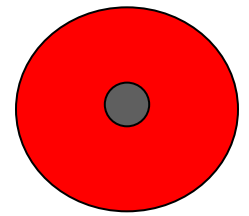


RED DOT TRAILS



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FoTMR Supports New Lake Kayaks at TMR in 2010

By Mike Moskowitz

As we have done for several years now, FOTMR donated money to support the purchase of either a unique or major piece of program equipment. The process has been for the FOTMR President to find out from the Director of Camping or the TMR Director what big or unique program item or items might be needed the coming summer. If the FOTMR Board supports the purchase of such items, we then commit to donating a specific amount of money, often an amount driven by how our fundraising dinner had went. Once the Council sends us the copy of a receipt or purchase order, we make the donation.

This past summer's big item was 15 new Kayaks for those camps that were operating. That worked out to five per lake at TMR that had a waterfront in 2010. Board member Ian Pinnavaia was able to have decals made to be placed on each Kayak indicating our role in their acquisition. You can see more pictures on our website at www.friendsoftmr.org



Message From Our President

Welcome 2011, it seemed to me that it was not that long ago I was writing 19 before the year. Well anyway, 1960 was the year I was inducted into Den 8 of Pack 18 in College Point. Do the math folks $2010 - 1960 = 50$. Holy crow! I have been in Scouting for fifty years. It's been a great run. The highlights include being a Scoutmaster, World Jamboree leader, The OA, NOAC's, Philmont and most importantly being a part of the grand place we know as TMR.

I have been fortunate to be associated with so many talented and dedicated TMR staff through the years. The leaders before me ensured that I had a safe place to grow and learn and I am grateful for their foresight. It is now our mission to continue their legacy. Get involved, visit the Camp, write an article about how TMR shaped your life and donate some money.

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Our Mission Statement

To provide service to the Ten Mile River Camps, which are owned and operated by the Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts of America. Service includes, but is not limited to Camp Masters, Camp Inspectors, Camp Staff Volunteers, service projects, and anything else that might benefit Ten Mile River Camps.

To help preserve the history and heritage of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

To provide a social and fraternal network for those that have and will work and camp at Ten Mile River.

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We provide volunteers and support to Ten Mile River. This includes donations of equipment for summer program activities for the Scouts, service projects, and volunteer assistance such as inspections.

The Red Dot Trails is the official newsletter of The Friends of Ten Mile River and is published quarterly. FoTMR continues to work with GNYC committees, especially the Camping committee, towards the improvement and preservation of the Ten Mile River Scout Reservation.

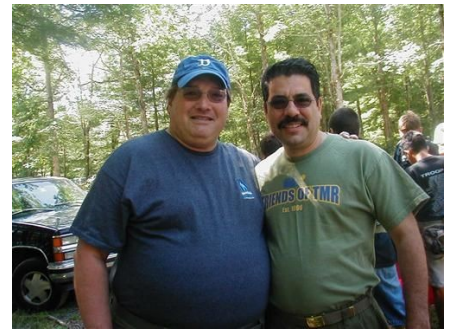
Alumni Day 2010 at TMR and BSA 100th

By Mike Moskowitz

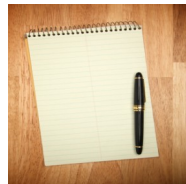
This summer saw the overall BSA celebrate it's 100th Anniversary. The last National Jamboree to take place at Ft. AP Hill in Virginia was the scene of the main celebratory event—the closing show. Given the magnitude and importance of this. GNYC and surrounding area scouts, leaders and alumni had the opportunity to see the show at TMR or Times Square. This took place on July 31, 2010. That same day TMR held it's annual Alumni Day in the morning at TMR HQ.

Many of our Board Members and rank and file took part in all aspects of this day. The Alumni Day events centered around the TMR Museum located at HQ. The Museum Committee had recently not only moved the Block House from Camp Kernochan to the Museum, but had restored it. In addition. the flag pole that had been in front of the Camp Kunatah Dinning Hall since the early 1970's was also relocated to the Museum. Fellow FOTMR members Arthur Schack who chairs the official TMR Alumni Association and Museum Board Chair Dr. Gene Berman hosted and narrated most of the morning with many presentations. The relocation of these two important items were coordinated by fellow FOTMR member John Romanovich.

But the two most moving events were the commemoration and rededication of both the Block House and the Flag Pole. The Blockhouse had originally been dedicated to Queens Scouter Dick Neubeck, and so it was again on Alumni Day. Our own Sal Poidomani, this years Aquahonga Director gave the presentation for the Kunatah Flagpole. His troop from Brooklyn, Troop 265, had originally donated it to Camp Kunatah in memory of their fellow Scouter-Joseph Rodolico in 1972. **See Alumni Day 2010, page 4**



From the Editor



Where does the year go? It seems we were just preparing for camp season 2010, and now we are looking forward to another great year in 2011 at Ten Mile River. As we make ready for this season of camping we are reminded of the many people whose lives have been touched by the magic of TMR in the past. Yet, at the same time we look to the future of Scouting and Ten Mile River with as much concern and trepidation. Help us support and ensure the future of Ten Mile River by becoming a member of the Friends of Ten Mile River. And please share with us your experiences and impressions of Ten Mile River, past, present, and future, for all to read and enjoy.

See you on the trail.
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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WORK DAY 2010 AT TMR SCOUT CAMP

By John Farrell

Under the leadership of work weekend chairperson Jim Shaughnessy, Sat. May 29th 2010, saw the field at Camp Keowa transformed into an assembly line factory that would have made Henry Ford proud. No not a car assembly line, it is the workday so its camp related. FOTMR was asked by the Council Camping staff to produce what has become one of our trademark= Tent platforms. We finished 118 by 4:00 P.M. a new record.

This year we had the assistance of 19 adults and scouts from Brooklyn's Troop 76 under the leadership of their SPL Spencer McGregor. All future members of FOTMR. What a pleasure to see new faces give of their time and talent for the reservation. Secretary Mike Moskowitz thanked all and presented the scouts with a small item of FOTMR memorabilia. Both Mike and Paul Campisi had their own adventure while driving to Peck's to pick up lunch, but that's another story. **See Memorial Day 2010, page 4**

A Letter from Sal

Depicted here are members of the 2010 Aquehonga Staff enjoying the five straight days of pouring rain the storm clouds offered during closing staff week. Luckily, all canvas had been taken down and stored before the deluge began. It rained heavily from Saturday night until Thursday afternoon. Stout-hearted Aquehongarians were never the worse for wear. However, the dry, folded, neatly put away until next year canvas was. Indeed, it was worse for wear BEFORE we put it up, not only after we took it down, as were the shepherd stoves, and a good many tent platforms.

As I drove the Aquehonga truck opening and closing staff weeks, I got to see first hand the condition of the tents, platforms, and stoves in Aquehonga. Old and tired and ought to be retired is the only description I can verbalize regarding their collective condition. There were about 33 brand new tent platforms, and circa four new shepherders Anthony Zalak strategically placed throughout the camp, in hopes Mr. Scoutmaster would be placated for his jaded equipment by seeing his NEW platform(s) and stove(s). This was akin to Mussolini showing off the same six airplanes to the Italian people, making them believe they had an air force. Anthony tried. We all tried. Management tried and is trying. Bob Madsen is on the case, for sure, yet he and council cannot do it alone. What's to be done? What can WE do? Although certain philanthropic entities and individuals have smiled on certain corners of our beloved reservation, Aquehonga, to date, has no such benefactor.

Obviously, the camp that was once touted as "the showplace" of Ten Mile River is in dire need of some tender loving care. To whom can we turn? The Friends of Ten Mile River comes to mind. If there was ever an organization that cared about the New York City Scout and his summer camp experience, FOTMR is IT!

And so my friends, I ask you please, to don your collective thinking caps and help me solve this equipment problem. I have no doubt we can together meet this challenge and give the camp that which it needs to carry on its mission of serving our Scouts.

Respectfully submitted by Sal Poidomani - 2010 Aquehonga Camp Director



No, This is not the Down-Home-On-The-Farm Washtub Band.

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In an effort to make it easier for people to donate, purchase items from the online trading post, the FOTMR Endowment Fund, or towards Life O go. So if you want to make a donation, one of our new items, you can check it out at www.friendsoftmr.org



[NEW FOTMR ITEMS AVAILABLE](#)

We have rolled out several new items for sale, all of which can be seen at the on line trading post section of our website www.friendsoftmr.org. Among other things are new items which include an embroidered version of our original FOTMR hat which was first introduced back in 1996. Also, just in time for the colder weather we have a mock-turtle neck. We also have new brief cases and even a carabineer style key chain with compass. Sale of these items along with any remaining stock of old items serves as a fundraiser for us.

So check them out on our web site and take advantage of the PayPal link to make your purchases. The money raised from the sales helps us meet our objectives for FOTMR.



Alumni Day 2010 (from Page 2)

Sal and several other original Troop 265 members re-dedicated the flagpole in his memory once again.

One of the nice things about Alumni Day is our ability to catch up with many a former staffer and camper. FOTMR had a table and display that morning staffed by our President Frank Rickenbaugh and Board members Mike Moskowitz, John Farrell, Stu Nemkowitz, and Robert Ponzo. Others were on as well including Sal Poidomani and his wife Barbara Fox.



Over at Keowa they were setting up for the evening 's main event of watching the National Jambo's Closing Show in honor of the BSA's 100th.

Along with all of the relevant GNYC Camping leadership, fellow FOTMR members Ian Pinnavaia and Anthony Alison had coordinated events at Keowa. Besides this GNYC had organized Scouts and Scouters to view the show on the Jumbotron in Times Square. Many of our members attended that event as well. All in all a very memorable day.



Memorial Day 2010 (from page 2)

A special thanks to our members who were able to assist this year, Joe T, Mike M., Paul C., Jim S., Tom F., Andrea H., Ian P., Colin P., Anthony P., thank you also to the ranger staff who assisted with prepositioning material and Bob Madsen and Sean Quinn for giving us there support. FOTMR members attending were treated to an extensive Bar-B-Que afterwards at El Monaco's south, (you have to come to get directions) capping off, what was great day.

Friends, tools, food, music and a better camp.....see you all at our 2011 work weekend

Good and Farewell

Compiled by Mike Moskowitz

Congratulations to:

- Alex and Connie Fung on their recent wedding
- The Keenan's on the birth of their sixth child
- Beth Zimelman and Mike Moskowitz on the birth of their 2nd child
- Jenny and Derek Yovine on the birth of their first child
- S. Sgt. Michael Merced, NY ANG on being honored for service overseas
- The TMR Museum Committee in successfully moving the Kernochan Block House
- The Boy Scouts of America on celebrating 100 Years!
- Gorden Bennett on his 75th Birthday
- Peter Purrington, MD on being appointed Chairman of Family Medicine for the Gateway Regional Medical Center in Clarksville, TN

Welcome back to Sal Poidomani as Director of Aquahonga
Good luck to Ian Pinnavaia on his business assignment to Glasgow, Scotland
Can you believe Danny Halloran is a City Councilman from Queens?? Best of Luck to him!

Until We Meet Again...

- Julio Duverger, father of Paul Romain
- To the Scheib family; first on the passing of the mother of member Bill Scheib and the grandmother of member Jason Scheib; and then sadly, on Bill's passing as well.
- Barbara Schmidt, mother-in-law of long-time board member Tom Lemme
- John J. Farrell, father of FoTMR President-Elect John Farrell
- Arthur Brace, longtime friend and benefactor to Scouting, GYNC, and Ten Mile River

Please send items for Good and Farewell to Secretary@friendsoftmr.org or newsletter@friendsoftmr.org

The Four Seasons of Ten Mile River

By Dave Gingras

We all have been to Ten Mile River in the dog days of summer and now well over 1,000,000 Scouts have had a summer experience at TMR. The impact of those summer weeks on our development is why we believe so much in giving back to the largest Council Scout Camp in America.

The point of this article is to encourage Scout leaders to take their units to TMR for all of the four seasons. If that is too much for one year's schedule spread the trips put over a few years. GNYC used to have a four-segment patch with a segment for each of the four seasons. It wasn't just for TMR but that might be a good idea. Patches just encourage us to make an effort to earn it and in the process the Scouts get a better total camping experience. The point is to get Scouts to TMR in the Fall, Winter and Spring in addition to Summer so they experience the different seasons and how better understand how each season is part of the ecology and environment.

Once the Summer Camp closes in August our Scouts return to school, sports and school activities. Consider a Fall trip where you can hike the trails of TMR without the heat, insects and intensity of a diverse summer advancement program. Pieces of the Red Dot Trail can be hiked on a Saturday with the serenity of few or no other groups in the woods. Ask the Camping Office how you can take advantage of lean-tos if you don't want to pitch tents. If you don't want to backpack consider renting a cabin or permanent building like Reeves. The woods and lakes of TMR take on a new perspective as the leaves begin to turn colors and drop. You get the benefit of seeing through the woods as the season changes from Summer to Fall. The September temperatures are cooler but not yet cold. The wildlife of TMR returns once the Scouts go home. Deer are everywhere and your Scouts might even see a black bear or two as they roam for food to get ready for Winter.

As the Fall temperatures drop you can consider renting a building with heat or a fire place. Every Summer Camp at TMR has at least one winterized building option that can house different size units. Don't forget to consider taking some Webelos and their Dads to see what a great time they will have with your Troop. We say to keep the Outing in Scouting and that is the one activity that Scouts want the most and keeps them in Scouting. Troops that don't have monthly camping trips to new places will quickly lose their Scouts due to lack of interest. Boys raised in New York City need to see the great rural areas we have access to at Ten Mile River. October and November are ideal for Fall trips to TMR. How many of you have tried that with your Troops? The interest of your Scouts and their advancement will soar. The magic is there if you just use the resources we already own. The Order of the Arrow often visits TMR in late Spring and early Fall. few Scouts and leaders have been to TMR in early Spring and mid Winter.

A Winter trip to TMR is a great adventure that usually has snow and all the opportunities for winter outdoor sports. This takes more planning and it is obviously harder to get there and get around. There are a few Troops, like Brooklyn Troop 76, that go to TMR for the week in February when schools are out. Sleds, snow boards, rubber boots, ski hats etc. go with them. Touch football in the snow is even an option. Sleeping is indoors so you don't have to worry about tents, ground cloths and expensive sleeping bags. Think about it and maybe start a new Troop tradition. Enjoy the great outdoor opportunities that TMR can provide year round. The advancement program and Merit Badge choices can give you some opportunities your Scouts don't get staying closer to home.



President's Message *Continued from page 1*

Whatever you can give will help. Our group has provided some fantastic durable program items over the years and we starting to plan for the 2011 camping season. The next FoTMR event will be our annual dinner. Please join your friends for a fun event.

Happy trails
Frank

Tickets Still Available:

**2011 Friends of Ten Mile River Annual Dinner
Honoring Anthony Allison & Dan Ruth**

**April 10, 2011 2:00pm
Hudson River Yacht Club
2101 Bergen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234**