



# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## The Newsletter of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum - December 2025

This issue features coverage of our work to repair our drainage issues, Kintecoying's 28th Annual Trade-O-Ree, GNYC's Halloween Fest 2025, memories from D1-Kotohke and information about future events.

**If you have a TMR memory you would like to share please email it to us.**

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### From the Chairman - Mitchell Slepian

As 2025 draws to a close, I want to wish everyone a great holiday season. We accomplished a lot this year and have a great 2026 planned. Congratulations to Bill Mulrenin and Ira Nagel, on once again being named directors of our museum. The two of them ran an amazing program last summer. The reviews were stellar. We are hiring an assistant to work with them. Scroll down for more information.

Bob (Chizzy) Chiusano has been forging ahead on the Hal Rosenfeld Museum Annex. I cannot wait until our grand opening.

We are always looking for new volunteers or trustees. If you cannot commit to being a trustee, I hope you can still volunteer with us. Work can include website development (a major need), graphic design, computer work, attending trade-o-rees, and maintaining our buildings. There is a lot that can be done during the summer camp season. Email me at [chairmantmrmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:chairmantmrmuseum@gmail.com) to learn more.



## Fixing Our Drainage Problem Near the Hal Rosenfeld Annex

By Bob (Chizzy) Chiusano

Well, fellow campers, preliminary reports are in, and it looks like the recently completed site drainage project improvements along the West or left side of the museum building have corrected the water ponding problem. It has been reported that the site has received several inches of rain since the drainage system was installed, and from the looks of it, combined with the clearing and regrading of the site, appears to be functioning as designed. Numerous blades of green grass are seen poking upwards through the straw mulch. Only time will tell if it continues to correct the problem.

Onward to Phase #2 of the project, the alteration to the Hal Rosenfeld Museum Annex Building. The accompanying photos were taken by Frank Rickenbaugh.



## Kintecoying's 28 Annual Trade-O-Ree

By Mitchell Slepian

On November 22, the museum attended Kintecoying Lodge's 28th Annual Trade-O-Ree at Alpine Scout Camp (ASC). We had two tables chock-full of patches, t-shirts, and other items. Many people visited our tables and purchased items. I want to thank Bill Mulrenin for bringing the materials to ASC from the museum, and our memorabilia committee of Dr. Gene Berman, Mikey Herbert, Frank Mullane, Bill Mulrenin, and Frank Rickenbaugh for assisting with pricing and answering questions.

### Images

Rob Mirabella, Aquehonga Chapter and Trade-O-Ree Advisor  
Trade-O-Ree Advisor and the museum's table



## **Halloween Fest Weekend**

**By Harry P. Clark Administrative Assistant to the RATA Committee**

This past October, a number of ghosts, goblins, and skeletons visited the Ten Mile River Scout Reservation as the Greater New York Council's Range and Target

Activities Committee conducted its annual Halloween Fest Weekends.

A fun time was had by the over 400 scouts and adults who attended on the two weekends after Columbus Day.

After a long day on the various ranges, the activities shifted to the Keowa Dining Hall, where the attendees and staff chowed down on a delicious buffet-style meal prepared by Konrad of Konrad's Kitchens in Yulan, followed by other events, including our Pumpkin Craving Contest.

A special shout-out to the following:

Scott Dellosso, Keowa Camp Director, and the Keowa Staff members who helped on our second weekend, from helping with range operations, to working the chow line, to cleaning up the dining hall.

John Restrepo, Scoutmaster Troop 253, and his scouts for helping out with the dining hall operations on our first weekend.

To all of the instructors, without whom we could not conduct these weekends. These individuals traveled near and far to assist, like Russ Rihl, who traveled from Virginia to lend a hand.

And last, but not least, Mike Dontis, Tom Maher, Joe Brenner, Tom Harkins, and Jimmy Collins for the countless hours it takes to pull these weekends off.

Anyone interested in attending Halloween Fest 2026 should check out the "Upcoming Dates" and "Events" links on the Range and Target Activities Committee's website at [gnycrangeandtarget.com](http://gnycrangeandtarget.com).

## **Images**

**Scott Dellosso, director, Camp Keowa, Joe Brenner and Tom Maher, Co-Chairs Range and Target Activities Committee**

**Pumpkin Contest Entries**

**Hungry Scout on Chow Line**

**Davis Stockton, Director, Ten Mile River Scout Reservation and Mike Dontis, Co-Chair, Range and Target Activities Committee**

**Keowa Staff Members**

**Hungry Scouts on Chow Line**



# Memories of D1-Kotohke

By Henry Druckerman

I recently came across this photo from 1948 or 1949. It was taken in Kotochke Division One, in front of our Deerslayer campsite bunk named "Bobcat." For many summers, members of my

Brooklyn Troop 15 would go as a unit to this campsite. The boys in the photo, from bottom to top, are Michael Lewis, Martin "Beaver" Heilbraun, Henry Druckerman, George Mencher, and Richard Kasday. Time has not erased those wonderful memories, as I am still in contact with several of my Scouting pals today.



ORDER OUR FAMOUS PEOPLE IN TMR CSPS, [Purchase Here](#). THERE ARE ONLY A FEW SETS OF THE GOLD BORDER PATCHES LEFT. WE WILL NOT MAKE MORE.

## FAMOUS PEOPLE IN EARLY TMR HISTORY CSP SET



The Ten Mile River Scout Museum is pleased to announce we will be selling sets of CSPs honoring early famous people and places in TMR history starting some time in June. We are waiting for the patches to arrive and when they do, how-to-order information will be posted in Smoke Signals and on Social Media and be available to you. There will be two 10-CSP sets, one with different colored borders (above) and a very limited quantity special gold border set.



The Kintecoying Lodge #4 Annual Lunch conducted by Ranachqua chapter will be on Sunday, January 11, 2026. Stay tuned for more details.



Celebrate our 99th Anniversary - Stay tuned for more details.



We are Hiring

By Mitchell Slepian

Sadly, camp is done. Like everyone, we are already thinking about next year. Consider working for the Ten Mile River Scout Camps Museum next summer. We offer great opportunities. You must be 18 or older and have transportation. Send your resume to: [chairmantmrmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:chairmantmrmuseum@gmail.com).





## The Museum's Website Store

Did you know that the Museum sells a variety of T.M.R. and Museum merchandise from our [Website Store](#)?

This includes most every patch set issued by the Museum in recent years, the *2021 Guide to Memorabilia of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps*, Indian Cliffs puzzles, Scout Service Corps CSP's from 1996-2003, and the two new booklets on Brooklyn and Queens Councils emblem histories.



## TMR Wall of Fame

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

[Wall of Fame - Learn More](#)

## Donate Scouting Memorabilia

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.



Mitchell Slepian

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