River Scout Museum's membership year ends on June 30, 2008. Dues payment reminders will be mailed to all dues-paid members in early June. If you want to renew your membership in the Museum you can either mail in the dues payment form (below) or the form that you will receive in June.

## Join the T.M.R. Scout Museum

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Ten Mile River Scout Museum Membership Form

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TMR Camp \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ Staff Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ \$250 Patron  
☐ \$500 Benefactor  
☐ \$1,000 Leadership

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I can help out in the following ways:

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# COBINA WRIGHT'S SOCIETY CIRCUS

For those of you planning to watch the "History Detectives" program on Cobina Wright's Society Circus, here is some background on the event, which took place April 25, 1933, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

A huge circus tent was set up in the Waldorf-Astoria's grand ballroom with three rings, just like in a real circus.

The ball attracted about 3,000 members of society and the artistic world with entertainment by headliners from the stage, screen and radio. It was billed as "the largest society circus in the history of New York."

The ball benefited the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President at the time of both the United States and the Foundation, was very interested in the ball. He telegraphed the chairman of the ball the following message: "I wish I could be with you today, for I know of no organization which does more valuable work than the Boy Scouts, and I wish you every success in your drive and am glad that the women are doing such good work."

Three dance orchestras played and several acts were contributed by Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

The East and West foyers of the ballroom featured some thirty-odd sideshow booths



*Cobina Wright's Society Circus Program*

filled with freaks, fortunetellers, sketch and caricature artists, peepshows, refreshment stands, Coney Island freak mirrors, and an archery range.

The ball formally opened at 10:00 PM with dancing and visits to the sideshows. Guests were required to wear circus costumes. A circus supper was served. At midnight all of the guests participated in a gala costume parade, with judges selecting the most original and funniest costumes.

Next was a "series of sensational surprises" including Divo the High Diver, "Freddie" (Justice Frederic) Kernochan's dogs and monkeys and Eddie Gar (billed as Italy's foremost clown). Comedian Fannie Brice was in a knife-throwing act. Jimmy Durante appeared as King of the High Wire. Ed Wynn appeared with his trained seal.

Cobina Wright was the concert stage name for Mrs. William May Wright.

## History Detectives "Shoot"

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society were invited to the event, which was one in a series organized by Cobina Wright to benefit N.Y.C. institutions.

PBS contacted the Greater New York Councils for details on the fundraiser. GNYC forwarded their request to the Museum which provided PBS with extensive history and documentation from our archives on the following subjects:

1. Newspaper articles on the Cobina Wright Society Circus.
2. How profits from the fundraiser helped pay off the mortgage for part of T.M.R.
3. FDR's role in the organization of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York and the purchase of T.M.R.
4. FDR's support of Scouting nationwide as President of the United States.

Cedric Bodley, GNYC Asst. Director of Camping, was interviewed by "History Detective" Gwen Wright in the Alpine Scout Camp Administration Building. Producer Jill Roussell and Asst. Producer Stacey Young made sure that everything ran smoothly. Museum archivist David Malatzky was on hand to answer any historical questions.

The filming relied heavily on historical documents, photos and publications, all of which came from the Museum's archives. The Scoutmaster Lounge is filled with historical displays on T.M.R. and Alpine Scout Camp, all provided by the Museum. These should be visible in the program.

The segment, called the "Society Circus Program," will air sometime this summer on PBS.

## Reeves Lodge Historical Display at Alpine Scout Camp

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The T.M.R. Scout Museum has contributed a small display on the history of the Micajah Rufus Reeves Leadership Training Lodge (better known as Reeves Lodge) to Alpine Scout Camp. It includes enlargements and copies of early post cards, brochures, architectural designs, letters about the \$10,000 donation that paid for Reeves Lodge and a photo of Micajah "Mike" Rufus Reeves.

Reeves Lodge was erected as a living memorial to Reeves. The \$10,000 was donated by Reeves Brothers, Inc. (a major fabric and textile producer), its employees,

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*Reeves Lodge Display*

and by various textile mills. Reeves Lodge was dedicated on April 4, 1948.

The display can be viewed in the hallway in the lower level of Reeves Lodge.

## 2008 T.M.R. HISTORIAN PATCH

The 2008 T.M.R. Museum Historian patch has been ordered and will be available when the Museum opens in July. This patch is awarded free to all Scouts that visit the Museum and complete the requirements.

The patch design is a nighttime version of the classic T.M.R. Indian Cliffs design. The lettering, Indian and moon will also glow in the dark, the first time the Museum has issued a patch with this feature.



*2008 T.M.R. Historian Patch*

Your Scouts will certainly treasure this special patch so make sure they visit the Museum this summer and earn it.

# The T.M.R. Wall of Fame

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

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

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

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

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

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



*Please send me custom-engraved tile order information for the TMR Wall of Fame.*

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**F**ind the words below. The only rule is that each letter must touch the previous letter. Answers in the next issue of T.M.R. Smoke Signals.

**VILLAGE KERNOCHAN KUNATAH  
 ALPINE GERVAT POUCH GNYC**

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<u>6</u>	M	F	I	R	E	B	I	C

MUSEUM. . . . . 2A, 3A, 4B, 4A, 5A, 6A.  
 TMR. . . . . 1E, 1F, 1G.  
 MADSEN. . . . . 1E, 2E, 2D, 1C, 2C, 3C.  
 KEOWA. . . . . 5E, 4E, 4D, 3D, 2E.  
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 BERMAN. . . . . 6F, 6E, 6D, 5C, 4C, 3C.  
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# THE KEOWA HORSE



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**B**ack in the day, 1966, Ten Mile River had a horseback riding outpost called the Ponderosa. It was located at the rear of Turnpike Lake (access road off County Road 26 is still there) up the hill. Troops could arrange to go horseback riding once during their stay at TMR. One would expect to find horses at the Ponderosa but no where else. That was the logical order of things. In addition, 1966 saw many outposts around the camp besides the Ponderosa. There was Canoe Base Outpost and Sherwood Forest Archery and there was Indian Village located at Trout Pond run by the only Jewish Indian I've ever met. But he definitely knew his Indian stuff. In 1966 I was the home Troop Scoutmaster for Troops 115 Brooklyn in July and 199 Queens in August.

One sunny morning I awoke early as the Troop was down at Indian Village for an Overnight at the Outpost. As Scoutmaster, I left the important responsibility of helping the Scouts build and sleep in their improvised shelters to my Assistant Scoutmasters while I stayed in camp, in my own bed, to be sure the Keowa Cabins didn't float away while they were gone. But I did have the chore of waking early enough to pick up food supplies for the troop. As I opened the door of my cabin (we always screened and put doors on our cabins), what to my bloodshot eyes should appear (Credit to Clark Clement Moore) but a horse walking through my Campsite (Site #4-Algonquin). At first I assumed I was dreaming. Then I assumed I was hallucinating.... sure with the kids out of the site I had gone to Wolfe's with my friend, Bob Rozett the regular 199 Scoutmaster.

Sure I had stumbled back up the Keowa pipeline trail to my cabin and bed. Sure I had fallen into bed. But this I had done many times and never awoke to see a horse in the campsite. Eventually, it dawned on me this

was all real. I woke my friend Bob to tell him and his reaction was, "stop the baloney, I am not going with you to get the food and go to Indian Village." He would not believe there was a horse in our campsite even though I gave my Scout Honor. I proceeded down to get the food from the Keowa dining hall and no one there believed me either. Okay, maybe I was going crazy....I figured let me get the food to the Troop and deal with this later.



*Actual Ponderosa Horse - Was this the one?*

Upon my return I first encountered Bob. He apologized for not believing me about the horse. "Did you see it?" I asked. "Well, not quite" he answered. In those days we had large dumper latrines right behind the cabins between the sites and apparently Bob, also somewhat bleary eyed in the morning had proceeded to the latrine only to step in a large pile of horse doo doo. Then he believed me.

Meanwhile, others in camp had now seen the horse and with initial confusion the word was it was from Ponderosa, it was not from Ponderosa, it was from a local farm, it was from outer space.....In any event the Wrangler from Ponderosa was on his way over to Keowa. As it turned out it was a Ponderosa horse that somehow managed to get loose and managed to get all the way to Keowa without being spotted or missed.

When the Wrangler arrived, the horse was resting around where the Central Shower House now is located. At the time it was between sites 2, Iroquois and 3, Mohican. The Staff had rounded up every available adult and staffer that could be spared and the Wrangler instructed us to all make a big circle around the horse. Once done he instructed the circle to begin to close and said if the

horse headed in your direction just wave your hands back and forth as if to say, Whoa, halt. As the circle tightened I guess the horse started to get a little spooked. I guess somehow he also knew who the boss was, George Renwick, the camp director. George was a wonderful director, level headed and a good friend. But as the horse began to head his way, George, a person of color, suddenly went white as Caspar the Ghost and he dove behind a tree. The horse bolted past him and head off towards Cherokee site.

Eventually, the Wrangler did catch the horse and they got it back to Ponderosa where it belonged. Despite the fact that most of the horses at the Ponderosa were old and ready for the glue factory, this one had enough spunk and spirit to get to Keowa and run around long enough to create the legend of the Keowa horse.

*Dr. Berman is Chairman of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum Board of Trustees.*

## KARL BERNSTEIN

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### **SS: What are you doing now?**

KB: I am a retired Middle School Assistant Principal for the New York City Board of Education.

### **SS: Are you still involved in Scouting?**

KB: Yes! I am on the TMR Museum Committee, The GNYC Camping Committee, and the Brooklyn Council Executive Board.

### **SS: Has Scouting changed since you were a Scout?**

KB: Yes and no. The world was very different when I was a Scout. There were several large troops in the neighborhood, and boys had their choice of which unit to join.

### **SS: Thank you.**

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# Collecting T.M.R. Facing the Unknown



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In the previous columns, I have written on a single theme. For this column, the unifying theme will be previously unlisted or unknown example of TMR memorabilia.

I'd like to start the column with a note that the Ten Mile River Scout Museum is gathering data for a second edition of the Guide to Memorabilia of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps. The original guide was published back in 2000. Since that time, there are 8 years of new issues plus a number of discoveries and previously unlisted/pictured items. If you have items which were not listed in the first edition of the guide, we would be interested in scans or pictures for inclusion in the second edition.



Fig. 1 - TMR 40th Anniversary Neckerchief

Previously I had written about two issues for the 40th Anniversary of TMR; a silk-screened on yellow cloth and a red 40th Anniversary 1967 and a 6-inch jacket patch on orange twill cloth. A third item has now surfaced -- another silk-screened neckerchief on orange cloth with red piping. I do not remember seeing this issue before. It has all of the hallmarks of a true TMR issue and not a Nick Dale/Bob Landers issue.

As you can see, it states the full camp and Council names, and has the outline of the reservation. Dale/Landers issues would typically only state Ten Mile River.

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Considering the source, I am inclined to believe it is genuine. I'd be interested in anyone with more information. (Figure 1.)



Fig. 2 - TMR Dark Green Neckerchief

Another previously unlisted issue neckerchief has also recently surfaced. During the 1940's there were at least two TMR neckerchiefs issued. TMR was chain-stitched on standard BSAneckerchiefs. We knew that Purple and Brown varieties existed, but now a new color variation has surfaced. It is difficult to tell from the picture, but it is a very dark green (not black). The dark green color can be better seen (in the original) under natural light. (Figure 2.) Again any information of the provenance or other color examples please contact the author at [bill@tenmilerivertrader.com](mailto:bill@tenmilerivertrader.com)



Fig. 3 - 1953 Aquehonga Staff Neckerchief

Most of the individual camps issued staff neckerchiefs or patches during the 1950's to identify themselves. While many of these staff issues were pictured in the first edition of the Guide to Memorabilia of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps. A number have surfaced since the original edition. Here are two (Figure 3 and 4).



Fig. 4 - 1956 Ihpetonga Staff Neckerchief

There are still a number of 'missing' issues. Can anyone confirm (and if so provide evidence of) staff issues for the following camps and years?

Camp Aquehonga - 1949, 1959.  
Camp Davis Lake - 1959.  
Headquarters Camp - 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1957, 1958.  
Camp Kernochan - 1954.  
Camp Man - 1952.  
Camp Ranachqua - 1949, 1950 Unit C, 1955.  
Camp Rondack - 1959.



Fig. 5 - Camp Newcombe Neckerchief

Lastly, while not a Ten Mile River issue, I recently acquired a neckerchief from Newcombe Scout Camp. Newcombe was a small camp about 45 acres located near Wading River Long Island used by Greater New York Councils from the 1930's until the 1960's. As far as I'm aware, this is the only known item issued for this camp. I'd be interested in any other examples you may have from this camp. (Figure 5.)

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

Bill Mulrenin has been collecting TMR since 1967.



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# T.M.R. SCOUT MUSEUM on YouTube

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On Jan. 21, 2008 we created the account [TMRScoutMuseum](#) on YouTube, the popular video-sharing web site. We immediately started adding some of our most popular videos on the Museum and T.M.R. history. The following videos are presently available for viewing:

1. [FDR - TMR Scout Museum Promo](#) - 48 sec.
2. [Gene Berman remarks at 2006 TMR Alumni Day](#) - 33 sec.
3. [Sam Degutz and Morris Weinstein remarks at 2006 TMR Alumni Day](#) - 4 min. 22 sec.
4. [TMR Scout Museum virtual tour](#) - 1 min.
5. [History of Camp Man \(1930-1938\)](#) - 16 min. 44 sec.
6. [History of Camp Ranachqua \(1917-1937\)](#) - 18 min. 24 sec.
7. [History of Brooklyn Scout Camps \(1917-1937\)](#) - 14 min. 34 sec.
8. [TMR's 80 Anniversary Program](#) - 26 min. 13 sec.
9. [Origins of TMR](#) - 9 min. 9 sec.

YouTube limits videos to 10 minutes each. Longer videos are split to meet this requirement. Additional videos will be added to our YouTube page as they are completed.

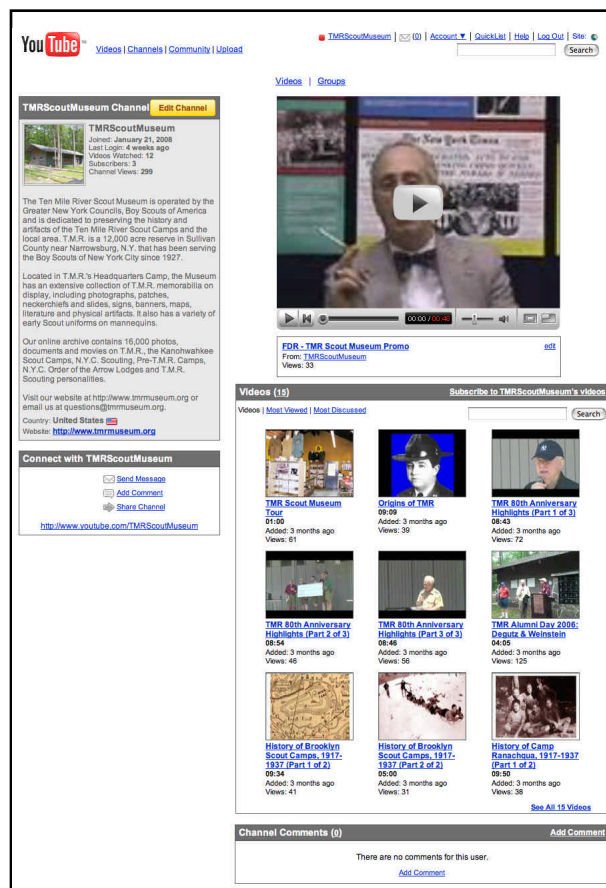
The easiest way of getting to the Museum's YouTube page is directly from our web site [tmrmuseum.org](#). There is a direct link on the lower, right-hand corner of the page, next to the YouTube logo.

YouTube is very attractive because they do not charge for this service and their viewing screen is large compared to our previous viewer.

Our YouTube page also includes a description of the Museum and a direct link to our web site [tmrmuseum.org](#).

Since Jan. 21, 2008 our YouTube videos have been viewed a total of 299 times. If you are enrolled in YouTube you can subscribe to [TMRScoutMuseum](#). This way, whenever we add a new video you will be notified.

We urge anyone interested in viewing these videos to visit our YouTube page.



*The Museum's YouTube Page*

The Greater New York Councils, B.S.A. also has a YouTube account with the name [ScoutingNYC](#). It features various promotional videos for T.M.R., Camp Pouch, Alpine Scout Camp and videos about N.Y.C. Scouting and the Boy Scouts, especially rank advancement.

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the "Scouter" in the Queens Public Library (Long Island Division). Issues between 10/14/44 - 4/1/47 have been added to the Museum's web site. Additional issues will be added as they are scanned.

From 1944 - 1947 the "Scouter" was published about twice each month and monthly during the summer. Separate editions were printed for each borough. The first 4-6 pages contained citywide Scouting news while the "borough" pages contained news for a particular borough. Most of the "borough" pages scanned so far came from Queens, N.Y. so we have a lot on that borough.

In February or March of each year an extra "Scouter" was published, the Annual Report Issue. It featured reports from the various

GNYC operating committees and photos of all the Borough Council Presidents, GNYC officials and operating committee chairmen.

This period from 1944-47 also coincided with the first major development of Alpine Scout Camp. The "Scouter" contained numerous articles on camp improvements, including new camp roads, the new parking lot on 9W, the Leadership Training Area and construction of the 14-person winterized cabins. (49 issues. 286 pgs.)

### **B.S.A. Annual Reports**

The New York Public Library (Main Branch) has on microfilm the National B.S.A. annual reports for 1911-1945. These contain a surprising amount of detail about Scouting in New York City. Most important are membership statistics for the five boros, for most years from 1916-1945. (67 pgs.) Silver Beaver Award recipients were also listed for almost all years from 1931-1941. (17 pgs.)

This information has been given to G.N.Y.C. to add to their permanent records.

In 1919, both N.Y.C. Scouting and the Kanohwahkee Scout Camps were under B.S.A. National Council control. National Council raised money and paid the bills. This is reflected in the financial statement in the 1919 B.S.A. Annual report. (8 pgs.)

Each annual report includes descriptions and sometimes photos of service projects and notable accomplishments by youth members and Units, including those in N.Y.C. They also list the members of the National B.S.A. Executive Board and the B.S.A. National Council, many from N.Y.C. (72 pgs. for 1911-1918.)

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



# Museum Web Site News



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As part of the planned exhibit on T.M.R. aerial photography I am adding to our camp aerial photos landmark ID information, including important buildings and structures, campsites, roads and trails. We have 13 sets of aerial photos from 1959-2006. To see them, go to [tmrmuseum.org](http://tmrmuseum.org) and click on TMR Aerial Photos ID. Select a lake and a year and you will see an overall view of the aerial photo. Click on the section that you are interested in and an enlarged version of that section will appear.

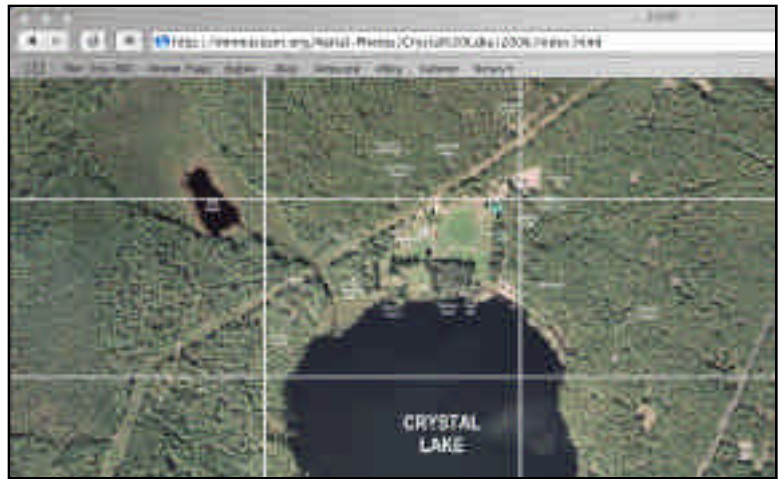
For the latest additions to the archives, go to: [tmrmuseum.org/archive/newstuff.html](http://tmrmuseum.org/archive/newstuff.html).

Be sure to click on Museum News for the latest Museum photos, upcoming events and publications.

Here are the recent additions to the Museum's archives: [tmrmuseum.org/archive](http://tmrmuseum.org/archive).

1. Brooklyn Scout Camps: Phil Nelson photos, Camp Hiawatha letterhead, Camp Kunatah photos (7/54), Camp Sacut photos (Jack

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Ornstein), Camp Talequah: Council Ring photo, Jack Ornstein (Tusten Post Office), Talequah Lodge photo. 1928 B.S.C. layout map, B.S.C. sewage design & sewage discharge permit. Lindsley Kimball letter.

2. Old Camp Aquehonga: 1952 Map.

3. T.M.R. Aerial Photos: 1962, 1966, 1973, 1986, 1988, 1995, 2006. T.M.R. Reservation Map 1930.

4. Kanohwahke Scout Camps: Barron Collier-Al Smith-Richard Byrd photos, 1926.

5. Camp Ga No Sote: Newspaper article, 3/22.

6. Spruce Pond: T161 Bx. Photos, 1953.

7. Camp Pouch: T161 Bx. Photos.

8. Multiple Short-term Camps: Newspaper article, 7/41.

9. Ranachqua Lodge: Paper & photos: 1930s - 2000s.

10. Pre-Boy Scout Foundation: Finances, 1919; B.S.A. Executive Board Minutes, B.S.A. Annual Reports (1911-1918), Bureau of Municipal Research Report, 1914; Membership Statistics (1916-1919).

11. Boy Scout Foundation: Safety Week parade newspaper article 1922, Cobina Wright Society Circus program 1933, Silver Beaver Awards (1931-1941), Membership Statistics (1923-1945).

12. Greater New York Councils: The Greater New York Scouter, most issues from 10/14/44 - 4/1/47.

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

## Recent Acquisitions

### Bureau of Municipal Research Report

This is the single most important document on N.Y.C. Scouting ever acquired by the Museum, obtained from the Dan Beard archives in the Library of Congress. The report was requested on March 3, 1914 by a "Special Committee" of the National B.S.A. Executive Board headed by John Sherman Hoyt. The "Special Committee" asked the Bureau of Municipal Research to investigate N.Y.C. Council (Manhattan, Bronx, Staten Island boroughs) and Brooklyn Council (Brooklyn & Queens boroughs) and identify "retarding factors" in their work.

The Bureau examined the "composition, work and operations" of both Councils, including expenditures and board minutes. They also visited Troops. The report includes a detailed critique of both Councils. It found that although N.Y.C. Council had 100 members, 90% were inactive and most actual work was centralized in Council Commissioner Lorillard Spencer and a few Assistant Commissioners. Brooklyn Council was praised as being

more decentralized, having recently created seven Districts, but they were too large and there was no effective training program.

The recommendations made by the Bureau totally reorganized N.Y.C. Scouting. Separate Councils were organized for the five boroughs with an Advisory Committee to deal with citywide needs. Smaller "District Councils" were organized, with most members representing their communities. A series of committees were organized, dealing with training, activities, camping, finance and publicity. Many of the reforms in the Bureau of Municipal Research report were adopted by the National B.S.A. organization. (35 pgs.)

### The Greater New York Scouter (1944-1947)

The Greater New York Scouter was the first regular citywide Scouting newsletter, with the first issue published on October 14, 1944. We are scanning an almost complete collection (1944-1959) of

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