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EDITOR'S LETTER

By: Mitchell Slepian

As I sit here typing, I'm staring at mountains of snow out my window. But the sun is out and the snow is slowly melting. Some people are thinking of getting to work or school tomorrow. Some are resting their aching backs from shoveling their car. And I am thinking, winter will soon pass and we will be going back up to Ten Mile River.

I remember when I was in high school, I thought about going back to TMR from the second my father and I drove away from my precious hill (Chappegat Hill).

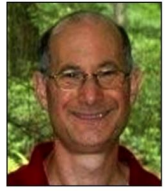
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SOME WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By: Michael Drillinger

Dear Friend of the TMR Museum,
Here we are halfway between one summer and the next. When I was a scout I'd be counting the days to camp. When I was on staff I'd be counting the days to camp. The calendar really only had two seasons then, school and camp. One of my personal joys volunteering for the Ten Mile River Scout Museum is keeping that connection to Ten Mile River the place. *Continued on page 9...*



BROOKLYN ARROWHEAD

By: Morty Fink

53 years ago, a group called the Brooklyn Arrowhead came into being. Its membership came from Scouts and Scouters that attended TMR and were Brothers in the Order of the Arrow.

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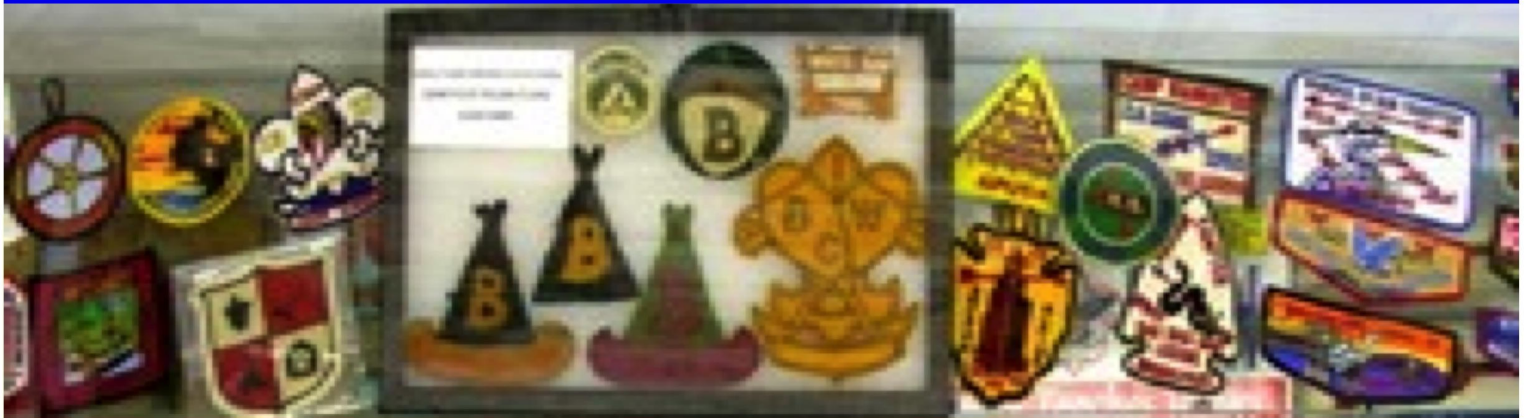
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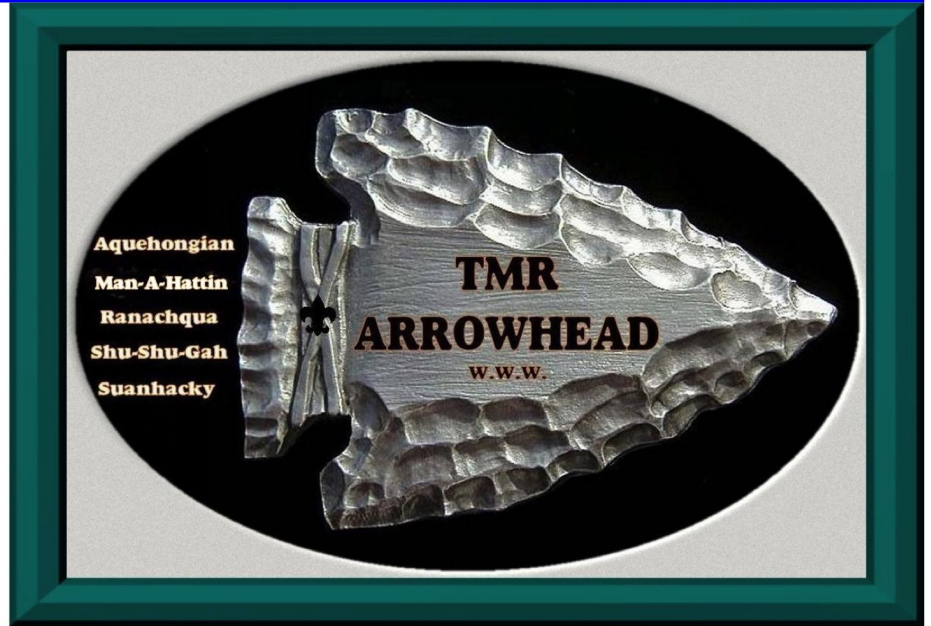
By: Morty Fink

Down through the years, annual events like TMR Reunions, NYC Dinners, Florida Bird Walks and Banquets plus other yearly gatherings have taken place.

This unique bond of Scouting and Brotherhood has grown, endured and thrived. Now it's time to expand our sphere of influence.

By changing our name to the TMR Arrowhead, we now welcome all who have had the influence of both TMR and W.W.W. illuminate their lives no matter where in the Greater NY area they were from.

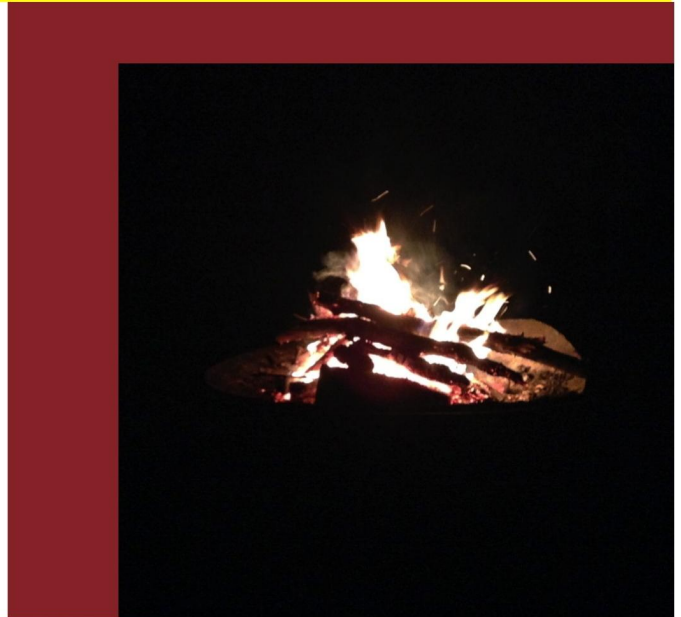
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SUMMER OF 2015

By: Ryan Ross, Director of Ten Mile River, Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor

The summer of 2015 was a great new adventure! It was my first year on the reservation, but with returning Camp Directors Michael Lennon at Camp Ranachqua, Tom Spiegel in Family Camp, and with John Farrell moving from Reservation Program Director to Camp Director of Aquehonga helping we had a great summer. Attendance was up, Keowa added a new Ski Boat and Shotgun Range, Ranachqua got new Latrines and added a STEM week that will continue in 2016, and Camp Aquehonga saw the near completion of the new Billy and Keith Johnson Center. Since campers left this summer the hardworking TMR Rangers have cleared a path between the new building and the Pool house with plans to move the road and create a beautiful new parade field. Even as the weather turns cold there are lots of projects to keep scouts and leaders warm at TMR.



GREATER NEW YORK COUNCILS HALL OF FAME DINNER

By: Dr. Gene Berman

The Greater New York Councils Camping Hall of Fame Dinner took place on Thursday night, October 30, 2015. It was held at Russo's Banquet Hall in Richmond Hill Queens.

There were approximately 90+ people in attendance. The cocktail hour began at 5:30 with the actual dinner and presentations beginning at 6:30. Our Council Executive, Ethan Draddy gave a short welcome and greeting and then turned the microphone over to Tom Pendleton and Tom Bain the Masters of Ceremonies.

Each year an member is inducted into the Hall of Fame based on his or her contributions to Camps Alpine, Pouch, Ten Mile River and the TMR Museum is tasked with selecting a "LEGEND OF TMR". What this means is someone from TMR's historic past is selected. The Hall of Fame began in 1998 but TMR has been around since 1927. The Legend's award is presented to an Individual who the Museum Trustees feel would surely have been inducted in his or her era had there been a Hall of Fame back then. This years recipient was Steve "Sarge Wells". Sarge is now 88 years young and traveled with his wife Betty from their Home in San Antonio, Texas to attend the ceremony and receive the award. His daughter and other members of his family attended the event. I was honored to present the award to Sarge. I first met Sarge in 1969 when he was director of Camp Kunatah. They had lost their Rifle Range Director and I was on active duty so he recruited me. He asked me if I ever had experience running a rifle range and when I told him I was a dentist in the army, his reply was, "You're qualified" and he hired me.

Sarge served as Kunatah Director from 1967-1969 and then as TMR Reservation Director from 1970-1972. He introduced many innovative programs to the Council and served for a number of years as Staten Island Borough Executive.

The Alpine Honoree was Richard "Dick" Cordes whose email begins with Alpinecampmaster....He served at Alpine in a number of capacities the most notable being the "Campmaster of all Campmasters" for many years. Patricia Bain was awarded the TMR active Scouter award for her many contributions to the betterment of Ten Mile River Camps. Unfortunately, the Pouch recipient, Charlie Greinsky, was ill and not able to attend. Our own Ed Winters was also given a special award for all his work at the Camp and his fundraising on behalf of Ten Mile River.

It was good seeing some folks come out to honor one or more of these honorees. Among those who I don't see often I was happy to see Al Venezia. I was Al's first Scoutmaster in Camp back in 1962 his rookie season. Al of course went on to serve as the Provisional Scoutmaster in Kunatah for many years.

My hope is in the future we can create many more reunions as we honor those who help make our GNYC camps the finest in the land.

Dr. Gene Berman
Chairman Emeritus
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REPORT OF 2015 MUSEUM SUMMER OPERATIONS

By: Paul Lumpkin, Museum Director

The museum began its 18th season with two new exhibits and the expanded exhibit of the Order of the Arrow display. The two new exhibits were the Bio-Blitz (Wildlife at TMR) and the 1969 Woodstock Festival. I would like to thank David Malatzky for his tireless efforts in creating the Bio-Blitz display and Mr. Wade Lawrence, director of the Bethel Woods Museum for the two-year loan of artifacts from Woodstock.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, we added several patches, national directory of the OA and ArrowTour -2015 time capsule. The museum expanded its summer operating hours, including being opened during Saturdays during the fall and spring. For the third year, we offered the Archaeology and Scouting Heritage Merit Badges, and had a presence at the Zane Grey festival.

The museum received the Nationally Accredited recognition banner. Also John Dowd and myself were involved in a promotion shoot with representatives from the Path through History.

Even though the museum had to close for more than 60 hours due to power failure at HQ our attendance was steady. We had a total of 976 visitors to the museum this summer. Etc. We had a total of 976 visitors to the museum this summer. The museum had to close due to power failure at HQ for more than 60 hours, during the summer. This also includes 138 for Alumni/History Day. Some of our visitors were members of the GNYC Executive Board, the National Visitation Team, the Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, the former South Region OA Chief and others from the U.S. and internationally: Canada, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana (LDS Encampment), Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Poland, Russia, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia (79 scouts and 20 leaders).

We had 150 scouts earned the Scouting Heritage and 2 scouts earned the Archaeology Merit Badges. In addition, 13 scouts earned the Archaeology and 12 scouts earned the Scouting Heritage Merit Badges, respectfully during the off-season months. We have a troop (from Rockland) scheduled to visit the museum for the Scouting Heritage merit badge on Oct. 17. The museum will focus exhibits of National and World Jamborees for 2016.

We had an income of \$2762.00 from the Trading Post sales and \$208.00 from the donation box. A special thank you goes out to the following volunteers who gave their time to assist the museum during the week or weekends: John & Marian Dowd, Paul Markoff (HVC), Rich Miller, Mitch Morgenstern and Frank Mullane.

Also a special thanks to the TMR Administration and Camp Directors, Rangers, GNYC, and my assistant, Tyler Margotta (who unfortunately won't be back next year). Also behind the scenes of Gene Berman, Michael Drillinger, David Malatzky, Bill Mulrenin, John Romanovich, Hal Rosenfeld and those Trustees and TMR staff that helped with the Alumni-History Day event.



SOME WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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I get to hold on to the feeling of being back in camp. I also know that the work we do for the Ten Mile River Scout Museum has a direct positive effect on today's TMR scouts. At the same time we are saving the memories of yesterday we are helping to create new memories for the scouts of today.

A lot of work has been done since last year on new and more detailed maps of Ten Mile River. The Museum has taken the lead in using GPS and GIS to create new topographic maps with more accurate information on the TMR Trail and location of landmarks and buildings. This is leading to a TMR Trail Guide, which is currently in development. Look for these updated maps at the TMR Scout Museum Store this summer.

The TMR Scout Museum will again be open on Saturdays in May and June. Please spread the word to troops who will be visiting TMR then so they will know to stop by. There will be a number of new exhibits and updates to current exhibits. New exhibits include the history of the National Scout Jamboree and the 90th Anniversary of the Jewish Committee on Scouting. The Museum Trustees are currently looking at adding new interactive technology for scouts to access scouting-related apps like knot tying, astronomy, bird and plant identification, first aid and others.

The Museum will again be offering Archaeology and Scouting Heritage merit badges and there will be several new offerings – stay tuned. Of course there will be a new Historian Patch.

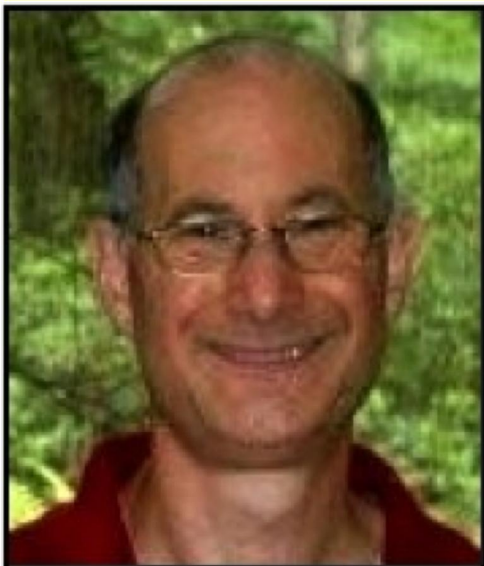
Trustees have been working on a TMR History Trail Medal. Requirements will include hiking the TMR Trail. We will be announcing more details as we get closer to the summer.

Another new development is work on a redesign of the Museum website. The new design will include more interactive features and tools to search and explore the extensive archive of TMR photos and documents.

As you can see, the Trustees of the TMR Scout Museum are actively working to make the museum experience relevant and accessible. If you are not already a Museum Member I encourage you to become one today. An application is included in this issue of Smoke Signals. Membership helps support the work we do. If you are interested in becoming more active in the Museum please contact me directly by email at: chairman@tprmuseum.org

Alumni Day happens every summer and is a great excuse to visit the Museum and the places at TMR that matter most to you. This summer, 2016, Alumni Day will be Saturday, July 30. I hope to see you then!

Yours in Scouting and Great TMR Memories,
Michael Drillinger
Chairman
Ten Mile River Scout Museum



**MICHAEL
DRILLINGER**

EDITOR'S LETTER

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I don't go to camp all summer anymore. Sad. But as part of the Ten Mile River Museum board, I get to preserve the memories of camp all year long. Not much is better.

To help us preserve our memories, I ask you to visit and post to our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/TMRMuseum/?ref=hl> or our Twitter page, @TMRMuseum. We started these pages two summers ago. And, I've had the pleasure of watching them grow. Nearly daily we post photos from camp dating back to the beginning. Check our pages out. You might see yourself back in the day.

To jump to the present in the next few months, we expect to unveil a new website. The new site will make searching for your memories in camp much easier. You will be able to work with us and add your own memories.

I hope to see everyone at TMR Alumni Day, July 30.

Yours in Scouting,
Mitchell Slepian



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THE CHAPPY YEARS, MY CHAPPY (THIRD AND LAST OF THE SERIES)

By David Lelonek

As you may recall, for the first few years of Troop 521's time on Chappy, we had to leave the hill after only six weeks, as the "Big I" took over for weeks 7 & 8. It made us all very aggravated for two main reasons. First we had to leave our great campsite and have someone else move in. Secondly, who wants to pack everything up and move someplace else in camp for only the last two weeks (that is a lot of work, leaving a great place to a smaller campsite). To soften the blow, to his credit our SM, the late Marty Levine made the last two weeks special. During week 7, we all worked hard getting the last of our merit badges for the summer, and we hardly ate in the dining hall, cooking most of our meals in the site or going out or bringing in food from local restaurants in the area (usually places like McDonalds, pizza, the local diner, etc., but to kids that was special). And for the final week, for those who had been at camp the entire summer, we had Super Week! That week, we slept late EVERY day, we were not required to take any merit badges, and we went out someplace special every day. We went bowling, to the movies, to the Wayne County Fair, to the arcade in Monticello, to nicer restaurants, etc. And perhaps one of the best parts for me was that we did not eat one meal in the dining hall, except for Sunday breakfast on the last day of camp. In those days, most would agree, that the food served at the Kunatah Dining Hall was downright nasty. I actually lost about 15 pounds that summer, as the food was so bad (I started camp at about 120 and was 5'4", coming home at 105). When my mother finally saw me when my parents came to camp at summer's end to pick me up, she was really upset (looking at me now, you would never know I was a skinny kid as I looked malnourished at the end of the camp in 1974).

To ensure that we would have Chappy for at least the first six weeks of camp, Marty would leave his deposit down before he left camp. In those days, if you did not put down your deposit on your old site by the deadline (which I believe was December 31st), another troop could take it by putting down their deposit. Well in the beginning of 1975, we were informed that the Big I still had not put down their deposit for the coming summer so Marty put down a deposit for the last two weeks in the hopes of keeping Chappy for the entire summer. In early February, the troop was happily informed that we would now have Chappy for the entire summer. This thrilled us all. We did hear that the Big I did try to leave a deposit in the late spring, which had been their M.O., but they were informed that the deadline had passed and that it was reserved by 521. They were really pissed and accused us of stealing their site. Some angry things were said, and they left to go to an out-of-council camp after that. So happily for the foreseeable future, Chappy belonged to us for the entire summer.

Troop 521 in those days was ran similarly to the Provisional units, in that from SPL on up, all leadership positions were hired staff. In 1975, I was offered the position of SPL, which I gladly accepted. Besides receiving some nominal pay, I also had a staff leanto, which meant electricity, which was a nice perk. And now that we did not have to leave the hill until the end of the summer, there was a different atmosphere in Chappy. We built a much larger terrarium, which was about 15 feet wide by about 40 feet long. We kept it well stocked with many varieties of snakes, frogs and turtles. The centerpiece was our own man-made lake, which was about 20 square feet.

We also built a huge tree house in the center of the site and a "Slide-for-Life" down the Chappy stairs. The office, which we called the Palace was all decked out and was the social center of the hill. The site was so spectacular, that summer when Boy's Life came to visit TMR, they featured pictures of it, especially the terrarium.

We really had it good and we knew it. At that time, both Larry LeShay and Karl Bernstein started to come up to Chappy to spend a week or two. As they were our local Kingsway District OA advisors from the city, we greatly enjoyed their stays in camp. And at the end of camp, as had become tradition, for those who stayed all summer, we had Super Week. Personally, this was one of the best summers of my young life.

In 1976, when I could not come to an agreement on several keys points with my SM Marty, I decided that it was best to not come to Chappy and instead, I joined the Kunatah Staff. It ended up being my only summer on staff and the only summer that I did not come to Chappy since 521 started going there. Now mind you, all of my friends were in Chappy, and I was just down the hill from there, as I was the Provo SPL. I enjoyed my time on staff and it was fun working for the legendary Al Venezia, who was the Provo SM. Still I would be lying if I said I did not miss Chappy in 1976, and many scouts told me that I was missed on the hill. At times I was there so often, some people thought I was still on Chappy staff.

Once again I returned to Chappy staff in 1977, this time as an ASM. Now as a young adult, I was more involved with the programming and I brought along a new event which I experienced in TLD (Troop Leadership Training), which was Hurdles. These were a series of scout skill / physical tests set up around the camp, giving the patrol a limited time to accomplish them. Points were given for accomplishing the task, the leadership on the task, the patrol's cooperation and the skills used. About 6 to 8 events were part of each Hurdle competition. They were a big hit and over all the future summers, we refined and perfected them. Most importantly, we created a common theme to all the challenges, which really give the competition some bite. As Hurdles often took a few weeks to plan, we only did them once or the max, twice a summer. They were a big highlight of our program. And as in the past, the Chappy programming was full and rich already. We had a top notch baseball team that did not loss a game for many years, even to the Kunatah staff, we had game nights, pizza and McDonald runs, bog hikes (which everyone either loved or hated), all sorts of Hunts (Nature, Scavenger, Treasure, and Staff-Signature Hunts), those Dam cookouts, greased watermelon, campfires at the Cliffs and in Hidden Valley, regular Canoe Trips down the Delaware (usually every 2 weeks, in those days with the Canoe Base Staff), Canoe and Catamaran swamp, scout skills and sporting competitions, swimming in the Delaware, the TMR and at Father Meyer's Swimming Hole, Saturday late sleeps (who wanted to get up early for hard-boiled eggs) and then hikes to the Donut Farm, to Bob Landers and/or the Slide Farm, and the list went on. We also used the Kunatah camp facilities like the ball field, archery and rifle ranges, and the waterfront (boating, canoeing, sailing and free / recreational swims). We had a robust merit badge program where scouts were expected to earn at least one badge a week, with ...

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most scout earning at least two per week (for example in the summer of 1975, I had earned 15 merit badges). We really ran a great scouting and fun program on Chappy Hill. In 1978, I was ASM once again, and we had another great summer.

In 1979, an important change came about, as Marty Levine, who had been the SM of 521 for many years, and who was now a NYC math teacher, felt that he wanted to do some other things during his summers off. Marty decided that he would like to only come to camp for the first half of the summer. But Marty was worried about 521 losing Chappy for the rest of the summer (sort of the way Big I lost it in 1975), especially knowing that I would one day want to take over Chappy as the SM. So Marty asked Gene Berman to move his camp set-up from Keowa, where he had camped for many years over to Kunatah. For the second half of that summer, Gene would bring his unit (109/199) to camp and share Chappy with us. That first year, Gene actually took over the entire Chappy program, but in subsequent years, we ran parallel programs for the second half of the summers on the hill. At first this did create some friction, but we over time learned to respect and then enjoy each other's company. Gene was very skilled at obtaining things for the site, and amongst the most memorable would be the hot-water heater in 1984 he got for the Chappy Latrine, which meant no more COLD showers. Today Gene and I are still good friends. Another interesting note would be that Gene needed a headquarters / office for his program, so for this he created "The Castle". Gene chose the lead leanto in the site, put four tent platforms in front of it, and added tarps, some plastic wrap and screening to make a comfortable place to conduct business. Despite some damage (some being caused by my unit), and modifications, Gene used The Castle until the end of our time on the hill.

In 1980, more change was afoot. As I was still only 20 at the beginning of camp that year, I could not be the SM, although I had truly wanted to take on the position. So to make things legal, I hired Mike Beltran (Kojack to many, as he shaved his head like the TV character of the same name) as the paper SM, while I assumed the position of running the troop. Mike was okay with this arrangement, as it gave him time to hang out at camp, making some money, without all of the hassle and responsibility of being the unit leader. We did have a super summer with a very large enrollment. We had so many kids some weeks that we took up a full quarter of the dining hall (unheard of in those days). We also had to put scouts in Hidden Valley and on High Chappy (we had to use the extra speakers and buzzer systems we employed in 1975 to alert scouts of Fall-Ins and announcements - see the previous article on this).

Two other changes that I made that summer on the hill were the Unit Leader sleeping arrangements and to the troop leadership. When Marty was the SM, he and his fellow ASMs would sleep in the Palace. This left them with little privacy and crammed the Palace when we had events in there. I immediately moved all adult leader out of the Palace into the leantos around it. This really freed up the Palace to make it a real office and social center for the troop. Leadership-wise, once I became the SM, I held unit elections each week for SPL (who would then appoint an ASPL) and then for Patrol Leaders. Prior to that, all leaders were appointed by the SM and his staff, which often lead to hurt feelings and I felt this was not the troop leadership process that I had learned. The Troop Election system worked very well, bringing real democracy to Chappy.

The only drawback that summer was from an obvious regular conflict between myself and the Kunatah Staff including the Kunatah Camp Director, Frank Rick-enbaugh. Larry LeShay, who had been a long time friend, who recognized this, offered to come aboard the Chappy Staff to help smooth out these rifts and to offer an even better organized camp experience. As Larry had been on Kotokhe and Kunatah Staffs in the 50's, he was well experienced and versed in TMR lore and procedures.

Larry's addition to Chappy helped our camp become a well-oiled machine, offering the very best programming and facilities at TMR. And with Larry taking on the many of the day-to-day responsibilities of running Chappy, my interactions with the Kunatah staff ran much smoother. Frank had said that Larry helped "mellow me out".

When Marty was SM, we occasionally used the Chappy Dining Hall for programming but under my rein we really took advantage of the building. We invented or modified all sorts of games to suit our needs. We played Chappy Soccer, Chappy Basketball (both full and half court games - as we put up our own hoops), Dodge Ball, Prison Ball (a dodge ball variant, in which no one is every truly out), and Gaga ball. We also had spent many nights in the dining hall with Game Nights, Casino Nights, Kangaroo Courts, and Gong Shows (they were like Talent Nights but bad acts were gonged off stage).

Program-wise we had many of the same activities that we had before and then we added many others. We added Chappitraz (an original game with aspects of prison breakout and capture the flag), Chappy Olympics (we held Opening Ceremonies and we had events in Archery, Riflery, many different swimming & boating events/races, athletics, field sports, and team events like baseball, football, basketball, gaga ball, ultimate frisbee and prison ball - we had so many events it took all week for the competition and we gave out "Gold" Medals at our Closing Ceremonies), Spaz Olympics (competition in silly events), Ultimate Frisbee (which was just getting big then, and it became another sport that we dominated for many years), Topsy-Turvy Days (a day where the scouts became the leaders and the leaders became the scouts), Trivia Nights (Trivial Pursuit was big then), amongst many of the other activities we added. Over the years we expanded our well-known terrarium and even made double-decker tree houses.

Saturdays were now extra special. We started with late sleeps but then we had breakfast cookouts and after that, hikes to Landers. Afterwards we had Saturday night cookouts and ending the day with a weekly campfire. We also added a VCR that year, which was a relatively new electronic device. We developed a large library of popular movies which we would show as an alternative to the camp's weekly feature, which were usually older ones (we also had our famous weekly McDonald's or Pizza Runs on those evenings). The VCR also came in handy during extremely hot or rainy days. This gave us the nickname of "Camp VCR" around Kunatah, but we didn't mind that a bit. In 1984 we added a Commodore-64, which was an early computer, and it was a big hit. Although we had many games, and some scouts even used it for advancement, it was commonly surrounded by many guys playing the earliest version of Donkey Kong.

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THE CHAPPY YEARS, MY CHAPPY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11...)

We even made Super Week more special. To start we electrified every leanto for the week, with one bulb and one electrical outlet (no extensions were allowed, but that was plenty for most). We went to many different places and seemed to never be in camp. We went to Action Park (some referred to it as Traction Park for all the injuries that people seemed to have), Cooperstown, Monticello Arcade, Beech Lake (mini-golf, go-karts, batting cages, game room and some decent food & ice cream), bowling both at Monticello and Callahoon (I doubt they still have an alley there these days). We had days in Callicoon, Monti, Narrowsburg, Honesdale and Port Jarvis (we would shop, go to the aforementioned bowling alleys, eat, play baseball and / or Ultimate Frisbee on their nicely manicured fields) and do laundry (it was a lot easier than doing it at the latrine sink). And to end our Super Weeks, we now had banquets at finer restaurants (like El Monaco's, The Rustic Country Inn, The Blue Ribbon, and my favorite, The Orchid Inn). On the Saturday evening before camp ended we would have our Annual Blow-Out Party. There we amongst other things would have plenty of food (hot dogs, burgers, chicken, steak, corn-on-the-cob, etc), snacks and soda. We also would recap the year, and give a funny award or prize to each person there. It was an amazing way to end the year. I was always sad at the end of camp, and I always looked forward to the next summer. In fact, Larry and I always started to plan for the coming season only a few days after the last one had ended.

Most would agree that we had a fantastic thing going, with the perfect mix of great scouting, and fun camp events. Once our scouts experienced Chappy for the first time for a few weeks their first summer on the hill, many of them would stay for the entire time the next year (or that year if they could), as we offered much better programming than many private camps. Many of our scouts after one summer in Chappy, refused to go back to their old camps.

Sadly all good things must come to an end. For many years, the local Sullivan County Camp Health Inspector came to Chappy, and expressed his displeasure with our site. He hates the fact that the site was on a hill, he disliked the steps, and he hated the latrine amongst other things. We made many repairs and modifications to try to satisfy him. For several years in the mid-80s, we weren't sure from year-to-year if we would be coming back but thankfully we did. Sadly in 1988, we had our last summer in Chappy. We were not sure at the end of 1988 when we left, if we could squeeze out another fantastic summer on the hill but it was not to be. The inspector essentially told the powers that be that we either close Chappy or he'll close Kunatah.

This summer marks 27 years since we last camped on Chappy Hill. Many of us still talk about camp almost every day. The memories are so very special that I will miss Chappy for the rest of my days. Chappy Hill was a magical place.

Long Live Chappy!

MAGIC MOMENTS

By: Morty Fink

I have three that linger in the deep recesses of my mind concerning dear old Camp Brooklyn (TMR) back in the day. There are others but none come close to:

My pre-ordeal night alone under the stars in 1949. Sleep wasn't easy thanks to the deep rumbling of the bullfrogs emanating from the small reservoir nearby and just up from Rock Lake. I hadn't a clue that this event would have an impact on me that would "alter and illuminate" my life.

It was 1951 when a few of us opted to go to the Indian Cliffs on a Friday evening instead of walking to D-3 for services. It was sunset when we arrived and we anticipated having the place to ourselves. Not so. We joined others already there as we sat in silence watching the approach of dusk. The tingling that I experienced at the back of my neck was rather profound. And as I write this, the tingling is returning.

Donny Heller and I went to Grassy Swamp Pond near Ihpingtona (D-4) one day for some fishing. On the trail back, he was stung by a bee on his instep. Within a few minutes, he complained that he couldn't see and then crumpled to the ground. Anaphylactic shock but who knew? I don't know where I found the strength; he was bigger and heavier than me but I was able to lift and carry him to the service road some distance away where a passing car stopped and got us to the infirmary. They told me that I probably saved his life.

There goes that tingling again...

KINTECOYING LODGE SCOUTER UPDATE

The members of Kintecoying Lodge celebrated a successful completion to the Order of the Arrow's centennial year at our annual banquet on January 10th. This year's event was hosted by the Aquehonga (Staten Island) chapter, and was an excellent opportunity for youth and adult brothers to share fellowship and a great meal. The program included a number of fun activities and some inspiring comments from GNYC Scout Executive Ethan Draddy about how the Order impacted his Scouting career.

Members attending the banquet had much to celebrate. The Order of the Arrow's Centennial Centurion awards were presented to brothers Fran Harty and Gene Berman for their contributions to the forming, maturing, and ongoing excellence of our Lodge. This one-time award was bestowed by the national Order of the Arrow committee to brothers throughout the country who are exemplars of leadership and model to others a commitment to cheerful service. In addition, a limited edition copy of Bound in Brotherhood, the Order of the Arrow's centennial scrapbook, was presented to Anthony Pinnavaia, Sr. for his long-standing service to the Order in New York City.

With the new year upon us, members of Kintecoying Lodge will be reaching out to units throughout New York City to help promote Scout camping. This is one of the Order's primary responsibilities, and one that requires great emphasis in our urban environment. We look forward to working with you in 2016!

Please note these important dates for the rest of the Scouting year:

- March 5th, 2016 – Native American Workshop at Camp Pouch
- April 15th – 17th, 2016 – Induction Weekend at Camp Alpine
- May 13th – 15th, 2016 – Induction Weekend at Camp Keowa

Much more information is available online. Please find us at kintecoying.org or @kintecoying on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.



OUR OWN BERNIE SUSSMAN RECOGNIZED AT NOAC 2015

By: Mitchell Slepian

Bernie was recognized at the opening show as an attendee at the first NOAC in 1948, University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana. He was also involved in a speaker series at the conference and the opening of the Goodman Edson Observatory (GEO) which was the name of the Museum at NOAC this year. What a great moment!



From left, John Brown, Dr. Ron Temple (1961 National Conference Chief), Dr. Lou Marchetti (Brother of Dr. Carl Marchetti, former National Chairman of the OA), National Chairman Ray Capp, 1975-76 National Chief and later National Chairman Brad Haddock, Bernie Sussman (1948 NOAC participant), Lifetime Achievement recipient Del Loder, Don Thom (1948 NOAC participant and later National Committeeman) and Lifetime Achievement recipient Dabney Kennedy

PAUL LUMPKIN RECEIVES LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Paul Lumpkin

Congratulations, Paul, as you receive the "Life Achievement Award" from the Boy Scouts today. Along with our fellow members of King of Kings Lutheran Church in New Windsor, I am so grateful for the many ways you are doing your duty to God and country, not only in scouting, but also in our congregation, in our wider church, and in the community. Your service makes a difference for so many, and we are thankful.

In scouting, you are a 50-year member of the Order of the Arrow, continuing your dedication to the Boy Scout cause day by day and year by year. You commit your summers to serving as a camp chaplain and museum director at Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp in Narrowsburg, NY. You're also busy with scouting during the school year. In addition to serving as the chartered organization representative from King of Kings to the local Boy Scout Council, you currently serve on the Religious Committee in the Heritage District, and you frequently perform duties as a chaplain at Eagle Scout ceremonies and other Boy Scout gatherings. You have also been on the Eagle Board and the Advancement Committee of our local council.

In our congregation, you serve as a worship assistant, lector, acolyte, and crucifer, providing a model for youth and adults who are learning these roles. You serve on several teams at King of Kings: the Social Ministry Team, the Ministry of Care Team, and the Natural Church Development Team. You have contributed to our congregational life by spearheading the Anti-Malaria Campaign and helping us find connections with our national church judicatory, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You have served as a voting member of the ELCA's biennial assemblies several times, and you are an active deacon in our local judicatory, the Metro New York Synod.

In our community, you make a difference as a substitute teacher and a chaperone for youth trips, encouraging them on the rough road of adolescence and modeling the Scouts' values beyond the official structure of the Boy Scouts of America.

Recently, when I traveled with you to see Pope Francis at Central Park, I noticed how your Scout uniform and patches opened many conversations as we snaked back and forth in line for over three hours. One mother told you about raising her sons in scouts; one young man talked about going to Boy Scout camp every summer; one older man said he was an Eagle Scout. I enjoyed hearing your public witness to the value and the values of the Boy Scouts. I know that you will continue witnessing both to the value of the Boy Scouts of America and the values of Scouts, wherever you go and however you serve. Please accept my congratulations, on behalf of the members of King of Kings, upon this "Life Achievement Award."



Ed Pino (right), former Chief of Suanhacky Lodge.
Mitch Morgenstern,
Chairman of Jack Kohler-Suahnacky Campership Association is on left.



NEW T.M.R. TRAIL MAP

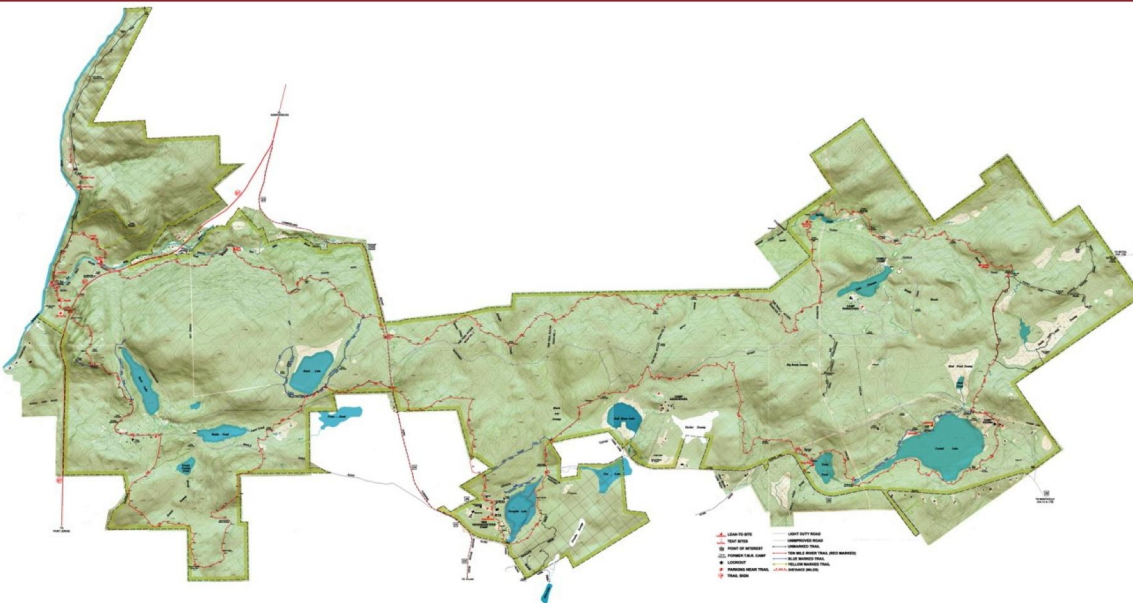
The Museum is publishing a new T.M.R. Trails Map to facilitate hikes along the T.M.R. Trail (and other local trails). With a 1:1,200 scale, the map is twenty times more detailed than the previous trail map issued by T.M.R. almost thirty years ago. Last November, the entire route of the T.M.R. Trail was documented by Sean Johnson, a volunteer T.M.R. ranger using G.P.S. The Greater New York Councils included a draft version of the map on the cover of their 2016 T.M.R. promotional brochure, which was mailed to every Boy Scout in New York City. The new map will be an essential part of the revamped 2016 T.M.R. Trek program.

HIKERS NEEDED TO VET NEW T.M.R. TRAIL GUIDEBOOK

The Museum is working on a new T.M.R. Trail Guidebook to facilitate hikes along the T.M.R. Trail. This is an update of the “Red Dot Trail Guide” authored by Richard and Steven Benini over 20 years ago. The new guidebook will include detailed color maps and “turn-by-turn” instructions w/ mileages for the entire T.M.R. Trail. We are looking for hiking enthusiasts interested in vetting the guidebook by hiking part of or the entire T.M.R. Trail.

We are hopeful that these projects encourages applications for the T.M.R. Historic Trail Award.

Contact David M. Malatzky (dmalatzky@aol.com) for further information.



AN UNHERALDED STRENGTH OF SCOUTING: NURTURING LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIP

If memory serves, the 1950s edition of THE HANDBOOK FOR BOYS, colloquially known as the Boy Scout Handbook, in highlighting the strengths and attractions of the movement, alluded to the friendships that were bound to form among members of one's patrol and one's troop. Understandably, the material made no reference to maintaining these relationships for, say, sixty-five or more years. For the adolescent psyche, pondering the likely events of the next several months may be the extent of introspection about the future. Adolescents tend to live in the present. Yet, arguably, Scouting, in various ways, may well have planted the seed in terms of the merit of sustained friendship.

Of course, the SCOUT LAW does allude to friendship: "A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, FRIENDLY..." We all know the drill. Did any of us take the Scout Law literally? The answer is negative. But, these guidelines to conduct may have had a greater long-term influence than many of us could have imagined.

As a Camp Man, Lakeside Division rookie in 1953, I was housed with my "home troop" in Kiwiken, a nondescript lean-to campsite. The sole claim to fame of the place was its proximity to The Tower of Friendship.

Virtually every Scout from each camp which bordered Crystal Lake took a day hike to The Tower of Friendship and was exposed to its lore. The "hike" from Kiwiken to the Tower was approximately two hundred yards, so our visits were virtually on a daily basis. We were in awe of the collection of stones from each of the states and from several foreign countries...all provided by Scouts like ourselves. Our conversations focused on the place names. On some level we comprehended the relevance of the Tower as a physical symbol of the profound bonds created through Scouting.

Fast forward to the present. As we speak, a friendship founded in the mid-1950s through Queens Council Scouting, Ten Mile River participation and Suanhacky Lodge leadership is as strong as ever. The bond of friendship between Stephen Bergman (Suanhacky Lodge Chief, 1959-60) and Martin Von Holden, (Suanhacky Lodge Chief, 1960-61) and their respective families is rock solid. Thank you, Queens Council Scouting, for influencing two lives in such a sustained and profound manner.

The HANDBOOK FOR BOYS may not have defined the entire scenario, but it did its job well!

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Bergman

THE T.M.R. 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.



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Join us for a Welcome Orientation and Ceremony at the TMR Museum to be followed by lunch held at the Headquarters Commissary. After lunch, feel free to visit our Camps and reminisce with friends and family. Visit the Kunatah Dining Hall and see all the hard work that the KunatahGen2 group has put into saving this historic building. Take a short hike up to Picture Window and enjoy the majestic view from Indian Cliffs.

2016 Program Schedule

10:00 AM - Gathering

11:00 AM - Welcome Orientation & Ceremony

12:15PM— Lunch



At our 2016 TMR Alumni Day the camp leadership in cooperation with the Ten Mile River Scout Museum and several other alumni groups will publically launch plans for the 90th Anniversary Celebration of Ten Mile River Scout Camps. This will include new programs to the reservation, a huge 2017 Alumni Weekend, a showing of the GNYC "Old Tradition with a New Vision" parade truck, and more. Much more! We need you to be a part of the celebration!



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