

# Red Dot Trails

## Charlie Rogers Heads North!



*Charlie Rogers, this years FoTMR honoree, recieves his plaque from Frank Rickenbaugh*

Our fellow member Charlie Rogers has been with GNYC for 13 years, the last number of those as the Director of Camping Services. Last month at the September Camping Committee meeting he announced that he was leaving that position for a job as head of Finance for Westchester-Putnam Council. Charlie has been easy to work with and a good friend. We will be seeing him at TMR as a camper. GNYC is now looking for his successor for the Camping Job. Good luck Charlie in your new role.

## LATE BREAKING NEWS!



Can you believe it sports fans, just as we were putting this baby to bed- late breaking word comes in- fellow FoTMR member and long time GNYC Camping Department staff member, Bob Madsen has been picked to be the next Director of Camping Services. Good luck Bob. The Friends of TMR are looking forward to working with you.



*Above* FoTMR members strike a pose (Jim, John, Sal, and Vinny)  
*Liber:* The FoTMR Table

## TMR IS 80 YEARS YOUNG!

This past summer TMR celebrated 80 years as a Scout Camp. On July 14, 2007 hundreds of people gathered at TMR HQ for ceremonies and fellowship not to mention the ubiquitous camp food to commemorate this great anniversary for our beloved camp.

As is custom at these events there was a “midway” where many of the various TMR related groups had displays and history and info. The event was a great opportunity to catch up with people you had not seen in many years or maybe you just seen them the other day.

The camp provided a chance for many TMR veterans to visit their old camp, see the history presented in the Museum, and learn how the place is doing these days.

Like other groups we had a

table and display setup which enabled us to catch up with existing members, sign up a some new ones and generally get our word out.

Thanks to Service Chairman Colin Pinnavaia; Activities Chairlady Andrea Heller; Board Members at Large Anthony Pinnavaia and John Farrell; Technology Chair Robert Ponzio; Treasurer Paul Campisi and Secretary Mike Moskowitz for staffing our table and display. Our Members assisted not just with their FoTMR duties, but all through out the camp. A good example was Permanent Board Members Barbara Fox and Sal Poidomani staffing the Family Camp table.

A nice day was had by all and we can't wait for the 100<sup>th</sup>!

## TMR Seems to have a Solid Summer

By all accounts TMR's 80<sup>th</sup> year in operation went well. Attendance was slightly up which is always a good thing. The creek didn't rise and the you-know-what didn't hit the fan to the best of our knowledge.

All kidding aside, the anecdotal evidence from the field is that, overall, the scouts who went to camp had a great time. The camps all received “A” ratings from the National Visitation teams. The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary went well too. The toughest nut to crack remains getting as many of the traditional New York City Boy Scouts to camp as we can. The biggest chunk of traditional scouts coming to TMR remain out of council and we are thankful they are coming.

From our impressions, the percentage of the total number of traditional Boy Scouts from NYC attending camp isn't bad (FoTMR did ask for that percentage at the September Camping Committee meeting, once we get that info it will hopefully bear out our observations). The major challenge that remains for GNYC is to get more boys into traditional troops, and then get those troops to Ten Mile River. It is of course a constant work in progress as well as a challenge, but we need to continually push towards this goal. We hope to see attendance at TMR continue to grow, and affirm its place as one of our greatest camps.

## The Steakout

For the third year in a row the current version of the GNYC Steakout took place at Alpine Scoutcamp on September 8, 2007. We again had a contingent there staffing our table at the "Midway" in the Cub World Dining Hall. There were again hundreds of NYC Scout leaders there from all of the Boroughs. Not to mention the OA Lodges and the various groups that are unique to GNYC and it's Scout Camps.

We once again were able to gain new members, sell our items, catch up with old faces and yes, eat steak. What could be better.

Thanks to Joe Tosto, Andrea Heller (who put our crew together), John Farrell, Jim Shaughnessy, Mike Moskowitz, Ian Pinnavaia, Anthony Pinnavaia, Colin Pinnavaia, and Paul Campisi for staffing our table and showing the flag so to speak.



## The President's Message

If you've read this far, perhaps you'll read a little further. Hi everyone, Joe Tosto here. Thanks for getting through our Newsletter, Red Dot Trails. We moved the Ten Mile River content to the front of the newsletter so you could quickly read about the activities and goings on there. Our organizational activities are as follows.

As you continue to read, you'll see that the Friends of Ten Mile River continue to work with and support the camps. We built a record number of tent platforms during the Memorial Day weekend and we had a decent showing of FoTMR'ers for the post camp inspections this year. Additionally, the FoTMR continues to attend the GNYC Camping Committee meetings, the Risk Management Committee and the Ten Mile River Museum Committee meetings.

My troop camped at TMR this year for 2 weeks, splitting our time at Camp Aquehonga and Camp Keowa. I personally attended the week at Keowa with our troop and we had an outstanding time. However, don't ask us which camp out the troop enjoyed better – they were both great.

The Friends of Ten Mile River will be holding it's annual board meeting in the late October early November time frame. At the board meeting, we expect to secure dates for the annual Friends of TMR Dinner and a date for the Mug-o-ree. These are important events for you, your friends and family to attend as they serve as primary fund raising opportunities. And, as you know – proceeds from these events are used to purchase program equipment for Ten Mile River. Stay tuned for notification of these two fund raising events.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the various members of our organization that have reached out to me and have offered their support and time to the organization in my brief tenure as President. There have been a number of great suggestions in terms of fundraising ideas, publishing of the newsletter and partnering with other affiliate organizations of the council. The Friends of TMR welcomes the chance to work with anyone involved in supporting the growth, proper utilization and continued revitalization of Ten Mile River.

That's all for now. Looking forward to seeing you at the next event.

## We Have Platforms!



*Above Jim Shaughnessy Builds Platforms on Memorial Day*

53 of them to be exact! Memorial Day Weekend was once again a chance for FoTMR members to be productive and have a good time doing it. Like we have been doing for several years now, a group of FoTMR Board members and regular members gathered at TMR HQ on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. Charlie Rogers, who at the time was still the Director of Camping Services for GNYC (see related article), had, along with other TMR staff, provided us with the raw materials to construct as many tent

platforms as we could. Last year we had churned out almost 50 in whole or in part. We were determined to break that record. The

materials were laid out in the Warehouse and we again had the use of the Hearst Cabins if we needed them. Then-President Elect Joe Tosto and Service Chair Colin Pinnavaia had put the word out to rally the troops, and although we had less hands on deck this year, we hit the ground running as early morning came. As usual you could hear Jim Shaughnessy working the saw, nail guns going off, hammers banging, lots of coffee spilling all over the place. But by late afternoon we had constructed in their entirety 53 brand new tent platforms for TMR! (See the pictures on the website) And No body got hurt!

In addition to Joe, Colin and Jim, we had Anthony Pinnavaia, John Farrell, Andrea Heller, Brian Yovine, Paul Campisi, Mike Moskowitz, Ian Pinnavaia, a new member that John Farrell brought, but whose name escapes the author so we will call him "new member guy", and Ronny Albuja- who brought with him several Suanhacky Lodge Ordeal Candidates and Brothers to provide some more muscle to the operation.

Besides the crew working at HQ, as happens every year, there were many of our members at TMR that weekend as senior camp staff working on their camps, OA members involved with projects, members of the TMR Museum Committee working to get not only the Museum ready for summer, but to get ready for the TMR 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (see related article), and professional staff also getting ready for the summer.

All and all it was a good start to the summer season and TMR- get your tools ready for next time!



*Our President Pitches in!*



*Memorial Day was Pinnavaia-tastic!*



*Paul's Got Wood!*

## FoTMR HELPS OUT WITH THE POST CAMP INSPECTIONS ONCE AGAIN



*Above* (left to right)  
*Anthony Pinnavaia, Mike  
Moskowitz, Joe Tosto, and  
Collin Pinnavaia prepare to  
inspect the camps*

Every year Scout Councils are required to conduct inspections of their camp properties before and after summer camp. The items identified by the inspection teams provide the basis for both general repair projects and long term capital improvement projects at Scout Camps. The inspection findings also serve as the checklist to be followed by the annual regional Visitation Teams that visit while camp is in session.

So it's very important every year for GNYC, the Risk Management Committee and the Camping Committee, to get as many volunteers to help with these inspections. For as long as FoTMR has been around, and even before, our members have been helping with this very important process.

This year at TMR was no different. The current Chair of the Council Risk Management Committee (and fellow member) Mark Weisburger, put out the call for help. Our Service Chairman Colin Pinnavaia and our President Joe Tosto followed up within our own ranks. On August 11, 2007- a bunch of us gathered at TMR HQ, then fanned out with other volunteers across TMR to conduct the "post-camp" inspection (even though camp was still going on).

Some of our members helping that day were Joe Tosto, Colin Pinnavaia, Anthony Pinnavaia, Mike Moskowitz, Beth Zimelman. Dave Gingras, Vinny Gentile, Mark Weisburger, Joe Amatrucola, Marc Amatrucola, Bob Madsen, Charlie Rogers, among others.

Thanks for the help and see you in camp next time.

## Life Memberships

If you prefer not to have to deal with annual dues, or want to continue to help our endowment grow- you too can become a Life Member. It is \$2,000, and you do receive recognition for your generosity. You should contact our Life Member Chairman John Farrell to discuss payment options, either by e-mail at [lifemembership@friendsoftmr.org](mailto:lifemembership@friendsoftmr.org) or by letter at our corporate address, which is Friends of Ten Mile River, Inc., PMB 273, Levittown, NY 11756. There is also a form on our website. We accept Visa, Mastercard, as well as checks. And remember we're a 501c3 organization.

## Our First President Emeritus and Our New President

This past June 1, 2007 we began our current fiscal year and our 11<sup>th</sup> year as an organization. But more importantly the date saw a new term for our elected officers begin. It also saw our first President Frank Rickenbaugh, or FJ Rick as many of us know him, become our first President Emeritus. Frank had decided that after leading us through the first ten years of our organizational life, he wanted to give another person a shot at leading us forward. And it meant he could concentrate his time on specific goals within the group. Frank lead a team that brought us to many accomplishments during those ten years- including the establishment of our endowment fund, a regular organized presence on a re-born GNYC Camping Committee, the most fun you will ever have with a power tool on Memorial Day Weekend and many other things.

Taking his place is another of our veteran Permanent Board Members Joe Tosto. Joe now becomes our 2<sup>nd</sup> President ever as we begin our 2<sup>nd</sup> decade. Joe has vowed to build on the foundation that Frank had started. And as part of that we have had a steady growth in membership since June and several new Life Members. We have also continued to meet all our commitments at events and meetings.

Joining Joe in this new term we have some familiar faces and some new ones too. We also have made some changes to the type of elected officers on the Board. The Board approved several changes to the By-laws that replaced the Secretary-Treasurer with two different positions, eliminated the Fundraising Chair, and changed to two Appointed Members-At-Large Board spots to the same as the others. We had some elected Board members choose not to run again after many years of service as well. All normal things, as our organization grows, and develops.

After many years of dedicated service at the helm of this publication Tom Lemme decided to take a step back and let someone else have a turn as Editor. Tom of course remains a Permanent Board Member as one of our founders. We'd like to welcome aboard Andrew Proto who takes over editing duties starting with this issue.

Member-At-Large Alex Fung also decided not to run for another term. Alex had given several years of service to the Board, and he remains the brains behind the ever popular "Silent Auction" at our dinners. His spot was filled by Ian Pinnavaia.

After ten years of serving as this organizations Secretary-Treasurer, Mike Moskowitz moved too the new position of Secretary. Paul Campisi became Treasurer as the old combined Activities-Fundraising Chair became just Activities. The new Activities Chair has been filled by Andrea Heller.

The rest of the elected positions remain the same- we have Msgr. Tony Marchitelli on Exec. VP, Rob Ponzio on Technology, Brian Yovine on the Web, Colin Pinnavaia on Service, Endowment by Dave Munoz, Members At Large in addition to being covered by Ian, you have Lusi and Charlie Hart, Anthony Pinnavaia, John Farrell, Marc Yovine and Dave Gingras. The Permanent Board Members are being played by Frank Rickenbaugh, Joe Tosto, Jim Shaughnessy, Mike Moskowitz, Msgr. Tony, Stu Nemkowitz, Tom Lemme, Chris Keenan, Tom Faulding, Andrea and Eric Byrne, Dave Ezzo, Barb Fox, Sal Poidomani, Rob Ponzio, Chris Masciana, and Maj. Peter Purrington, MD. And Fog Horn Leg Horn on the line of scrimmage (just seeing if you're paying attention).

## The Friends of Ten Mile River, Inc.

Internally prepared, unaudited financial statements for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2007 and May 31, 2006.

	<b>May 31, 07</b>	<b>May 31, 06</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
1100 · Cash - Operating Account	2,991.62	2,013.52
1200 · Cash - Endowment Account	2,229.10	3,722.58
1300 · Cash - Merchant Account	1,203.11	99.07
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>6,423.83</b>	<b>5,835.17</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
2000 · Accounts Receivable - Dues	2,398.00	1,684.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>2,398.00</b>	<b>1,684.00</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
2100 · Investment Account - Vanguard	39,283.59	28,900.43
2200 · Inventory	882.06	812.00
2600 · Prepaid - Dues	274.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>40,439.65</b>	<b>29,712.43</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>49,261.48</b>	<b>37,231.60</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>49,261.48</b>	<b>37,231.60</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Accounts Payable</b>		
2300 · Accounts Payable	1,500.00	1,100.00
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>		
2400 · Unearned Revenue	274.00	122.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>274.00</b>	<b>122.00</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>1,774.00</b>	<b>1,222.00</b>
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<b>Equity</b>		
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	15,455.43	15,455.43
3100 · Retained Earnings	17,129.19	14,823.93
3200 · Unrealized Gain on Securities	8,308.14	3,424.98
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>6,594.72</b>	<b>2,305.26</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>47,487.48</b>	<b>36,009.60</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>49,261.48</b>	<b>37,231.60</b>

### Fiscal 06/07 Highlights:

- ❖ Cash represents the general operating fund for FoTMR. Two thousand dollars in the endowment account is restricted via loan documentation with M&T Bank. The amount supports risk associated with our Merchant Account.
- ❖ Accounts Receivable represent dues for fiscal 05/06 and fiscal 06/07.
- ❖ Billings for fiscal 07/08 occurred on June 1, 2007.
- ❖ Endowment is restricted funds for both principal and capital appreciation.
- ❖ Inventory represents shirts, hats, and mugs which are sold in the normal course of operations.
- ❖ Prepaid dues are for fiscal 07/08.
- ❖ Accounts payable represent monies allocated from the annual dinner to be used to purchase items for Ten Mile River.
- ❖ The P&L for Year End 5/31/07 showed revenues of \$11,644 with net income of \$6,595.

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## Good and Welfare

- 🌸 Condolences to the Abbott Family on their recent loss.
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  - 🌸 Condolences to the Pritchard Family on their recent loss.
  - 🌸 Congrats to Renee and Danny Sussman on the recent birth of their son.
  - 🌸 A speedy recovery to Michael O'Connor.
  - 🌸 Good luck to Charlie Rogers on his new job.
  - 🌸 Good luck to Lt. Col. Robert Timm and family on the next two years of their assignment.
  - 🌸 Congrats to TMR on it's 80<sup>th</sup>!
  - 🌸 Congrats to Brian Yovine and Sharon De Corla-Souza on their recent engagement .
  - 🌸 Good luck to GNYC on picking a new Director of Camping.
  - 🌸 Good Luck to Chris Keenan on his new job.
  - 🌸 Congrats to President Emeritus Rickenbaugh on leading us the first 10 years.
  - 🌸 Good Luck to President Tosto on his first term.
  - 🌸 Congrats to our Newest Life Members.
  - 🌸 Congrats to Dr. Pete Purrington on promotion to Major, US Army Medical Corp.
  - 🌸 Congrats to Dave Ezzo and Mike Moskowitz on the publication of their book.
  - 🌸 Congrats to Bob Madsen on his new position.
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