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## The Newsletter of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum - August 2024

**This issue highlights Alumni Weekend and NOAC 2024**

**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**

Despite the initial challenge of a tornado watch, we held TMR Alumni Weekend, August 9-11, to celebrate 97 years of TMR. The sun even made a special appearance on Saturday. Several of us arrived at our beloved camp a few days earlier. Museum Trustee Ralph Daddi

and I, undeterred by the weather, cleaned out the Health Lodge and Hearst Cabin A & B to make the buildings presentable for those spending the weekend there.

Saturday morning kicked off with the color guard led by Museum Vice Chair and Aquehonga Camp Director Anthony Zalak. Our good friend, Bob Madsen, interim director of camping, GNYC, addressed the audience. Founding Chairman Dr. Gene Berman honored Outdoor Programs Director & Ten Mile River Scout Camps Reservation Director, GNYC Zachary Swierat, Patch Designer Jennifer Daddi, Museum Treasurer David Malatzky, Zalak and I with the Famous People in Early TMR History Patch set. Madsen accepted a set on behalf of GNYC CEO/President Saroya Friedman-Gonzalez, further strengthening our scouting ties.

I introduced the museum board and honored Trustees Bob "Chizzy Chiusano" and Nick Norwood for their service. Ralph Daddi led a classic auto show featuring a '41 Cadillac and a '72 Maserati. We gave out nine Wall of Fame tiles, including one honoring our rangers.

TMR Alumni Association President Johannes Knoops and Vice President Steven Benini led a hike and a visit to Ft. Delaware. Former Camp Kunatah Director Mark Kleinberg led a lively dinner in the Keowa Dining Hall. Malatzky was presented with Alumni of the Year. We sang many of the old fight songs and led our cheers. We are looking forward to our ninety-eighth in 2025.

On a personal note, this weekend is always meaningful. I got to see old friends and hang out in the place where I





spent my teen summers. I was so happy to spend time in Aquehonga, Chappगत Hill (my summer home—you can't be the Hill), Headquarters, Family Camp, Kotohke, Ihpetonga, Keowa, and Kunatah. Spending time at Indian Cliffs and Picture Window is the best.



We are actively seeking volunteers to join our team. Specifically, we need individuals with graphics and web design skills. If you have these skills and are interested in contributing to our museum, please reach out to me at [chairmantmrmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:chairmantmrmuseum@gmail.com).



### Images below my headshot

1. Rock Lake, Camp Kunatah
2. Alumni gathering at the Keowa Dining Hall
3. Slepian at his leanto. In the old days it was on the top of Chappy Hill and did not have a door
4. Alumni Registration Table - Staffed by Museum Trustee Joe Varon, Trustee/Alumni Association President Johannes Knoops and TMR (Brooklyn) Arrowhead Member Bob Guarnaccia
5. Jennifer Daddi being honored by Former Chairs Michael Drillinger and Dr. Gene Berman for designing the Famous People in Early TMR History Patch set
6. Bob Madsen, interim director of camping, GNYC presented Museum Archivist/Treasurer David Malatzky with the 2024 Alumni of the Year Award
7. Queens guys - Henry Zalak and Museum Founder Dr. Eugene Berman
8. Slepian with a '41 Caddy
9. Indian Cliffs
10. The Troop 202 Connection -



Former SM Michael Drillinger  
and Ralph Daddi.

## 11. Color guard at Camp Keowa



## Wall of Fame Tiles

We presented nine Wall of Fame Tiles to deserving recipients. Click on the links to see the presentations.

[Frank Gaynor](#)

[Staten Island Scouters](#)

[Mr. Fran Harty](#)

[Mrs. Betty Harty](#)



Mr. Bob Garr

Monsignor Noonan

We also presented tiles in honor of the rangers, Andy Cain and Jack Sullivan.

**Images From Top to Bottom.**

**Image: The Gaynor family accepting the Wall of Fame tile in honor of Frank Gaynor. Frank was an Eagle Scout, former lodge chief of Suanhacky Lodge # 49 and mounted officer in the NYPD. Dennis Gaynor presented a tile honoring Jack Sullivan.**

**Image: Ralph Daddi honored our rangers Tom Hamer, Lou Farragher and Jim Loeffel with a Wall of Fame tile**

**Image: Bob "Chizzy" Chiusano accompanied by (l-f) Mitchell Slepian, Michael and Felix DiPaolo presenting the Staten Island Scouter Memorial tile**

**Image: Bob Garr Jr. accompanied by Michael and Felix DiPaolo presenting the tile in honor of his dad, Bob Garr Sr.**

**Image: Slepian presenting tiles honoring Andy Cain, Mrs. Betty Harty and Noonan**

**Image: Felix DiPaolo presenting a tile for Mr. Fran Harty. We lost Mr. H. last November**







## by Fiona Greany, lodge chief, Kintecoying # 4

From July 28th to August 4th, Kintecoying Lodge 4 participated in the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at the University of Colorado Boulder. Held every two years, NOAC brings together arrowmen from across the nation for a week of training, service, activities, and fellowship on a university campus. The lodge's contingent consisted of over 20 people.

NOAC was a week of fun and fellowship and a valuable learning experience. The training sessions provided brothers with practical skills that they could immediately apply to benefit their lodge, their individual crews, and their personal growth. From effective public speaking to financial management, the sessions offered a diverse range of skills. They also provided exposure to various career opportunities, broadening the participants' horizons.

While some attendees visited Conservation Village to learn about environmental issues, others participated in the Brotherhood 5k, which wound through the campus and its surroundings. Some brothers engaged in a conservation project to improve the campus, while others spent an afternoon volunteering at a nearby nursing home. Each evening at NOAC we concluded with spectacular shows, adding to the overall experience. The lodge had an incredible time at NOAC and is already looking forward to the next one.

### Images from top to bottom.

1. Group photo of the lodge after the opening show with the flap. Member of the Aquehonga chapter Kat K. Carried the flap.
2. Caitlyn H., Aquehonga chapter member, Fiona G. and AJ C., lodge secretary after going zip lining
3. Cam Dalton, region chief, eastern, John E., vice chief of inductions, Aquehonga chapter and Jake Whitley, region chief, Gateway at the conservation village.
4. Rob Mirabella, chapter advisor, Aquehonga posing at the Kintecoying NOAC booth with a taxicab cutout.









## NOAC 1956

by Seth Kaminsky, TMR (Brooklyn) Arrowhead Member

The 1956 NOAC was at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. All I can remember was the highlight of my life (up until that time) which was personally meeting OA Founder E. Urner Goodman. That's the only sentence I need to provide regarding the gathering of the clan.



Photo: 16 year old Kaminsky up front kneeling

## Museum News Coverage

Thanks to the hard work of Museum Archivist/Treasurer David Malatzky the "Before TMR" exhibit was covered by the River Reporter and Upper Delaware Council

[Before the Scouts - River Reporter](#)

[Scout Museum Exhibit - Upper Delaware Council \(scroll to P. 12\)](#)

ORDER OUR FAMOUS PEOPLE IN TMR CSPS, [Purchase Here](#). THERE ARE ONLY 14 SETS OF THE GOLD BORDER PATCHS 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.

The Museum's Website Store

Did you know that the Museum





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Printed: The History of Queens Council's Camp Emblems (1917-1938) \$17.00

Download: The History of Brooklyn Council's Camp Emblems (1913-1938) \$4.00

Printed: The History of Brooklyn Council's Camp Emblems (1913-1938) \$12.00



Boy Scout Foundation 100th Anniversary Backpack with FREE TMR 99th Jungle \$14.00



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Boy Scout Foundation 100th Anniversary Backpack DELIVERED VIA MAIL \$13.00



Ten Mile River Scout Camps Trail Map \$12.00

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.



## 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.



Mitchell Slepian

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