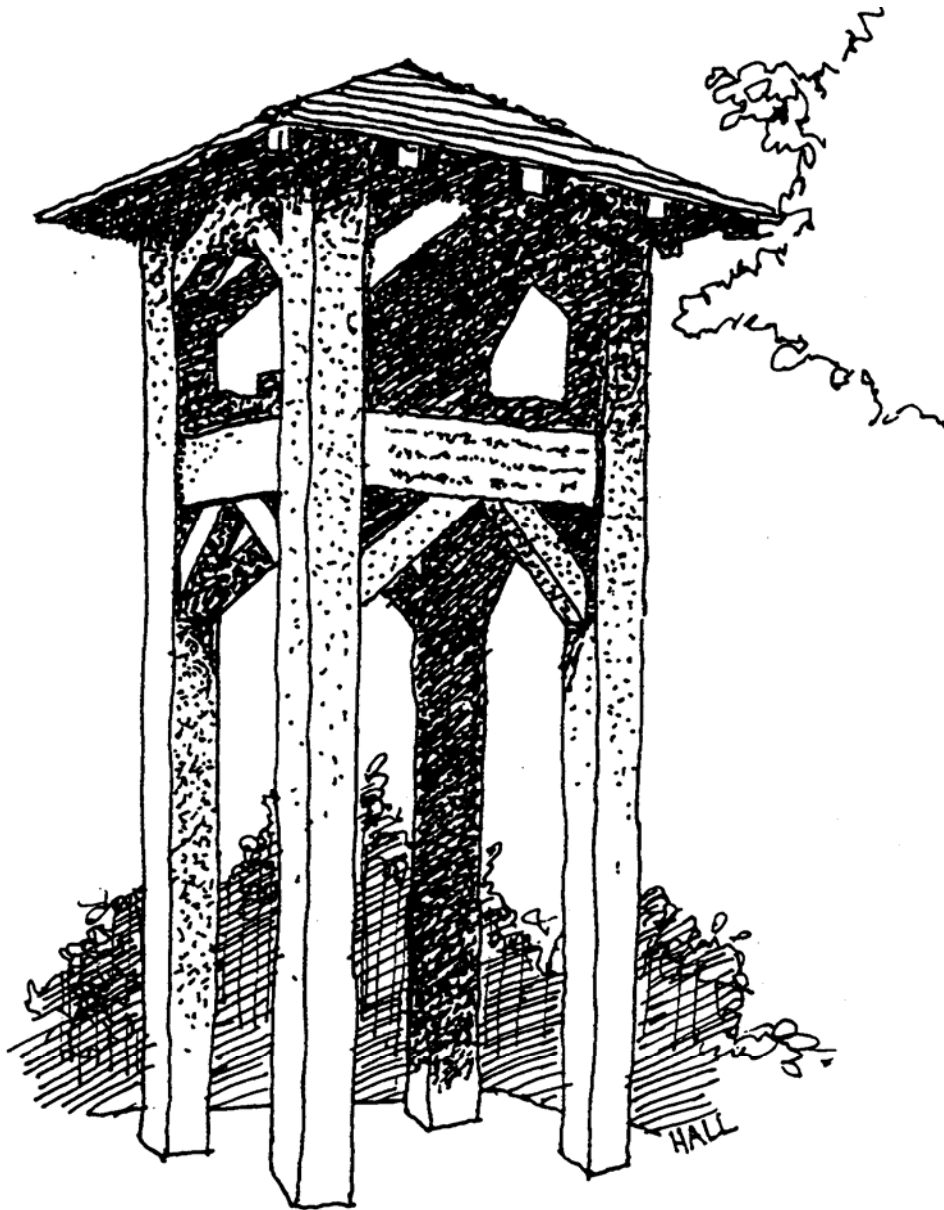


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Dear Fellow Alumni:

As we begin our 25th year as an association, I look back to our humble beginnings and Gus's simple idea to form an association comprised of scouts whose lives were touched by scouting and in particular Yawgoog. It seems hard to believe no one thought of it earlier. I am deeply proud of all of our members who have supported the Association over the past 25 years. In a way, things are not that different than they were 25 years ago. We still have the same mission and we still do great things for Yawgoog. In some ways we are different. We are certainly bigger. We now have over 450 dues paying members. We have amassed a restricted fund of close to \$300,000. A legacy which will continue to grow and pay dividends (and interest too!) to preserve the heritage of Yawgoog for generations to come. In response to suggestions from fellow alumni members, we have added a lifetime membership class to your choice of dues levels and are adding a staff scholarship endowment fund. More information will be coming in your dues renewal notice.

To add to this legacy, the Alumni Association is embarking on a special series of projects for its 2004-2005 season to celebrate our 25th year. We plan to repair the T. Dawson Brown gateway. We feel this important landmark at Yawgoog deserves some TLC in order to preserve it for all to enjoy. The wood carvings and roof need a lot of work to restore the gate to its original beauty. In addition, we have committed to helping the camp replace as many of their aging sailboats as we possibly can. The program centers at Yawgoog are an important part of a young scout's development. And the Ashaway Aquatics Center is in need of our help. I have many fond memories of my times on Yawgoog Pond and I hope you do as well. Most of my sailing experiences there ended up with a tow in from the Charlie Brown. Hopefully you had better luck! Please review the section of this newsletter on these upcoming projects and consider a project donation along with your dues.

In 2005, Yawgoog will celebrate its 90th camping season. Another remarkable feat. We hope you will join us at next year's reunion to celebrate. I also hope you bring a friend or two! Please help us out by spreading the word about the association. We would love to have more members and more scouts to join us this summer to celebrate the 25th year of the Association and 90th camping season at Yawgoog.

Thank you all for your support of the Yawgoog Alumni Association and Camp Yawgoog.

Stephen F. Dolan

Chairman

25th ANNIVERSARY MEMBERSHIP AND PROJECT NEWS

The Yawgoog Alumni Association has always offered a three level membership plan: Bronze, Gold, and Silver, based on the CY Awards that Scouts have earned at Camp for decades. The funds generated by these memberships have been put into a restricted investment account and only the revenue generated from this account has been used for alumni projects. As we begin our twenty-fifth year, the Executive Committee has decided to set the membership levels as follows:

Bronze CY Member	\$25
Gold CY Member	\$50
Silver CY Member	\$75
Lifetime Member	\$500

This is the FIRST membership increase in the history of the Yawgoog Alumni Association, and the FIRST time that a "lifetime" membership has been available. It is hoped that these increased levels of membership donations will generate additional revenues to help us do even more to preserve the heritage of this great camp!

As an indication of our commitment to Yawgoog, the Executive Committee, in cooperation with the Reservation and Council Staff, has selected two projects for our twenty-fifth anniversary year:

Refurbishment of the T. Dawson Brown Gateway
Replacement of the sailboat fleet at the Ashaway Aquatics Center

Both of these projects will require considerable sums of money, and may take several years to complete. In addition, the Alumni Association will continue offering scholarships to deserving staff members. A special flyer will be mailed to all alumni members in the near future explaining the opportunities for giving. Please be generous and help make this twenty-fifth anniversary the best ever in our giving back to Yawgoog Scout Reservation!

YAWGOOG ALUMNI HERITAGE CENTER

Now that the Heritage Center building is complete we are shifting into a maintenance mode. We hope to turn over some of the displays each year to keep them fresh and provide new things to pique the scouts' interest. Traffic in the Center continues to be brisk and we are happy to see Scouts of all ages walking through the Center and enjoying the displays. New donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the new Scout office in East Providence. We are always looking for items unique to Yawgoog and Scouting.

We are also looking to add a display cabinet or two to the Heritage Center. If you are interested in sponsoring a display cabinet, please feel free to contact the Scout Center. As always, if you have any questions about the Heritage Center, please feel free to contact Steve Dolan at 401-333-1641 or via e-mail at sndolan@ids.net. Thanks for your continued support!

PERSONALS

ALEXANDER, Bruce E. (Foxboro, MA) 2000 – Former Life Scout, 5th year at Yawgoog. Father of 7, 3 sons camped with me this year. Youngest twin boys – three years old – Yawgoog Class of 2011!

ARNOLD, JR., Joseph G. (North Providence, RI) 1944 – Looking for my 4 year old grandson to become of Boy Scout age. *(We have a troop for him as soon as he does, Joe! Judy)*

AUKERMAN, Esq., James V. (Wakefield, RI) 1962 – I opened a new law office as a sole practitioner in Wakefield, RI with a focus on wealth preservation and transfer after 29 years in a partnership. Still enjoy my work with the Scouts and other non-profits. *(We enjoy having you with us as well, Jim. Judy)*

BODEN, JR., Herbert H. (Kingston, RI) 1935 – Actually spent my first year at Camp Yawgoog as a baby living in a collage near the dam in 1929 when my dad had a job similar to Paul Forbes' present position. Still on Advisory Board and Borda Fund.

BOLTON, Robert B. (Warwick, RI) 1959 – My son David R. Bolton just became an Eagle Scout in Troop 2 East Greenwich, RI. The Scoutmaster is Jim Essex.

BOYER, James M. (Rockville, RI) 1946 – Still enjoying retirement! My wife Mary and I enjoy hearing the Scouts singing & cheering when the wind carries their voices down Wincheck Pond to our house. And occasionally when conditions are perfect, we can hear taps and reveille – delightful sounds. Again, I won't be able to walk down the road to the reunion as I'll be out of state. Too bad!

BRILLON, Alan (Attleboro, MA) 1956 – Things are good. Still with Troop 37 Attleboro. Glad to say we still make good use of Narragansett Council properties.

BRUNNCKOW, Everett (Westerly, RI) 1937 – I think it was 1941 I was on the staff and my job was "Pie Wagon Driver" – is it still a staff position? I'd like to re-apply! *(Sure Ev – I'm forwarding you a staff application! Judy)*

CARR, Charles E. (Cranston, RI) 1929 – Retired – 86 years old!

COPPA, Jason (No. Kingstown, RI) 1998 – Completed Eagle April 25th, 2004! *(Congratulations Jason! Judy)*

COPPA, Michael (No. Kingstown, RI) 1966 – Celebrating my 11th year at Yawgoog with Troop 152 No. Kingstown as ASM.

DANIELS, Malcolm (Cranston, RI) 1939 – I have been retired since 1991 and enjoying life immensely! I get around on a scooter, thanks to the VA. My wife and I always enjoy company. Our home is handicapped accessible, so no excuses! *(Mal, you've just invited over 1,000 Alumni Members – put the soup on! Judy)*

DAVIS, Fr. Chris (Portsmouth, RI) 1998 – This will be my seventh season at Yawgoog!

DECECCO, Joe (Sheboygan, WI) 1962 – I was a camper for several years and then joined the staff, going to Yawgoog from junior high school through college, becoming Three Point Program Director under Doc Krasner my last few years. Joined the Peace Corps and served in Africa for two years. Returned to U.S. and worked at Electric Boat in Quonset for several years until becoming an Emergency Room Technician at South County Hospital. In 1985, I attended University of Wisconsin Law School and became an Assistant District Attorney in Sheboygan County, WI, in 1989, and was elected District Attorney in 2002, a position I currently hold. My era was Murray Massover, Joe Herbold, Al Mink, George Egan, etc.

DERHAM, Michael A. (Johnston, RI) 1962 – My son, Matthew, joined his brother, Chris, as an Eagle Scout with Troop 20 Johnston this past March. *(Congratulations Matthew – and to you as well Mike! Judy)*

DONNELLY, Richard F. (Saunderstown, RI) 1945 – Joined 82 Providence September 1945 under Don Dewing's leadership. We hope to be at Yawgoog for the reunion this summer.

DRISCOLL, Donald J. (North Scituate, RI) 1945 – Fran and I have been married for 40 years and I celebrated my 50th Reunion for College. I have retired from education but still work. My grandson, Dominic, is a Tiger Cub in Nashville, TN. My son, Donald, Eagle 10 Harmony is active with the pack. Dominic won 2nd place in Pinewood Derby at pack level and also at District level. Grandpa goes to the meetings when in Nashville.

FEOLE, William A. (Pascoag, RI) 1967 – All is well with me and my family. Our annual family outing is the same day as the Alumni's outing so I will not be able to attend. Hopefully this will change in the future.

GUASTINI, Peter J. (Coventry, RI) 1990 – Been on staff for 4 years. *(Hope to see you in 2005 Peter! Judy)*

HOUSE, Kirk (Bath, NY) 1963 – In 1962 when I turned 11, I joined Troop 1 Yawgoog (Al Gunther was Scoutmaster) and was dubbed in as a Tenderfoot Scout by Chief Williams. We had the run of the camp all year long (regular meetings were upstairs at the Bucklin, which my grandfather helped build). I transferred to Troop 1 Hope Valley when the Yawgoog Troop expired and continued camping at Yawgoog as an Assistant Scoutmaster into the early seventies. *(Now, Kirk, you have all those great memories! Judy)*

JACKMAN, Gerald J. (Coventry, RI) 1969 – Advisor of Venture Crew 11 and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 11 Coventry, Rhode Island.

KNIGHTS, M.D., Edwin M. (Nashua, NH) 1937 – I was a member of the 3rd Providence Troop. Paul Slade was our Scoutmaster. Attended Camp Yawgoog 5 summers. The summer of 1941 I was a counselor. No further chance to go to Camp Yawgoog, as the war broke out and the US Navy had other ideas about how I should spend my time. After the Korean War our family moved to Michigan and we didn't return to New England until 1994. Glad to learn that Yawgoog is still going strong – it was a valuable experience for me.

MASONE, Nick (Selden, NY) 2002 – I am a Life Scout 13 years old, with 28 Merit Badges, about to be Eagle.

MOREY, Scott J. (Greenville, RI) 1993 – In Submarine Officers School in Charlestown, SC until November. Will complete training in Groton, CT, sometime next year.

MOTTOLA, Dr. Richard A. (Cranston, RI) 1947 – My wife and I are both retired and we winter in Sarasota.

OLSEN, Michael D. (Selden, NY) 1997 – I am currently attending Stony Brook University on Long Island where I live and am an active Assistant Scoutmaster for my troop.

PAGEL, Alfred "Gus" (West Warwick, RI) 1941 – Work for R.I.D.O.T. for 16 years. Just promoted to Engineer Tect III. *(Congratulations on your promotion Gus – now can you get Route 10 completed!! Judy)*

PERREAULT, Marc A. (West Greenwich, RI) 1997 – I just finished my 7th year at Yawgoog as SPL of Troop 152 North Kingstown. We camp in Neil Armstrong at Camp Sandy Beach. I recently received my Silver Palm.

PIRAINO, Robert C. (Selden, NY) 1995 – I am a sport fencer on the national circuit and I attended and fenced at Ohio State. I am a coach at my alma mater and an Assistant Scoutmaster with my troop.

READ, Alan G. (Seekonk, MA) 1973 – I am an Eagle Scout, received the Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award. Also am Wood Badge trained and an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 7 Seekonk.

REISNOER, Anthony (Selden, NY) 2001 – I'm a Life Scout of Troop 229 and currently the ASPL. I'm 15 and have 38 merit badges and this is my fourth year at Yawgoog. *(Well on your way to Eagle!! Judy)*

RIEL, Joseph H. (Manville, RI) 1948 – Took Troop 1 Manville to Yawgoog as Scoutmaster from 1971 thru 1980. Camped at Dan Boone. My four sons attended Yawgoog: Dennis (Eagle); Donald (First Class); Richard (Star) and Joe (First Class). I am a member of the Order of the Arrow and Knights of Yawgoog.

RIEL, Richard (Woonsocket, RI) 1976 – I am married with three children. My wife's name is Christen and I have two boys and one girl. The first is Bethany age 16, Derek age 14 and Michael age 11.

RUSSELL, SR., Paul (Greenville, SC) 1963 – National Jamboree 2005 Southern Region Action Center Staff Safety Officer.

STASIEWSKI, Frank A. (Nonantum, MA) 1959 – Just completed another week at Camp with my 15 year old Life Scout son at Oakridge. My 12th year back in a row as a Scoutmaster. Yawgoog still inspires and motivates. *(Looks like you got that 'Yawgoog Spirit', Frank! Once there, it's forever! Judy)*

WERICK, Justin (Farmingville, NY) 2001 – I am a Life Scout about to make Eagle with 32 merit badges. I am 14 years of age. *(Congratulations Justin! Great job at so young an age! Judy)*

THE YAWGOOG STORY--PART III

Over the past year we have made great strides in compiling years of facts, stories, and general information pertaining to Yawgoog. We had revisited Part I and Part II of the Yawgoog Story adding and expanding information not documented. We are still in search of more history and pictures. Presently we are in search of pictures of former Camp and Reservation Directors and any Key Staff members or Staff that would add to the heritage of Yawgoog. (All pictures will be returned to you when the project is completed). So as a former Camper or Staff member please be a part of this great alumni project.

Thank you for your continued help!

Jim Lanzi and Matt Lutynski

GUS'S GOSSIP

By: Judy Ferrante Burns

It seems to me that as I get older I become more and more interested in the past- my roots or history, so to speak. I got to thinking about that and figured that maybe you feel the same way. So, I've decided to dedicate this Gus's Gossip to some interesting Scouting facts or history.....just the facts though, this page is too small to expound on any one in particular!

- Boy Scouts began in Rhode Island in 1910 and was known as the Rhode Island Boy Scouts
- The first Council President was Charles E. Mulhearn in 1910
- The first Council Commissioner was G. Edward Buxton, Jr. in 1910
- On April 13, 1911, the Rhode Island Boy Scouts was incorporated under the Rhode Island laws
- '*Boys' Life*' magazine was founded by 18 year old Joseph Lane right here in Rhode Island and on July 19, 1912, the Boy Scouts of America purchased the magazine and made it their official publication
- Yawgoog first opened on June 24, 1916, with Donald North as Camp Director and by December of 1916, Rhode Island Boy Scouts owned 130 acres on Yawgoog Pond
- In 1917, Rhode Island Boy Scouts merged with the Boy Scouts of America and became known as Greater Providence Council, BSA (RIBS retained its corporate identity as the trustee organization to hold property and trust funds)
- In 1918 when Captain George Bucklin died, he bequeathed a large sum of money to the Hospital Trust Company to be held in trust for Rhode Island Boy Scouts
- On December 15, 1918, 21-year old J. Harold Williams became the Scout Executive and Camp Chief of Yawgoog
- The first Eagle Scout rank was granted in 1919 to James J. Deery, who went on to graduate from the United States Military Academy and become a colonel in the United States Army
- The Yawgoog Fire Department was officially organized in 1924 (Incorporated on June 17, 1942)
- In 1927 T. Dawson Brown became Council President and through his efforts the Council bought 800 acres of land surrounding Yawgoog Pond
- In 1927, H. Cushman Anthony became a member of the Narragansett Council professional staff
- The first full-time Camp Ranger for Yawgoog was Wilfred E. Barber who served from 1927 to 1933
- In 1929 and 1930, the Greater Providence Council merged with the Newport County Council, the Pawtucket-Central Falls Council and the Woonsocket Council to form the Narragansett Council

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- In May of 1930 a great forest fire started across the line in Connecticut, swept into Rhode Island and for three days devastated Yawgoog forest
- In 1931, as a condition of the Bucklin Trust, the Bucklin Memorial buildings were designed, constructed and dedicated as the camping and adult training center for Scouting
- Clinton L. “Inky” Armstrong became Yawgoog’s second Ranger (the first to actually live at Yawgoog) serving from 1934 to 1959
- Scouting reached a tremendous growth from 1935 to 1939 reaching a peak of 10,022 men and boys
- December 1941 – World War II – Scouts were called to duty and they:
 - collected 11,480,643 pounds of wastepaper
 - picked up 144,000 pounds of aluminum
 - tackled two state-wide house to house distributions of war-time instruction, distributing 200,000 copies in each project
 - distributed 150,000 war posters
 - solicited 30,780 books for service men
- On August 8, 1943, the original Memorial Bell Tower was dedicated in honor of those Scouts and Scouters who died for God and Country during World War II
- Paul C. Nicholson, Jr., served as Council President in 1957 and 1958 and as President of the Rhode Island Boy Scouts from 1969 to 1996
- William J. Gilbane held two of the Council’s highest volunteer positions serving as Council President in 1959 and 1960 and then as Council Commissioner from 1962 to 1964
- Scouting membership more than doubled from 12,000 in 1946 to 26,000 at the end of 1962
- Albert R. Gunther served as the third Yawgoog Ranger from 1959 until his retirement in 1995
- 1960 was the Golden Jubilee Year and \$500,000 was raised for the Golden Jubilee Fund
- Aaron H. Roitman was president in 1962 and 1963 when Chief Williams retired, H. Cushman Anthony was promoted to Deputy Scout Executive, and Robert F. Parkinson was installed as the new Scout Executive of Narragansett Council
- The new Council Service Center (175 Broad Street) was dedicated on September 20, 1964
- Gus Anthony retired from Professional service on March 1st, 1969
- 1973 – Vincent N. Borrelli replaced Bob Parkinson as Scout Executive

Okay, okay, I got carried away and went to two pages – but I only got up to 1973! Looks like I’ll have to finish my ‘*history facts*’ column in the Spring! Maybe I can get some help from you.....if you have an interesting ‘*Scouting*’ fact you think I should include in the Spring issue of the ‘*Belltower*’, forward it to me at our *new* address:

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YAWGOOG TODAY

The eighty-ninth summer camping season has come to a close. More than 6850 Scouts, representing 334 Troops, 26 Councils and 11 States, made their home at Yawgoog this past summer. If history repeats itself, they will all have ended their weeks taking with them the memories of Yawgoog, to keep as their own, for the rest of their lives.

What a summer it was! Scouts earned 15,150 merit badges; an increase over last year largely in part to the new Eagle Merit Badge Program offered this past summer. More than 1200 Scouts were able to participate in one or more Eagle Merit Badges, while over 2050 Eagle Badges were earned overall. While all of the water activities continue to be very popular activities at Yawgoog, the newly constructed climbing wall was by far the success story of 2004.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire staff at Yawgoog for another successful summer. It is their dedication, enthusiasm, and kind appreciation of our great camp combined with the finest physical plant, that sets us apart from all the rest. Hats off to a job well done!

On behalf of all of the Staff and Campers, I would also like to thank all of those folks whom have dedicated their time and resources to the continued success of Camp Yawgoog. It is with that effort that makes Yawgoog Scout Reservation what it is today.

The Yawgoog Alumni have taken on the task of helping to replace the Sailing Fleet at Camp as part of the 25th anniversary project for 2004-2005. I encourage alumni to participate in this very worthwhile program. The program at Ashaway Aquatics Center is very popular among the Scouts and Scouters that choose Yawgoog as their Summer Camp experience. The addition of a new sailing fleet for 2005 would certainly enhance our Scout's enjoyment of Yawgoog.

The 90th season will quickly be upon us. I look forward to its challenges, its rewards, and most importantly, its ability to instill the Yawgoog Spirit once more.

Thomas J. Sisson, Reservation Director

A 'SCOUT SALUTE' TO DECEASED ALUMNI MEMBERS AND/OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

HONORABLE CHARLES E. CLAPP II (Duxbury,MA) 6/23/2004

ROBERT M. DEERING (Warwick, RI) 11/2003

OLIVER HOPKINS (Seekonk, MA) 9/7/2004

MURIEL G. MALONEY (Wife of the late John J. Maloney- Cranston, RI) 8/12/2004

ELAINE E. MARCHETTI (Wife of Victor E. Marchetti – Cranston, RI) 3/9/2004

DENNIS K. MCWEENEY (Cranston, RI) 6/26/04

GEORGE F. MONAGHAN (Smithfield, RI) 2/16/04

J. L. PRIDDY (Pawtucket, RI) 11/10/02

HUGO 'ZOOK' ZUCCOLO (Providence, RI) 1/15/04

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