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The Newsletter of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum - December 2024

This issue highlights the new 2025 TMR Scout Museum staff, the Hal Rosenfeld TMR Scout Museum Annex and the 2025 Kintecoying Lodge #4 Trade-O-Ree

If you have a TMR memory you would like to share please email it to us.

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From the Chairman - Mitchell Slepian

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I wish all of you a joyous holiday season filled with Scouting.

I am really excited to introduce our 2025 TMR Scout Museum Staff, report about our new Hal Rosenfeld TMR Scout Museum Annex and talk about our great times at the 27 Annual Kintecoying Lodge #4 Trade-O-Ree held November



We are always looking for new trustees. If you cannot commit to be a trustee, maybe you can commit to doing some volunteer work with us. There are endless opportunities. Email me at chairmantmrmuseum@gmail.com to learn more.

New TMR Scout Museum Staff

by Mitchell Slepian

I am excited to announce our 2025 TMR Scout Museum staff. We took a different approach for the pending season. Naturally, Ira Nagel is on board as our director. It is his 50th year on the TMR Staff. A long-time scout will join Ira, now scouter Bill Mulrenin, who will serve as TMR Scout Museum Manager and oversee our operations. Reggie Laine will be back for his second year as assistant director. Mulrenin is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member who was tapped out in Shu Shu Gah Lodge #24 and has the District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver. His first year at TMR was 1967 having camped in Nianque. He served as waterfront director in the Canoe Base, Family Camp, Keowa, Rondack and Ranachqua. As a youth, he served on many Shu Shu Gah Lodge #24 committees, was the Majawat chapter advisor, and was the ordeal advisor. He ran the now Kintecoying Lodge #4, originally Shu Shu Gah Lodge Trade-O-Ree, for 25 years. He has been an avid collector of TMR and OA patches since the 70s and was the Blue Book OA editor for NYS BB 3rd through 6th editions. For several years, Laine worked in Keowa and served as office manager. Nagel has done it all, including but not limited to scoutmaster of the Ramapos in Kunatah, high adventure director, honorary Chappy-Troop 721 staff, and jammed with punk founders and icons, the Ramones.



Images top to bottom: Bill Mulrenin and Ira Nagel

by Mitchell Slepian

Several people come to mind when you think of the greats of Shu Shu Gah Lodge #24, Ten Mile River's Camp Kunatah and Scouting. One person that should immediately come to mind is my and everyone's dear friend, Hal Rosenfeld, who served as Shu Shu Gah's lodge chief in 1958. There needs to be more space in the Grand Canyon to cover all Hal has done in Scouting. But here's a little bit more. He was chapter chief of Bischui in 1954, was active in Achwen Shingue chapter, is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor, and has the Founder's Award, District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver. During his term, the lodge switched its totem from the flying goose to the standing blue heron. He camped and worked at Kunatah, is on our council's camping committee and a member of the camp's hall of fame. Hal served in the US Army in Germany and was a civil engineer instrumental in building our subway system.

To honor his decades of service, the museum has decided to make the Kunatah Trading post on our grounds adjacent to Dr. Karl E. Bernstein, Kotohke/Cayuga Cabin the Hal Rosenfeld Museum Annex. Bernstein and Rosenfeld were the closest of friends. Dr. Bernstein is sorely missed. It is only fitting that the Rosenfeld building is next to his Scouting brother's.

The Annex will serve as a meeting room for merit badge courses, a site for future exhibits, extra museum office space, and much more. I thank Master Builder (Vigil Name in Aquehongian Lodger #112) Bob "Chizzy" Chiusano for chairing the committee to handle the renovations to the building. For the record, this seventy year-old building has had many uses. It was originally in Nianque and was relocated to Kunatah c.1971, where it was the nature lodge and then became the trading post, c. 1987. It was named the Jerry Reimer Trading Post. Reimer spent many years in Kunatah and was active on the Jewish committee. The renovated building will recognize its entire history.

Images:

Hal Rosenfeld

Kunatah Trading Post

Hal Rosenfeld cutting the cake at the 2023 TMR

Alumni Weekend after being named Alumni of the Year



2024 Kintecoying Lodge #24 Trade-O-Ree

by Mitchell Slepian

Nov. 23 - The museum participated in Kintecoying Lodge #24's 27 Annual Trade-O-Ree. This event was created by Shu Shu Gah Lodge #24, our legacy lodge from Brooklyn. Our table was manned by Museum Director Ira Nagel, Museum Vice Chair Anthony Zalak and I. Museum Manager Bill Mulrenin made sure we had our merchandise. Shout out to Jim Castro, director of Administration, GNYC for making sure our credit card reader worked. Along side our table peddling their own wares included Founding Chairman Dr. Gene Berman, Trustee Frank Mullane, Mulrenin, Trustee Rich Miller and Trustee Frank Rickenbaugh. The event was run Aquehonga Chapter Vice Chief John "Uncle Zito" Esposito under the guidance of Aquehonga Chapter/Trade-O-Ree advisor Rob Mirabella.



Images top to bottom:

Jake Harmon, secretary, section E18

Scout Books

Fiona G, lodge chief, Declan O. and lodge vice chief

Below: Trade-O-Ree Merchandise



A Picture Postcard History of Crystal Lake

By David M. Malatzky

The Museum has an extensive collection of post cards covering TMR before its purchase by the

N.Y.C. Boy Scouts starting in 1927. These are often the only known images of buildings and scenes from this era.

Postcard publishers were authorized to issue cards with Postcards starting in 1901. Before 1907, the entire back of the postcard was reserved for mailing and return addresses. The front often had space for the sender's comments. Starting in 1907, the back was divided into message and address sections, with a full photo or illustration on the front. In the early 1900s, picture postcards cost one cent each to mail and were wildly popular with the public. Postcards were issued for many notable buildings and scenes throughout the U.S.



Crystal Lake, Sullivan Co., N.Y. Post Card (Artino Card Co., NY)

This is a hand-colored, undivided-back postcard dating before 1907. It shows the view of Crystal Lake from today's Camp Keowa amphitheater. At the time, this was part of the Van Allen Grange, 4,000 acres of northern TMR property owned by brothers George and William Van Allen. Note the formal gardens, planters, and lampposts. The paths are still there, covered by dirt.

This will be an ongoing series.

Hidden in Plain Sight

**by Michael R. Weinman
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While driving or taking a bus to TMR, most of us traveled Route 17 or its later replacement through pastoral scenery in Orange County. Places like Middletown and Port Jervis may come to mind en route.

But did you know that a major industrial facility vital to the commerce of New England and much of the Northeast was just out of sight, some 60 miles before reaching TMR?

This was the Maybrook Yard of the New Haven Railroad and its associated junctions at Campbell Hall and Goshen, NY. The freight traffic of five major railroads funneled into Maybrook and area from all points in the Midwest, south, the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania, and New York State, and were sorted and relayed to all points in New England from Danbury to Hartford, New Haven, Boston, Portland, and points north and east. All this was made possible by the massive 275 foot high bridge across the Hudson built around 1889, connecting Highland with Poughkeepsie.

The line passed between Poughkeepsie and Danbury, between Lake Whaley and Little Lake Whaley, along which was located Camp Sanita Hills (those were the trains whose echoes could be heard from Sanita Hills).

The railway line along the Delaware is reduced to one track and just two freight trains a day. And the Maybrook complex? Very little is left to remind us of the dozens of trains and hundreds or thousands of cars sorted daily. A single track goes through

what was once one of the biggest freight yards (with engine terminals, crew facilities, etc.). The line to the bridge at Poughkeepsie and past Sanita Hills (like the camp itself) is gone. The bridge is still in existence as The Walkway over the Hudson - a worthwhile walk with spectacular views.

Today, the many trains of municipal solid waste (garbage) that are generated by New York City and the metropolitan area, which are headed to landfills in Virginia and the Carolinas, must head 150 miles to the Albany area, then back down past New York on the Jersey side of the river, running 300 miles before they can start their trip south.

Michael Weinman, TMR Arrowhead member was a TMR camper at Kunatah and Davis Lake in the late 50s and early 60s. He attended the 1961 NOAC in Bloomington, IN and was active in Achewen Schingue Chapter of Shu Shu Gah Lodge #24.

ORDER OUR FAMOUS PEOPLE IN TMR CSPS, [Purchase Here](#). THERE ARE ONLY A FEW SETS OF THE GOLD BORDER PATCHES LEFT. WE WILL NOT MAKE MORE.

FAMOUS PEOPLE IN EARLY TMR HISTORY CSP SET



The Ten Mile River Scout Museum is pleased to announce we will be selling sets of CSPs honoring early famous people and places in TMR history starting some time in June. We are waiting for the patches to arrive and when they do, how-to-order information will be posted in Smoke Signals and on Social Media and be available to you. There will be two 10-CSP sets, one with different colored borders (above) and a very limited quantity special gold border set.






Register here for the Jan. 5 OA Banquet, <http://nycscouting.org/oa-banquet>



The Museum's Website Store

Did you know that the Museum sells a variety of T.M.R. and Museum merchandise from our [Website Store](#)?

This includes most every patch set issued by the Museum in recent years, the 2021 *Guide to Memorabilia of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps*, Indian Cliff puzzles, Scout Service Corps CSP's from 1996-2003, and the two new booklets on Brooklyn and Queens Council emblem histories.

 <p>Download: The History of Queens Council's Camp Emblems (1917-1938) \$6.00</p>	 <p>Printed: The History of Queens Council's Camp Emblems (1917-1938) \$12.00</p>	 <p>Download: The History of Brooklyn Council's Camp Emblems (1917-1938) \$6.00</p>	 <p>Printed: The History of Brooklyn Council's Camp Emblems (1917-1938) \$12.00</p>
 <p>Boy Scout Foundation 100th Anniversary Backpatch with FREE TMR 19th Dangle \$14.00</p>	 <p>Greater New York Councils/Boy Scout Foundation 100th Anniversary CSP Set \$29.00</p>	 <p>Boy Scout Foundation 100th Anniversary Backpatch DELIVERED VIA MAIL \$13.00</p>	 <p>Ten Mile River Scout Camps Trail Map \$10.00</p>

TMR Wall of Fame

Do you want to recognize some individual, group or organization for their contributions to the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and/or New York City Scouting? A custom-engraved tile on the T.M.R. Wall of Fame might be right for you.

[Wall of Fame - Learn More](#)



Donate Scouting Memorabilia

Donations of T.M.R. and other Scouting memorabilia to the Museum

by individuals like you are the main way the Museum grows.

These include, but are not limited to: photos, color slides, 8-mm film, videos, patches, neckerchiefs, neckerchief slides, uniforms, banners, menus, paper items, etc. We can also photograph items and return them to you, or photograph notable items at your home.

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