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GNYC Camping Updates

Wayne Holmes

2020 has been a tough year for many in our communities, GNYC and TMR included. We have seen many scouting volunteers pick up and help out across our camps throughout the year in many capacities. With the New York State closure of summer resident camps we had to pivot and figure out how to offer some sort of camp program to our Scouts.

The leadership team from our camps put their brains together and created TMR Go in conjunction with the staff



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A GUIDE to MEMORABILIA of the TEN MILE RIVER SCOUT CAMPS

SECOND EDITION IS COMING

Dr. Gene Berman

In 2001, Trustee David Malatzky put together a breakthrough guide to collecting the various memorabilia associated with the TMR Scout Camps. The plan originally was to update the guide periodically but because of the Museum's inability to locate people who had the memorabilia knowledge, computer skills and the willingness to take on the project, it never got off the ground.

Finally, after 20 years the Museum was able to field a team that could put together a 2nd edition of the guide. This will be a large and daunting task since there have been many many patches and other memorabilia issued by TMR during the past 20 years. In addition, as is the case with any first



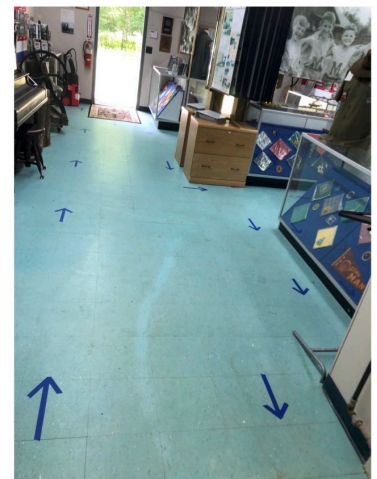
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Museum Summer 2020

Anthony Zalak and Ira Nagel

The Summer of 2020 was like no other. All of the TMR resident camps were closed for the first time since the opening of TMR in 1928 with the exception of Family Camp. The museum was also officially closed this summer, but Ira and I did accomplish a lot.

We started the summer by getting the museum ready for a possible opening. We cleaned the museum inside and out, put tape markings on the floor, and added social distancing signage throughout the museum. So, the museum was ready



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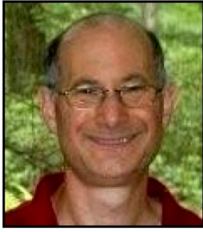
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From the Chairman



By: Michael Drillinger
chairman@tmmuseum.org

As I write this 2020 is coming to an end - good riddance! But beyond the disappointments and deep sadness that came with 2020, good things did happen. The TMR Scout Museum found a way to keep people connected to the place we all love by offering virtual talks on themes related to Ten Mile River. You will read about this in these pages from Mitchell Slepian.

Editor Anthony Zalak and Summer Director Ira Nagel made safe trips to the Museum this summer and they write in this issue about all the good things they accomplished. Trustee and Friend of TMR Frank Rickenbaugh also led socially distanced and safe teams up to the reservation to continue the project of erecting trail signs on the TMR Trail. Frank writes about that here, too.

Anthony Zalak and I are grateful to all those who contributed to this issue. We hope you are pleased and surprised by what you find. There is more and better coming in 2021!

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

From The Editor



By: Anthony Zalak

What you have in front of you is the Winter Edition of the Smoke Signals. It's our hope to produce this newsletter quarterly.

As I sit here in the cold winter typing this, all I can think about is the warm summer days and being up at camp. As you know, for the first time in its history, TMR did not operate its residential camps last summer. What a strange summer it was especially for me in that I worked at TMR for the past 18 summers. Hopefully TMR will be able to open this summer and serve thousands of NYC Scouts and scouters.

I hope you enjoy reading the articles and stories in this edition. As always, if you have a story or article you would like to see in the next issue, please reach out to me at azalak@tenmileriver.org.



Wanted: Your Old Scout Memorabilia

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

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

*Mr. Frank Mullane
217 Kell Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10314*

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

If you plan on visiting camp, items may be dropped off at the Museum if you contact Bill Mulrenin:
Billmul@mindspring.com



GNYC Camping Updates

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of the TMR Camps. We were able to offer some in-person programming and camping experiences to families at Ten Mile River at Lakeside at Family Camp. A small but very dedicated staff ran an amazing socially distanced and safe camp for more families and youth than in recent years, setting a new modern attendance records.

This summer Scouts BSA Youth participated in an online community through TMR Go. Four weeks of fun camp programming. Participating Scouts chose to virtually attend interactive webinars and conferences on a variety of subjects relevant to Scouts BSA-aged youth. Each day Scouts received a daily themed email drop with online content and videos to review. That themed subject matter was then discussed and expanded upon in an optional mid-day call where TMR staff and volunteers led the conversation, and explored the daily topics in depth with those in attendance. They also selected from an assortment of online merit badges to complete via Google Classroom. This means scouts did not have to log-in to attend virtual classes during the day like their virtual school learning but could work on merit badge requirements on their time and at their own pace with resources provided in a Google Classroom based on the curriculum implemented at the Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

During the evenings this summer Scouts in TMR Go elected to join in a 7 PM video chat based around scouting subjects. Talks were held with Sea Base, Philmont, and Jamboree participants about the High Adventure opportunities scouting offers and how they could participate. They heard from recent Eagle Scouts about their trail to Eagle and get helpful insight and tips for their own process. They learned from TMR Camp Staff members if working at summer camp might interest them, and more.

This past summer we encouraged our scouts to engage in safe and fun outdoor activities when possible. Our program did not feature mandatory meetings that keep scouts locked to the computer screen but rather opportunities to engage with important subject matter and an avenue for the completion of Merit Badges and advancement that allowed Scouts to complete requirements on their own schedule.

The hundreds of families that came to Lakeside at Family Camp were able to take advantage of swimming and boating in Lake Nianque, socially distanced bingo and game nights, hiking throughout Ten Mile River and river trips on the Delaware. We have openings and availabilities for cabin rentals at Family Camp for the summer of 2021. If you are interested visit www.tenmileriver.org or call 212-651-3073

Museum Summer 2020

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but because of the virus it never officially opened. With the help of Dave Malatzky, Ira and I created a virtual tour of the museum so that participants could still work on and earn the 2020 Historian Patch this summer. This was a huge success

and there were more than 1,000 views of the video.

Ira and I were up at the museum for about three to four days a week and completed other maintenance projects throughout the museum and the grounds. Some of the projects that we completed were: painted the floor in the library and hallway outside the bathroom, painted the hallway walls outside the bathroom, and organized the closet opposite the bathroom. We also cleaned and organized the attic and



moved some stuff to the cage in the warehouse.

Finally, we power washed the entire Cayuga Cabin, and painted the benches and handrails. We also changed the bulbs on the outside lighting to the left of the museum and added LED String lights to the left side.

Thanks to Mike Herbert, Frank Rickenbaugh, and Ralph Daddi, who also came up throughout the summer to help. Hopefully we can open up next summer.

Communications Update



By Mitchell Slepian,
Vice-Chairman and
Corresponding
Secretary

Summer of Webinars

As you know, Covid-19 shuttered our doors last summer. But it did not shutter activities. We opened our museum virtually to hundreds of people who likely never walked through our doors or perhaps even heard of us.

From early July to mid-October we ran nearly a dozen no-cost webinars (which can be viewed at, <https://www.tmmuseum.org/webinars>) featuring our board members, the master of our trails, former TMR staff and rangers from the National Park Service and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Many viewers were from the areas around TMR. We also had viewers from Florida, Massachusetts, Louisiana and Texas. Our attendees consisted of a mix of scouts and nature lovers.

Most were hosted by Chairman Michael Drillinger, with the Q&A moderated by Mitchell Slepian. Recording Secretary Anthony Zalak jumped in as host when needed.

All of the webinars were well attended and drew lots of interest. They were listed on all community calendars in the Mid-Hudson region. The River Reporter Online penned a few stories. Chairman Drillinger did a live interview on WJFF-90.5 FM (which may

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TRIVIA QUIZ

by: Dr. Gene Berman

1. Who of the following has the longest consecutive streak serving on TMR staff
 - a. Bob Madsen
 - b. Frank Rickenbaugh
 - c. Ira Nagel
 - d. Bruce DeSandre
2. If you entered the old South Iphetonga road across from Mahl's Pond Road and kept walking straight you would most likely wind up in:
 - a. Mahl's pond
 - b. Mud pond
 - c. Grassy Swamp
 - d. John Dowd's house (Old Weary Bros. farmhouse)
3. After the 1953 season the Queens Borough Camp was broken apart to form 3 divisions of TMR. Which was not a free standing camp that had been part of the Queens Borough Camp?
 - a. Rondack
 - b. Central
 - c. Kernochan
 - d. Lakeside
4. How did Camp Kernochan get its name?
 - a. From an old Lenape word meaning "by the lake"
 - b. From an Iroquois word meaning "near the swamp"
 - c. It was the last name of a prominent Judge
 - d. From a Dutch word meaning "in the woods"
5. Which was the last piece of property to be acquired to form the contiguous TMR of today.
 - a. Crystal Lake Area
 - b. Rock Lake Area
 - c. Headquarters Area
 - d. Davis Lake Area
6. Which is not true: The Donut House (sometimes called the Donut Farm)
 - a. raised chickens which were then sacrificed to make Chicken salad sandwiches.
 - b. Had a piano with fawn on it that is now at the TMR Museum
 - c. Made donuts on a machine that is still usable today and located at the TMR Museum today and sold sodas including Sarsaparilla, Cherokee red and Cream.
 - d. Grew the donuts on trees behind the house called donut trees that still exist today.

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edition there are errors that have to be corrected, things that were omitted have to be added in and some things that were put in, in error, deleted.

But we have an excellent team that is working on the project. The general format of Edition # 2 will be the same as edition #1 with the following changes. There will be a separate chapter for staff neckerchiefs authored by world-renowned TMR Staff neckerchief expert (OH, that would be me). The reason for a separate chapter is because there are many many staff neckerchiefs and that is probably the most popular area of collecting. Added to the new chapter will be check-off boxes as well as the rest of the book so you can check off your acquisitions and know your needs. Added to the new chapter will be code numbers for each neckerchief so in the future dealers and anyone running sales or just talking about staff neckerchiefs can refer to them by code as I would refer to people in your family by their names. Included in the coding will be a new term, the “Y” term. Some items are obvious, as to what they are and some that are not so obvious but can still be documented as to what they are. But some items cannot be definitively identified as authentic or private. Those items will receive a “Y” designation in the code. So, for example, a code such as SNCH-01-1949 would indicate a staff neckerchief (SN) from Chappegat (CH), first issue (01) from the camp issued in 1949. And an example of a “Y” might be SNHQ-Y08-1955. It would indicate a staff neckerchief from Headquarters Camp with provenance unverified- issued 1955. The narrative would say, “official patch on unknown tartan”. Codes will be developed in a similar manner for each chapter and be added to each section of the book. The



third and maybe biggest difference is that the new chapter and other chapters in the book will have narratives

TRIVIA QUIZ continued from preceding page....

7. IN the 1960's all but one of these was an after hours watering hole for adult leaders and staff. These were not in TMR but were close by except:
 - a. Pine Brook Lodge
 - b. Wolffe's Hillside Inn
 - c. Nick Dales
 - d. Washington Lake Casino
8. The area on the end of Lake Nianque has had different names through the years. Which of the following was NOT a name used to describe this area?
 - a. Ranachqua
 - b. Unit E
 - c. Stillwaters
 - d. Zumi Village
9. The total contiguous area of TMR today is approximately the same size as:
 - a. Long Island
 - b. Manhattan Island
 - c. Governor's Island
 - d. Chicago
10. In the 93 years since TMR's founding approximately how many scouts and leaders have camp on this property?
 - a. One million
 - b. 5 million
 - c. A billion
 - d. A trillion

Find the answers on page 13

where the item would be enhanced by having an explanation. The example above shows a short narrative and others might require a longer explanation in a paragraph.

Michael Drillinger, the museum chairman will coordinate the total project and format the content. Gene Berman will be overall content supervisor. Other members of the TEAM will include Dave Ames, John Dowd, Johnny Gonzalez, Mike Herbert, Johannes Knoops, David Malatzky, Frank Mullane, Bill Mulrenin and Frank Rickenbaugh.

No final decision has been made yet as to how this book will be marketed and if we will have a digitalized version on the Web. The result should be a “state of the art book” that we are all looking forward to in order to enhance the knowledge of TMR through its patches and enhance the hobby of patch and memorabilia collecting.

Hiking at T.M.R. Overview

By David M. Malatzky
Ten Mile River Trails Subcommittee

The TMR Trail has been recently improved so that a trek today is somewhat similar to TMR's earliest years, when a typical Scout completed a 14-mi. hike during his two or more weeks in camp. These days, your typical Troop stays in summer camp for only 6 days, making a long day or overnight hike difficult to schedule. Troops can still complete a 50-mile hike by attending a TMR Trek, and day & overnight hiking is available whenever TMR is open from September to June each year.

while in camp can use a series of six hike guide books published in 2017. Each is 10-12 pages long, with/photos, trailhead directions & parking, turn-by-turn hiking instructions, detailed trail map, hike summary and trail elevation chart. The hikes range from 2.91 mi. – 6.42 mi. in length. The guidebooks are available from the Museum website: <https://www.tmmuseum.org/short-tmr-loop-hike-guides>.

Troops desiring longer hikes that will satisfy the requirements for the Ten Mile River Historical Trails Award

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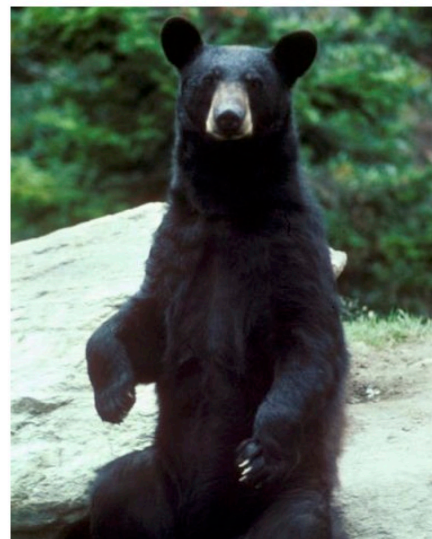
be heard at, <https://wjffradio.org/staging/listen-michael-dillinger-on-virtual-programs-at-ten-mile-river-scout-museum/>). Glenn Pontier, co-director, who was the speaker for two webinars was interviewed by the Upper Delaware Council Newsletter for his talk, "How the Ten Mile River got its name."

All webinars drew great YouTube views. Top webinars include "How to begin your patch trading hobby," by Chairman Emeritus, Dr. Gene Ber-



man, "How to begin the classic car hobby," by Trustee Ralph Daddi and "Backpacking Trails of TMR," Sean Johnson, co-chair of the newly founded TMR trail committee. Nature talks included but were not limited to, "The American Bald Eagle and its comeback in the Upper Delaware Valley,"

Susie Kaspar, NPS Ranger and "Black Bear life around the Ten Mile River," Emily Carrollo, NYS DEC, black bear



technician. Former Troop 521 Chappy staff members Kenn Adams and Lorne Epstein hosted talks on Improv Theater and how to uncover the unconscious bias.

As a result, we got numerous emails from people who are interested in visiting the museum when it reopens and wants to hike the trails of TMR. Epstein became a member of the museum. We received a donation from a local viewer. To cap it off as a success, I received an email from Dr. Nicholas Dale, Jr. son of the TMR legend Nick Dale. He told me how happy he was that we were doing these and watched some. He donated. (He also submitted a Smoke Signals article which you may read in this issue).

Feb. 2021, we will kick off another round of webinars. Our first webinar will be held, Tues., Feb. 4, 7 p.m. Sean Johnson will present a new TMR trails topic. He is followed by a two-part series from Glen Pontier. On Thurs., Feb 18, 7 p.m. he will lead, "Roebbling Aqueduct and the D&H Canal" and "Battle of Minisink" on Thurs. March 11, 7 p.m. If you have a topic you'd like to see or present, email me at olaf5470@gmail.com.



TMR has 60+ miles of named trails on our 12,000+ acres of lakes and woodlands, including the famous 32 1/2 mi. Ten Mile River Trail. There is an extensive internal road system suitable for hiking. Along the TMR Trail and elsewhere in camp is a network of lean-tos & tent sites that is perfect for overnight treks. TMR also has seven heated & electrified Troop cabins, which can be used for day and overnight treks.

Troops desiring a short day hike

Hiking at T.M.R. Overview

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& mileage pins can find recommended hike route maps and turn-by-turn hiking instructions on the Museum website: <https://www.tmr-museum.org/tmr-trail-map>

Troops desiring the ultimate backpacking experience at TMR can participate in a customized TMR Trek, which is offered as part of the TMR summer camp operation. Trek groups typically hike four days with a Delaware River canoe trip on the fifth day, satisfying the requirements for the BSA 50-miler award. Food is provided. You can bring your own tents, gas stoves & patrol mess kits or use those supplied by TMR. The Trek staff can provide a trained guide, or you can hike on your own. Hikers stay at staffed program outposts, where you can engage in high-adventure activities.

Hikers satisfying all requirements can earn the Ten Mile River Historical Trails Award with 14-, 30-, 50-miler pins. Two adult leaders and 5-12 trekkers are required depending upon the type of trek. Participants must be 13 years old by camp, and Scouts must be First Class Rank. There is also a Provisional Troop option. Trek leaders should contact Director of TMR Wayne Holmes at Wayne.Holmes@scouting.org or 845-252-2085 at least two months before coming to camp to



book a TMR Trek or if you have any questions.

There is an ongoing project to erect historical and directional signs all over TMR. Most of the historical signs are near Rock Lake in the former Camp Brooklyn. The signs document the historical camps and other local landmarks, including Indian Cliffs and the Stone Arch Bridge. If you are interested in TMR history, a hike in this section of camp is recommended. The directional signs are on wood posts at key trail intersections. Each wood post typically includes a sign showing mileage to trails, camps and lean-to sites, a detailed trail map show-



ing your location, and a sign with hiking information.

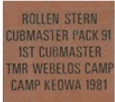
TMR hikers that complete a 10-mile hike, visit the Museum and the other requirements can earn the beautiful Ten Mile River Historical Trails medal and patch. Longer hikes can earn the 14-, 30- and 50-miler arrowhead pins. Hiking requirements can be satisfied on trails and roads anywhere within the 12,000-acre Ten Mile River Scout Camps. The Ten Mile River Historical Trails, a National Council, B.S.A. - approved Historic Trail, is sponsored by the Ten Mile River Scout Museum. The Ten Mile River Scout Museum issues the free trail-work pin for individuals that provide six hours of dedicated trail-work OR three hours of trail-work while completing a 10+ mi. hike for the trail award. The pin can be worn on the trail award ribbon. For further information: <https://www.tmr-museum.org/tmr-historic-trails-info>.

TMR is ideal for Troops requiring hikes in preparation for a Philmont Trek. TMR is a 100% B.S.A.-run operation so you won't have to deal with the general public. Other groups you meet on the trails will be scout troops, not the general public. You can plan multiple day and overnight hikes at TMR and never repeat the same route twice. Most hikes are loop hikes so you can park your cars once and end your trek back at your cars for the trip home. A wide variety of overnight accommodations are rentable, all convenient to the hiking trails. You can set up your tents in the lean-to sites.

Detailed georeferenced trail maps of TMR can be downloaded to your cell phone free of charge from the Avenza Maps Ten Mile River Scout Museum Store: <https://www.avenzamaps.com/vendor/969/ten-mile-river-scout-museum>. This requires having the free Avenza Maps

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The 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.

The T.M.R. 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 or August. Tiles are available in a variety of sizes, colors and materials. Prices range from \$125-\$1,000 per tile. Laser-engraved granite tiles can depict photos, line art and even small lettering.

**For more information, cut out the form below and mail it to:
TMR Wall of Fame, 2332 Holland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467
Or visit www.tmr-museum.org/tmr-wall-of-fame**

Please send me custom-engraved tile order information for the T.M.R. Wall of Fame.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail Address _____



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app on your cell phone. The map shows your location anywhere on TMR property within about 20 feet and does not require cellular phone service. This is highly recommended for long day and overnight treks at TMR.

For a great overview on hiking at TMR, download the "Guide to Hiking at TMR," which is available from the Ten Mile River Scout Museum website: <https://www.tmmuseum.org/tmr-historic-trails-info>. The 25 pages are filled with day and overnight hike planning info, rentable facilities, what to bring, sample hikes, etc.

You can rent overnight facilities at TMR from the Ten Mile River Scout Camps website: <https://www.tenmileriver.org>

If you have any questions on renting TMR facilities, contact: Sarah Landsaw, camping reservation manager at Sarah.Landsaw@scouting.org or (212) 651-3077.

If you have any other questions on hiking or camping at TMR, contact Wayne P. Holmes.

For further information: <https://www.tmmuseum.org/tmr-historic-trails-info> and <https://tenmileriver.org/hike>.

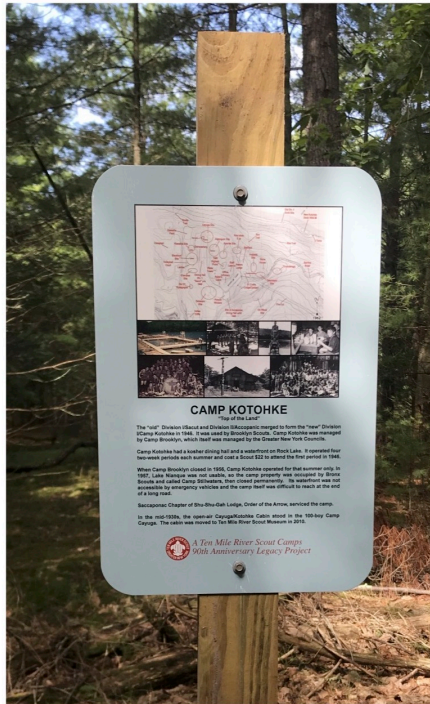
See you on the trails!



Installing Trail Signs

by Frank Rickenbaugh

In recent months, over a dozen sets of signs have been installed along the Red Dot Trail. The signs, which are aluminum and measure 12" x 18", were designed and produced through the efforts of the Museum Committee and the Trail Committee. The Friends of Ten Mile River provided the posts & hardware and its members installed the signs at key crossing points along the trail.



Each set includes 2 directional signs (one pointing each way) noting the distance to the next several way-points along the trail. Each set also includes two signs with general information about hiking the trail and one map of the relevant portion of the trail.

Additionally, a number of similar signs have been designed and produced by the Museum, to mark various significant historic sites at Ten Mile River. Many of these signs were also installed by the Friends of Ten

Mile River. It is hoped that in 2021, additional sets of signs can be installed at key points along several other popular TMR trails. It is also hoped that at least 10 additional historic site signs can be designed, produced and installed around the reservation.



A big thank you to all of those who have helped to carry out this project.

Tower of Friendship Project Update

by Steve Benini

The Order of the Arrow in NYC is celebrating 100 years of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service. As part of that milestone we are refurbishing the TOWER OF FRIENDSHIP



The photo above is the 1990 Vigil Class standing in front of the Tower. *Continued on the next page...*

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The above photo is of a Towering figure of Scouting in Queens - Gordon Bennett

A hearty thank you to all those who have already made generous contributions to the Tower of Friendship, Here's an update on the progress to date:

1. We've installed signage on the Tower's historical significance
2. A piece of lava from the Pompeii pyroclastic flow has been replaced with a like piece
3. We have purchased a Dietz roadside torch to match the same model that had been there
4. We have purchased a replacement fossil for the missing Mississippi stone, it still needs to be trimmed and engraved
5. We have surveyed all the stone landscaping damage
6. We have measured to replace the Charles W. Frossel, Council President's stone

Currently in the works:

7. We have submitted our digital files for new bluestone to be cut so we can re-construct the upper tier meant for the Eternal Flame and bust
8. We are waiting on a price regarding tree removal to restore what is now a dark gloomy zone into what it once was a sun-filled location

We look forward to sharing further updates as the work progresses.

To date 40 brothers have made contributions - please consider adding your name to this impressive roster of supporters...

Online go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/> and then search for "Tower of Friendship". It will come up in the search results as being by Johannes Knoops—click on that and donate.

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Growing Up at Ten Mile River

By Dr. Nick Dale, Jr.

I was very pleased to be asked to write a short piece for Smoke Signals about growing up literally in the shadow of the camps at TMR. No doubt about it...I still have a measure of Ten Mile River water circulating in my veins! Until I left for college in 1964, the river ran just outside my bedroom window. My dad (Nick Dale, Sr.) was associated in different capacities with the camps from their founding in 1927 to running the Trading Post in the early 1960's.



From 1945 until selling the business to Bob Lander (another former scout) in 1955, my dad operated a store, restaurant and cabins where route 97 crosses the Ten Mile River. In summer the business catered especially to scouts, former scouts, and their families, but in the off-season served as a hunting and fishing lodge. (The cabins were very modest. My mother later would tell how she felt they

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were overcharging at \$2 a night! Of course, this was the late 1940's). I remember the endless lines of pack-lugging scouts on their way to, or recovering from, a camping trip piling in for a soda or to play the pinball machines. The place was a magnet for scouters of my dad's generation, who made me memorize the Scout Oath when I was about 7. After selling the business, my folks built the house where I grew up, just across the highway on 5 acres my dad had acquired in Monticello at a tax auction... for \$45!

Inevitably the camps were an integral part of my development, and the scouting/TMR experience was a major defining influence on my life. Well-known scouters, whose contributions to the camps are recognized at the TMR Museum, were frequent guests at the house. My dad's best friend, Morty Hyman, also a major figure in the early development of TMR, was my godfather. Many years ago, when giving a technical talk in Tel Aviv, I opened by saying that while I wasn't Jewish myself, I at least had a Jewish godfather. That got some funny looks!



Our neighbors, George and "Grandma" Soller, ran the Donut Farm. I spent many hours in the back room watching the machine (now at the TMR Museum) drop zillions of donuts into the hot fat...and got to eat the misshapen ones from each batch. Why my arteries still work...God only knows! Those who remember visiting the Donut Farm will recall the chicken coops next to the house. It's been suggested that my helping George collect eggs had some effect on my winding up an agricultural scientist specializing in poultry at the University of Georgia. I eventually gained a Ph.D. in Poultry Science (Yes, there is such a degree, founded more than a centu-

ry ago at Cornell). It would have made a good story to claim my career had been inspired by the Donut Farm, but I only became interested in food production years later while serving in the Peace Corps in Chile.

My dad strongly believed that the nature program should be an important part of each scout's experience at TMR. Even if an appreciation of nature were not a basic component of scouting, today's environmental challenges fully justify an appreciation of the natural world. Growing up with a dad so strongly focused on nature, and living surrounded by it at TMR, it is not surprising I developed a profound reverence for the outdoors. Where I live in north Georgia, the southern tip of the Appalachians is not unlike the region around TMR.

Looking back, it was a luxury to grow up straddled between two worlds. In Narrowsburg, once you were old enough to get a hunting license, it was expected that us country boys would skip school the first day of deer season. At the same time, I was surrounded by urbane scouters with a diversity of religions, ethnic backgrounds, and a wealth of non-Anglo-Saxon surnames. (I was almost out of high school before learning that Dale is an anglicization of the Greek Dilopoulo!)

Ten Mile River, and scouting in general, has been central to my life: hiking up to the Indian Cliffs 12 months a year, dozens of nights camping at Split Rock, taking Lifesaving merit badge at the Chappugat waterfront, and tagging along with my dad at several Ihpington winter camps. He loved creating memories for the scouts, like the morning he walked us all down to Mahl's pond, chopped holes in the ice, and made us wash up. (I sure remember, and it's been 65 years!) He would have been proud to know that my son Nick (his grandson) was the third in a row with that name to become an Eagle Scout.

Great stuff...all with a TMR origin!!



The Ihpington waterfront.

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Visit: <https://www.tmr-museum.org/historian>

Trivia Quiz

The answers:

1. C Ira Nagel
2. C Grassy Swamp
3. A Rondack
4. C It was the last name of a prominent Judge
5. A Crystal Lake Area
6. D Grew Donuts on Donut Trees behind the house that exist today
7. C Nick Dales
8. D Zumi Village
9. B Manhattan Island
10. A One million

9-10 correct- You are a TMR History Trivia Savant. You are eligible for consideration for the TMR Hall of Fame.

7-8 correct- You are somewhat of an expert in the upper echelons of knowledge about TMR. Congratulations.

5-6 correct - Not too bad. You are passing but need improvement

3-4 correct- You are on probation. Get thee to the Museum and study harder in our Archives.

2 and under- You are either a rookie or a novice but there is hope. The Museum can teach you and you can become a TMR savant....or something like that





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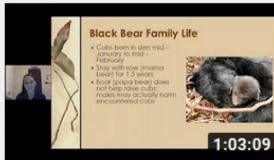
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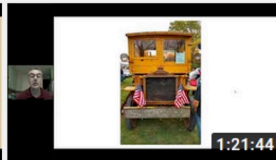
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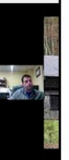
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