

Special Summer Museum Exhibit

by David M. Malatzky

Before he led the country out of the Great Depression of the 1930s and through World War II as President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt demonstrated the same enthusiastic and forceful leadership when he reorganized scouting in New York City during the 1920s as president of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York.

The best example of this was the search for a new campsite for city scouts during the mid-1920s, ending in the purchase of the 9,776-acre Ten Mile River Scout Camps property in 1927.



FDR receiving Silver Buffalo from Judge Frederic Kernochan at Camp Man, T.M.R.

Roosevelt was personally involved in this search, even negotiating the price with one property owner.

Scouting in N.Y.C. before Roosevelt

was poorly organized with low membership, inadequate fundraising and constant arguments between the five bor-

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Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge 50 Years Ago – 1953

Throughout the early years of the Lodge, much of its activity was centered in and around the Brooklyn Scout Camps at TMR. These were the four camps clustered around Rock Lake. They were Kotohke-Division 1 located in the general area surrounding the Indian Cliffs, Chappegat-Division 2 located around what is now the Kunatah archery range and up into the hills behind it, Kunatah-Division 3, which hasn't changed too much and Ihpetonga Division 4, which was located in the woods across the road from

Mahl's pond.

The camp in those years ran an eight-week season consisting of four two-week "periods" and was almost entirely provisional. Scouts could come to camp for as little as two weeks or as many as eight weeks and were assigned to provisional sites of approximately 32 boys led by a provisional SM and ASM. Attendance in the four divisions averaged between 150 and 350 boys per two-week period. Home troops that came to camp with their own leaders were usu-

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by Gene Berman

On a warm summer's day back in 1997, Bob Madsen, then director of TMR, and I were having lunch. Bob asked me if I thought creating a little museum exhibit in the Main Trading Post would be a good idea. He thought it would spruce up the place. Would I be willing to do it? I agreed and dug out some of my TMR patches and neckerchiefs and affixed them to the back wall of the Main Trading Post. Who would have "thunk" in just seven short years this little display would evolve into the wonderful museum we have today?

By 1998, others such as Dave Malatzky, Frank Mullane, Johnny Gonzalez and Bill Mulrenin had made contributions. Now the exhibit had a wider flavor and was more interesting. But our museum corner was soon overrun with cases of soda being delivered, empty boxes from "product" in the Main Trading Post showcases, and security was less than stellar. It became apparent to us, early on, that we needed a bigger place. By that time I had espoused a vision of a museum that not only displayed memorabilia but involved pictures, documents, computers and cinematography. Dedicated additional members, such as Hal Rosenfeld and Karl Bernstein, joined us that year. It was about this time I organized the first formal meeting with advisors Cedric Bodley and camping director Dave Gibbs. We established the museum committee, later to be renamed the TMR Museum Board of Trustees, and found a great curator in Bernie Sussman.

The museum board realized we had outgrown the small section of the Main Trading Post. At first we were told we could use the now-unused right-hand



TMR Museum outside

side (opposite the Trading Post that used to be the grocery store). But we later found out the commissary used that for storage of the summer food supply of canned goods. Instead, we were offered a building of our own — one that we could build into a great

bold ideas from trustees and some generous donations, we were able to raise the \$50,000 to double our size to present standards by the 75th anniversary year of 2002.

David Malatzky's untiring work along with other board members added many new exhibit features detailing the history of the borough camps, FDR and how TMR came to be. The land before there was a TMR created a fascinating place for scouts attending camp and those folks visiting camp. Each year we have unveiled new and exciting things. Examples include our Historical Award patch this past year, videos, a picnic area, the "rebirth of the donut farm" via the original donut machine. Bernie, a showman in his own right, has provided



Inside the TMR Museum

museum. OK, OK, so it was an abandoned latrine; you can't have everything! But who would have thunk we could do with it what we have done? With Bob Madsen's help, Rich Green (the new camping director) and a dedicated board, we fixed up that old latrine and made a small but respected museum. But by 2000 we knew we needed bigger space. Thanks to some

a great guided tour through the museum for the past several years. With Dave Malatzky as associate curator it's been a strong team.

We have our own wonderful 24/7 virtual museum, i.e. our website, www.tmmuseum.org, and now we are launching our own newsletter. It just keeps getting better and better. This

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An Interesting Summer

Welcome!

Welcome to the premiere issue of TMR Smoke Signals. We hope you like it.

As a publication of the TMR Museum, we hope to publicize the museum and its activities. Our intended audience is anyone who has ever been to Ten Mile River and would like to reminisce, or to see where the Reservation is today and where it is headed tomorrow. We intend to publish three issues per year, but we need your help. If you have any ideas for articles, please submit them to me at luke227@juno.com. Look at the articles in this issue for ideas.

As we progress we will have columns on patches and on TMR past, present and future. We need your help for a "Where are they now?" column and a "Milestones" column, which will detail birthdays, children and grandchildren, career changes and deaths.

Enjoy, and take a trip down memory lane.

Fred Gervat, Editor-in-chief

by Fred Gervat

The truck moved backward, but the trailer attached to its rear wouldn't cooperate. It turned left when I wanted to turn right. I had been assured that it would be easy. Well, I was finding out this was wrong. Finally, the truck, the trailer with six canoes and I moved out of the parking lot.

I was on my way to deliver the canoes from Ten Mile River Headquarters to one of the launching points along the Delaware River. As I moved very slowly down the twisty turns of Route 97, I recalled the warning I had been given: "Be very careful! The last driver took one of the turns too fast and spilled all the canoes all over the road!" Thus encouraged, I slowed down even more.

I arrived at the turn-off for the launching — a dirt road wide enough for one truck — and went further down the road. Suddenly, I was at a dead end. In front of me was the solid wall of the woods. I had taken the wrong road and couldn't turn around.

It was the summer of 1978, and I was working at Ten Mile River on the

Headquarters staff as a truck driver. My duties included driving scouts to the hospital in Honesdale, Pa.; delivering the mail throughout the reservation; and delivering canoes from Headquarters to the launching point. There were two of us, and we lived in the Health Lodge, which made for a quick start for the all-too-frequent trips to the hospital.

It was an interesting summer. You got to compare the different camps, but I preferred working at Headquarters because (except for the occasional ambulance run) you got to end work at 5 p.m. This, however, was a double-edged sword. For the single person it's lonely in the evenings. Most of the Headquarters staff goes back to their cabins and families in the evening and you feel isolated, especially if you don't drive. Later, as a staff person at the camps, I was able to judge both sides. The staff at the camps may work harder because they have longer hours. On the other hand, the food is superior at Headquarters.

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Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge

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ally associated with a provisional troop.

Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge played a big part in the camp program. Camper brothers all had "Road Duty". They served as traffic cops for the large number of cars coming into camp each Sunday for visitors' day.

All elections to the Lodge took place in camp in the camp troops. City home troop elections were just beginning. To be eligible for election you had to be a second-year camper and a First Class scout. If an eligible scout remained in camp for the entire summer, he had four chances for election. OA elections were a serious matter and were looked forward to by the scouts. Elections were usually held one evening at the middle of the period. Each troop had a small council ring, and the elections were held around the council fire. A Lodge member, usually in costume, would appear to speak to the troop. The legend of the OA was recited and "Cheerful Service" was stressed. All the eligible scouts in the troop would be asked to stand, and then paper ballots were distributed. Depending upon the number of boys in the troop, one, two or three votes per boy were allowed. Scouts were told that if they felt none of their campmates were worthy, they should vote for "Uncas." Scouts



Members of Shu-Shu-Gath Lodge, 1950s, in costume

division would line up and, in absolute silence, would march single file to the field where the tap out was to take place. OA members, in costume, would be posted along the route to the tap-out field holding torches. When the circle around the field was complete, the tap-out would begin. There was always an elaborate fire lighting ceremony, never the same from one tap-out to the next. I remember one of the many in which I participated when, before the camp entered the field, I lay down on a tarp with an unlit dancing torch and was covered with pine boughs. I had to lie extremely still as any move on my part would have cause my dancing bells to ring. This was difficult as it was very itchy. As the cere-

and the tap-out began. Uncas, followed by two "runners" would begin to dance around the field. You must remember that no one knew who had been elected. All of the scouts faced into the circle and no one dared to look back. A brother, known as a "spotter", quietly came up behind a scout who had been elected and raised a sash, arrow pointing down, over the head of the scout. Uncas circled in closer and closer bringing thrills and hope to scouts in that part of the line and with a loud "yip" pushed the elected scout back out of the line. He was immediately pushed back into the circle by the "spotter" and grabbed by the two runners who would run him out to the center of the ring, accompanied by rapid beats of the tom-tom, to be seated in front of Chingachgook, the chief. After all of the elected had been tapped out, Chingachgook instructed the "unworthy" ones to return to their quarters in silence and they did.

Each candidate was escorted back to his quarters in silence and instructed to gather sleeping gear for the night. In Kotohke-Division 1 where I was a camper & staff member, candidates were led down to the dock. For those of you who know Rock Lake, this was way down the lake, almost at the dam. There, the 1st night ritual began. Allowat Saki-ma spoke to the candidates "That you my fellow campers etc" and then out of the mists on the lake, canoes appeared, each paddled by a brother in costume. Each candidate was escorted into a canoe and paddled across the lake.



Shu-Shu-Gath Lodge brothers at a banquet in the 1950's.

were also told their votes were private and shouldn't be discussed among themselves. The ballots were collected, and the scouts returned to their quarters. 33% of the votes cast were required for election.

Several nights later, a tap-out was held in each division. A large fire had been prepared on a field. At dusk, the entire

mony began, Chingachgook, the chief of the fire called on the spirits of the earth to arise and light the fire. At this signal, I (Uncas) would stand and emerge from the boughs. That brought a lot of gasps as it looked like I was emerging from the ground. After the fire was lit and blazing, the chief of the fire would instruct Uncas, to "go forth and seek the worthy ones"

When all of the candidates had been transported, the ceremony continued with Meteu "Oh my friends, you now are starting on a long & toilsome journey" and then the candidates were bedded down for the night.

In the morning, the candidates were awakened and hiked up to the camp. Each candidate was escorted back to his quarters where he deposited his sleeping gear and dressed for a day's work on the ordeal. He was also escorted to the latrine so that he could wash up. In Kotohke, at each meal of the day of the ordeal, all of the candidates sat on a rock outcrop across the road from the dining hall in full view of the other scouts. This was to let the other scouts know that these candidates had been set apart for "something higher". Ordeal meals at that time consisted only of bread and milk and you could have all that you wanted. During these times, candidates worked on carving the wooden arrow that they wore around their neck during the ordeal.

The ordeal was not an easy task. Strict silence had to be observed. Uttering even one word, except for an emergency warning, might cause a candidate to be "broken". The carved arrow that he wore around his neck was snapped and he was sent back to his campsite, often in tears.

Ordeals were always large projects designed to benefit the camp. How many of you know that we made the "Picture Window" near the Indian Cliffs during 2 consecutive ordeals in 1952? Honors masters worked alongside the candidates. The term "elangomat" had not yet come into use in the Lodge. Before addressing a candidate directly, they had to clap their hands and say loudly "Don't speak". Direct questions were never asked of candidates.

At the end of the working part of the day, candidates were sent back to their sites on their Scout's Honor to remain silent. There, they showered and dressed in full uniform. Other scouts knew the routine and respected the candidates. No

one tried to speak to them. After the evening meal of bread & milk, the candidates were instructed to "go out into the woods and meditate". Each candidate, still on his honor not to speak, went off into the woods to ponder the activities of the day past. They were instructed to meet at a specific place at dusk after which the ceremony began in a secret place in camp known only to Arrow members. After the induction, a "feed" or banquet was held in the camp dining hall.

At this time, there were basically 4 chapters in the Lodge. Upon induction, you became a member of the chapter associated with the camp in which you had been inducted. They were Saccaponac for Kotohke-Division 1; Osee-



Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge Ceremonies Team, 1950s, in costume.

tah for Chappegat-Division 2; Bischuwi for Kunatah-Division 3 and Ihpetong for Ihpetonga-Division 4. These chapters met monthly in Brooklyn with a usual attendance of close to 100 brothers and had both service & social activities. The Lodge met only once a year in September for the purpose of elections. Several hundred members usually attended. Monthly Lodge "Board of Governors" meetings were held at the Brooklyn Council office at 105 Court St. These would be comparable to today's executive board meetings. All chapters and committees would report. I was the chief of Saccaponac Chapter for the 1953-54 year and had the distinction of being the last chief of the chapter as the district chapters came into being in 1954. At that time, as Vice Chief of the Lodge, my major responsibility was getting the new

chapters into operation. Even though elections now moved to home troops in Brooklyn, scouts who had been elected had the option of taking their ordeal either with their district chapter or in camp during the summer. This option continued until late in the 1950's when, sadly, Lodge activities in camp basically ceased.

On the Saturday night at the end of each 2 week period, an "All Brooklyn" council fire was held at the Talequah council ring. This area, now all grown in, stood on the hill behind the Rock Lake cabins. (See the photos in the TMR Museum) The Lodge was always responsible for the fire lighting ceremony. At the 3rd period fire, those brothers

elected to the Brotherhood (yes, you had to be elected by your chapter until 1952) were called out and the 4th period council fire saw the Vigil callouts. These were both very impressive events.

One difference between then and now continues to strike me personally. The 2nd and 3rd "W's" were always extremely well kept secrets. Non OA members would speculate for hours as to what they were. Even as

members, we never said those two words out loud except when reciting the obligation at an induction. We always said "Wimachtendienk W.W." It's hard for me to say them aloud, even today!

I continued to serve the Lodge as Chief in the 1956-1957 year and as Vigil Honor Chairman after that. It is now my pleasure to serve as a TMR Museum trustee. About 160 Lodge members from those years belong to the Brooklyn Arrowheads, an association of "old" Shu-Shu-Gah members from the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's. We meet twice a year to relive & preserve our memories. I hope that a similar organization populated by today's brothers will exist 50 years from now!

Karl Bernstein

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Members' Interests

This section is available to all members to let others know of their collecting interests. Send your information to the editor for inclusion in the next issue.

RANACHQUA LODGE 4

Lodge #551 Neckerchief or patch brown with buffalo
Green chenille with 7-inch black owl

SHU-SHU-GAH LODGE

Oseetah Chapter Neckerchief, yellow, 1950
Oseetah Chapter Patch Round Leatherette, red lettering and gray rock

SHOULDER PATCH OLD STYLE

New York City on top and Queens Borough at bottom
Sea Scout black wool with white letters: Queens, Staten Island
Air Scout Blue Background with blue letters: Queens, Brooklyn,
The Bronx and Manhattan

COMMUNITY STRIP, Red with white letters: Staten Island.

TEN MILE RIVER SCOUT CAMPS STAFF NECKERCHIEFS

Aquehonga	1952, 1953; 1949, 1959 Patch only
Camp Man	1949 or 1952 no date and field color other than green / yellow
Davis Lake	1959
Headquarters	1949 through 1953, 1955 through 1958
Ihpetonga Village	1949, 1951, 1954, 1958
Kernochan	1954
Ranachqua	1949, 1950 Unit C, 1955
Rondack	1959

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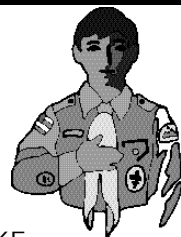
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Chappagat: 1949, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56,
Davis Lake: 1959
Headquarters: 1949, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59,
Ihpetonga: 1949, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58,
Keowa: 1959,
Kernochan: 1954,
Kotokhe: 1949, 51, 52, 55,
Kunatah: 1951, 53, 55, 56,
Lakeside: 1954,
Man: 1949, 52,
Manhattan: 1950, 51
Nianque (Unit C): 1955, 59,
Ranachqua: 1949, 50, 55,
Rondack: 1956, 59,
Stillwaters (Unit E): 1955, 59,

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Members' Corner



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Collecting T.M.R. – A Beginning

by William Mulrenin

Ten Mile River scout camps offer hundreds of patches, neckerchiefs and other types of memorabilia to collect. The T.M.R. Scout Museum through the work of David Malatzky published "A Guide to the Memorabilia of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps" that pictures many of these items. Collecting it all can be a massive undertaking. In this column and in future columns, I will try to offer some ideas on how to collect, preserve and categorize your collection.

Your first patch collection probably consisted of all the patches that you earned with your troop: rank badges, event patches, camp patches, maybe an Order of Arrow flap or two. Many collectors begin to specialize in their collecting interests and search out their "needs."

In order to speak the same language, collectors nationwide have developed various abbreviations and terms that have become accepted in patch-collecting circles.

SOME DESCRIBE THE SHAPE:

- A: Arrowhead-shaped patch
- J: A jacket patch usually 6 inches or more in diameter
- N: A neckerchief, also "n/c"
- P: A pie-slice-shaped patch normally

worn on a neckerchief

R: A round patch usually less than 5 inches in diameter

W: Woven - A flat, silken patch style

X: An odd-shaped patch (not round, arrowhead-shaped, pie-shaped, etc.)

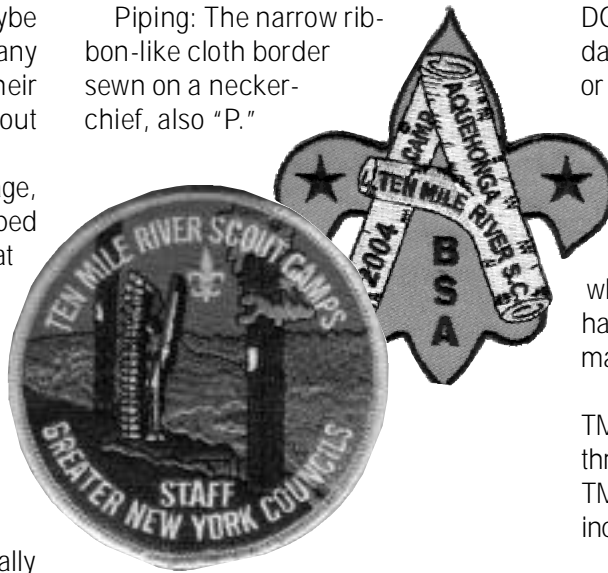
Rocker: An arc-shaped patch or segment worn around a round patch

SOME THE EDGING:

Cut edge: The patch edge does not have any border covering the cut edge of the material, also "ce" or "c/e."

Rolled edge: The patch edge has a merrow border sewn over the perimeter, also "re" or "r/e."

Piping: The narrow ribbon-like cloth border sewn on a neckerchief, also "P."



OTHERS INCLUDE THREAD TYPES OR WAYS TO DISTINGUISH THE PATCH

Mylar: A metallic thread, usually gold or silver, often used for patch borders.

Photochromatic: Thread that appears white while indoors but changes color when exposed to sunlight.

TL-Twill Left: When an incompletely embroidered patch is viewed, the grain of the base twill appears to go up diagonally to the left.

TR-Twill Right: When an incompletely embroidered patch is viewed, the grain of the base twill appears to go up diagonally to the right.

In describing colors on patches, typically three-letter abbreviations are used most and easily interpreted. LGR, GRN, DGR would be light green, green and dark green. SMY or GMY refers to silver or gold mylar.

Collectors like lists. If you have a list of what you have, and you find something that is not on your list, you know you need it. If you have a list of all the items you are aware of and note what you have and what you need, you have a checklist. We can use the information above in creating a checklist.

In creating checklists for collecting TMR, I have found it easiest to create three-letter abbreviations for each camp. TMR is used for generic issues that do not include an individual camp name. Here is

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CAMP	TYPE	ISSUE	BOR	TYPE	BACK	NAME	PROP	DESCRIPTION
TMR	R	1	YEL	R	M/C	WHT	YEL	FDL, WHT Greater New York Councils - undated
TMR	R	2	YEL	R	M/C	WHT	YEL	FDL, WHT STAFF Greater New York Councils - undated
TMR	R	3	BLU	R	M/C	WHT	WHT	FDL WHT T.M.R Museum Historian - Undated
AQU	X	1	BRN	C	TAN	BRN	BRN	BSA BRN 2004 Ten Mile River S.C. TR
KEO	X	1	RED	R	BLK	WHT	WHT	FDL WHT GNYC 2004 A Summer of Fun & Peace
KEO	X	2	RED	R	BLK	WHT	WHT	FDL Yel Staff WHT GNYC 2004 A Summer of Fun & Peace TRS
KUN	X	1	M/C	C	LBL	BLK	YEL	FDL Rectangle TL Sailboat on Lake
RAN	R	1	BLK	R	M/C	BLK	RED	FDL BLK GNYC 2004 TRS

Museum Exhibit

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ough councils and National Council, mostly over financial issues.

In May 1921, Roosevelt was appointed chairman of the Committee on New York Scouting. He recruited prominent businessmen and civic leaders to join him and in 1922 organized the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York, predecessor to today's Greater New York Councils.

Within 10 years, under Roosevelt's leadership, youth membership had doubled and fundraising was so successful that a special campaign in 1927 raised \$1 million for the purchase of the Ten Mile Scout Camps property.

This campaign was led by Judge Frederic Kernochan, Roosevelt's close friend and fishing companion. Kernochan was head of the campsite search committee and led the foundation's

fundraising efforts for much of the 1920s. Camp Kernochan was built as a memorial to him in 1937.

Both men had vital roles in the creation of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

In 2005 the Ten Mile River Scout Museum will sponsor a special exhibit on the lives of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Frederic Kernochan and the roles they played in the Boy Scouts and creation of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps. The exhibit will feature original and reproduction photos and letters from the library of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum, including certificates awarded Roosevelt by the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York and National Council for his



(Above) FDR in 1920; Frederic Kernochan

contributions to scouting.

Saturday, July 16, will be FDR Day at the Ten Mile River Scout Museum. FDR impersonator Jonah Triebwasser will be at the museum all day portraying President Roosevelt.

Chairman's Desk

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year we helped the council with the Jack Rudin display by providing the exhibits in Rudin's lobby that served as the centerpiece for the TMR Hall of Fame induction that raised more than \$165,000 for the council.

Next year we hope to have more new, exciting features such as talking silhouettes of the most famous TMR personalities, an improved picnic area with barbecue pits, a gazebo with drinking fountain and a new plasma TV on which to show the movies. It just keeps getting better and better.

Who would have thought from such humble beginnings we could be where we are today. To borrow from Martin Luther King, "We had a dream," and now it's a reality.

Collecting T.M.R.

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an example of what I know exists for 2004. For a multi-year list I would add an additional column with the year.

One example: The AQUX1 is an odd-shaped patch issued for Camp Aquehonga with a brown cut edge; the main background color is tan, the lettering of the camp name brown, the property (a FDL) is also brown. There is additional brown lettering on the patch "2004 Ten Mile River SC." My copy is twill right. Does a twill left variety exist? Am I missing any issues? Let me know what you have.

Win a 20-Patch 75th Anniversary Set

Name either of the Civilian Conservation Corps' Ten Mile River Camp pets.

In November 1933 the first companies of Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees arrived at the site on Turnpike Pond to begin their six-month enrollment. This group came from Camp Bull Prairie in Oregon. One pet crossed the country with them by train and the other was a local acquisition.

Contest Rules:

The first correct answer wins the Ten Mile River Scout Camp's 75th anniversary set of 20 commemorative CSPs. Contest ends with the next issue of Ten Mile River Smoke Signals. If

there is no winner a new contest will be in the fall.

E-mail the name to j.d.dowd@att.net or mail to P.O. Box 138, Narrowsburg, NY 11274-0138.

An Interesting Summer

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At the camps it can be a great summer if you make friends, if morale is high and if the directors are congenial people. If the opposite is true, it can be a summer of misery. Even here, however, you have people around.

What happened to the canoes in the woods? I had visions of spending the

night in the woods. Sitting down and thinking, the answer came. I unhooked the trailer, swung the connecting bar out of the way and maneuvered the truck back and forth until I was able to turn it around. I drove the truck down the road I had come, swung the trailer around, hitched it to the truck and drove off.

The canoes were delivered in plenty of time.

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For more information on these items, visit the museum's online shop (www.tmrmmuseum.org).

You can now pay for these items online using PayPal.

Museum Web Site News

by David M. Malatzky

For those of you who can't visit the Ten Mile River Scout Museum often enough, the next best thing is to visit the museum online at our two web sites:

- tmrmuseum.org includes a summary TMR history, description of museum exhibits, photo gallery, TMR memorabilia, staff photo collection, camp stories, camp reunion section, camp timelines, museum shop, scouting links and the latest museum news.
- tmrarchive.org includes more than 7,000 photos, documents and movies on TMR, the Kanohwahkee scout camps, N.Y.C. scouting history, other pre-TMR camps, TMR personalities, TMR maps, local history and the five N.Y.C. Order of the Arrow lodges.

Want to get in touch with your old camp buddies? Visit the Camp Reunion section and post a message in the part dedicated to your favorite TMR camp.

One of our ongoing projects is identifying staff members in our online staff photo collection. Just select a photo and e-mail me (archivist@tmrmuseum.org) the names and numbers of the staff and eventually your information will be added to the web site.

Do you use PayPal? You can now pay for all items in the museum's online shop using PayPal.

Recent tmrarchive.org additions:

(see <http://tmrmuseum.org/archive/newstuff.html>)

1. Franklin D. Roosevelt paper. Correspondence with James West and others from the 1910s and 1920s. Includes FDR's involvement in Sea Scouting (1915 and 1920s), speeches, FDR Conservation Camp and certificates awarded FDR by



N.Y.C. and National Scouting.

2. Photos of Headquarters Camp buildings and waterfront (1950s).
3. Brooklyn Council Ring (1/2/37, 3/15/41).
4. Queens Council paper (1947-1949).
5. Articles about T.M.R. and New York City scouting: Boy's Life magazine (1930-1933) and Scouting magazine (1930-1945).
6. Kanohwahkee Scout Camps paper: Camps Cowaw (1920), Ramapo and Ranachqua (1925). Bear Mountain Scout Camp Guide (1919).
7. Antarctic Dinner program, Camp Aquehonga (1931).
8. Camp Man photos (1930s & 1950s). Tower of Friendship book (1937).

Recent tmrmuseum.org additions:

(see <http://tmrmuseum.org>)

1. Reports on museum displays at the 2004 Ten Mile River Hall of Fame induction, G.N.Y.C. Eagle Reunion and Sunhacker Lodge 75th Anniversary Dinner.
2. Museum's 2005 summer program, including: walking tours, movie nights, 2005 Historian patch and Explorer rocker.
3. Roosevelt, Kernochan and T.M.R. exhibit preview.
4. Download the 2005 museum promotional brochure.

I am always looking for new TMR paper and photos (especially staff photos) to add to the museum's web sites. Paper items can be scanned and the originals returned if preferred. If you want to make a digital donation, please e-mail it to me at archivist@tmrmuseum.org.

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The Ranachqua Foundation was formed in 1948 by Scouters, former Boy Scouts, and camp staff from The Bronx who attended Camp Ranachqua at TMR. With friends, families, and other supporters of Bronx scouting, we have raised funds for more than 55 years to help Bronx Boy Scouts who wish to attend TMR, but whose families lack the financial resources for them to do so. Motivated by our love of Scouting and our appreciation of the part the summer camping program played in building our own character, we have assisted over 15,000 boys in hope that by spending some of the summer at TMR, they will reap similar benefits. We have recently added a College Assistance program, awarding \$1,000 per year merit grants renewable up to 4 years to Bronx Boy Scouts, based on their scouting achievements and service to scouting and the community. We welcome new members and supporters.

The Brooklyn Arrowhead is an informal group of about 170 Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge members who have in common the fact they attended one of the divisions of Brooklyn Scout Camps in the 1930's, 1940's or 1950's. The group began in 1964 with a small group meeting at Nick Dale's restaurant (now Bob Landers) and camping out for the night at the TMR sites. Our TMR Museum curator, Bernie Sussman, was one of the original members. Over the ensuing years, the group has grown by word of mouth and each year we welcome new "old faces" who have "seen the arrow". The group meets each September for a weekend at Keowa, in Manhattan for a dinner during the winter and, in recent years, for a February bird hike and dinner in Florida. The group also raises money for TMR and, to date, has contributed in excess of \$50,000. It's has become increasingly obvious that the spirit and ties of brotherhood and friendship that we were all imbued with during our years at TMR in what seems "Years Ago in the Dim Ages" will remain strong and that we will be firm bound in brotherhood for many years to come.

Since 1986, the **Jack Kohler Campership Association** has made it possible for hundreds of Queens Scouts to attend Ten Mile River with little or no cost. Many of these Scouts may not have been able to experience T.M.R. if not for the aid we were able to give them. As we prepare for another summer season of helping Queens Boy Scouts, we ask that you join us in our mission. E-mail: JKohler ASN@aol.com. Website: www.JackKohlerCampership.org

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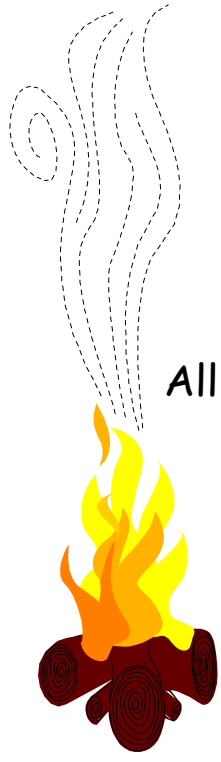
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