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"Where did the summer go!"



Tim Ross
President

October 2011

It is hard to believe that summer is over, but as we look outside we see the leaves starting to change colors and feel the crispness

in the evening air.

As a scout recalls his summer adventures, weekend camp outs, the great summer camp, the big adventure trip to Canada, many of nights under the stars, checking off those requirements for advancements, court of honor at summer camp – how quickly the time goes by!

Fall brings great backpacking trips with crunchy leaves under foot and a rainbow pallet of colors of trees against the blue sky. Great tent camping with evening campfires will take the chill out of the autumn air. In addition, let us not forget the upcoming annual November campout with the tripod Turkey dinner feast. If you have never been on this trip, it is something that will amaze you and the pies are the best!

Right about now, most scouts are sitting in classrooms daydreaming of their fun-filled summer and blanking-out the school stuff. I guess some things will never change — or should they?

Your help is needed!

As most of you know, it takes a lot of resources to run this quality type of an organization. I am sure you have either heard me talk or seen this in my columns, but Troop 101 does not happen all by itself. It takes a tremendous amount of personal

dedication by people and some serious capital to keep our Troop in its top condition.

So I'm going to ask all of you for two favors: First, please walk up and say thank you to all the Troop's leadership and committee members who spend a great deal of time planning and executing this quality program. Second, please send your TAX DEDUCTABLE financial support to the troop Alumni Association's 501c3 this year (information below). Your donation of \$20, \$50, \$100, or more, will help us keep all the equipment running for the next generation of Scouts. Who knows? Those boys might even be your son or grandson.

Thank you to everyone for your support and have a great fall.

-Tim

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Eagles Wings Cookbook

We know how much this troop loves to eat... and to cook! So, this year we are putting together the ultimate resource for some of our Troop's best recipes over the years. Inside you'll find all of our boy's camp favorites as well as home cooking recipes from some of our greatest chefs.

Eagles Wings will be taking submissions for the Recipe book through October 14th.

To Submit your favorite Recipe simply go to the Troop website Troop101.net and click on the Eagles Wings Section.

Recipes do not have to be for the dutch oven. Any recipe may be used. Keep an eye on the website to Order your copy of the cookbook and support Eagles Wings and the Troop!

The Troop is also selling some Troop Equipment.

Check the Troop Site for More details.



Michael Kunz is Troop 101's Eagle Scout number 39, awarded on April 11, 1990.

Today, Mike lives in Seattle, Washington and is a Principal Product Planner for Microsoft.

Upon graduating from Lakeview High School in Cortland in 1991, Mike attended Ohio University. In 1996, he graduated from Ohio U. with Bachelors of Fine Arts in Graphic Design. After a brief stint back in Youngstown, Mike moved to Cincinnati where he worked for Proctor and Gamble (P&G) as a designer and design manager. He also ventured into the dot-com boom and participated in two startups.

In 2001 Mike voluntarily left P&G to move, without a job lined up, to Seattle for the lifestyle and activities he loved: biking, skiing, hiking and camping. After serving as creative director at a small Seattle consulting company, Mike landed at Amazon.com where he designed the screens for the shopping cart and the pricing next to the items, including the free super-saver shipping message. He moved to Microsoft after his first daughter was born in 2003. In 2006 he attended the University of Phoenix where he received his Masters of Business Administration with a focus on Marketing.

With the MBA, Mike has moved from being a designer to helping define the investments and products for Microsoft's Windows division. You can see some of the things he works on in the recent announcements surrounding Windows 8.

Mike currently lives in Ballard,

Alumni Spotlight

Michael Kunz

Seattle, Washington

Eagle Scout #39



just north of downtown Seattle with his two daughters Ava (8) and Kylie (5)

We managed to catch up with Mike between meetings at Microsoft.

AQ: From Warren to Washington – there's a lot of distance and time. Do you still have family here and do you get back often?

Mike: My family moved away from the Warren/Youngstown area a while ago, but I still have a few friends in the area. I was back in Niles earlier this year visiting, which was an interesting experience. It is always fun to return to your hometown to see what has changed and what hasn't. Naturally, I stopped by the Bazetta police station to see if my Eagle project was still there – I built their sign – but it wasn't.

AQ: Like others we have profiled for this newsletter, is this a situation where you left Warren/Howland and never came back?

Mike: Yes. Growing up, my mom lived in Youngstown and my father lived in Cortland, but dad had moved away. Upon graduating from Ohio U., I returned to Youngstown and moved in with my mom because I couldn't find a job as a designer in the Youngstown area. I ended up finding a position as a designer at Proctor & Gamble in Cincinnati. The other aspect that caused me to move away was that I was heavily interested in outdoor activities like mountain biking and skiing, which is eventually what took me out to Seattle and Washington State. There

are very few places on earth like it. You can be at the beach in the morning kayaking or kiteboarding, then 2 hours later, riding a 30 mile downhill, taking a ski lift or hiking on a glacier.

AQ: Tell us more about your duties at Microsoft.

Mike: I am a Principle Product Planning Lead for Windows, Windows Live and IE. I work with our engineering teams to define the requirements and customer needs for our next version of software. I run a team of people who explore the breadth topics including international, metrics, business models, monetization, marketing platforms and help and support.

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When I started at Microsoft, I was a graphic designer and designed things like the sign-in

screens for Hotmail, but as I went along, I couldn't understand why we were building things the way we were. I became a program manager – they write the specs for our software. Yet again, I questioned why. I also received my MBA at this time and realized we lacked a certain amount of business focus or understanding, which brought me into planning. Now, my team does research across the planet to figure out what matters to people with regard to PCs. Funny enough, I never really expected to work at Microsoft, in fact I said I would never work here, 8 years has passed since then.

AQ: As you might expect, many of our current Scouts would surely ask, "Do you ever see Bill Gates?" Bill is requested and has sent Eagle Court of Honor Letters to Troop 101.

Mike: When I first started at Microsoft I was a fairly low-level designer, but I got involved in a fun project that redefined the architecture of our ID system. Using some methods I learned in design school, I worked with a group of people to “think the problem through” from a consumer perspective. It was decided that I should present this to BillG (the name we call Mr. Gates). The day of the presentation I got a Time Magazine issue that had him on the cover and the first sentence of the article talked about how Microsofties can wait their whole career for 15 minutes with him. I was about to have an hour!

The presentation was exciting. BillG is amazingly smart and informed. He looked at my presentation, in five minutes threw it aside and launched into a free-form debate with me and everyone in the room. The conversation lasted for an hour and half. That one will always stand out in my time here.



Mike with his daughters Ava and Kylie

QA: Microsoft has got to be a great place to work.

Mike: It is a great place to work. Windows is the most successful and complex technology product of all times. It's global and has well over a billion customers. Every day you learn something new, do something big, or talk with great people. It does however, have its challenges. Microsoft people are known as aggressive and type-A personalities. We work hard and drive hard. Politics are a normal part of my life and my day, and by that, I mean working across people with different agendas and goal sets. It's my job to make sure people are all aimed in the same direction. This is difficult, but rewarding, because if you can align people, you can do things that impact people all over the world.

AQ: What is it about your time with Troop 101 that prepared you for this line of work?

Mike: One thing specific to Troop 101

was the leadership opportunities I had when I was a patrol leader, ASPL and SPL. When I entered the business world I quickly realized that the type of leadership I had performed in Scouting also applied across small and large companies. Scheduling meetings, leading people and having goals were things I had to do every day, but aside from these skills, Scouts also taught me confidence, communication and the ability to stick to something until it's done.

An area outside of the business world I have found invaluable though was learning how to cook. Because of camp I know how to shop and cook. Of course my favorite way to cook is still the Dutch oven, but in a real oven vs. over charcoal now. I still make many of the same recipes when I go camping with my family, although I have never tried making frontier fallout again.

One other area of Scouting and Troop 101 that I think had a dramatic impact on me and my life and probably touched off my desire to move to the west coast was bicycles. I went on my first long bike ride with the scouts from Warren to Camp Chickagami for summer camp. That was followed by the first-ever C&O canal bike trip and more trips after that. I got a high school job as a bike mechanic and started racing mountain bikes and doing longer rides through college. Bikes are still a huge part of my life today.

AQ: Do you keep in touch with some of the other guys from back in the day?

Mike: Really haven't, although I am friends with a few people on Facebook and its fun to see where people are and what they are up to. Given the distance and the changes in my life it's always hard to keep connected.

AQ: What are your earliest memories of joining Troop 101?

Mike: I recall the very first Troop meeting – I was so interested in camping and doing cool things inspired by my neighbor Brian Selden. I really liked the equipment and the possibilities, but I was shy. It was hard for me to be with all of those kids – many older than me. It was tough for me to imagine my place in that group, but after getting involved and a couple of the Assistant Scoutmasters talking to me, I began to feel like I had a place in the Troop. It was a great place for me because of stuff going on at home – my parents were divorced so I had a bit of a hard time fitting-in, given that I was at my mom's in Youngstown on the weekends and didn't feel grounded in school activities. I was also pretty bad at sports. Scouts sort of grounded me with a group. The other memory was my first camping trip – ever –

winter event. It was hell.

AQ: Jim (Potjunas) always says that, if a boy is going to quit, that is where it would most likely occur, but amazingly, it has not. Were you close to calling it quits right then?

Mike: I think so. That Winter Event was my very first camping trip and it was so cold that we had to keep stuff in coolers to keep it from freezing solid. I didn't really have good equipment and had a very hard time. But after the trip, I looked back on it with the satisfaction that not that many of the people I knew, adult or kids, would ever camp in the winter. I also had a good time once my brain let go of the memories of the bad parts. I think there were a few other times I felt like quitting but I tend to dig in and just keep going which is a skill I learned doing all those merit badges and ranks.

AQ: Speaking of Jim, any memories to share? You're an adult now, he can't bust you.

Mike: There are a few. There was the time I threw a rock and hit a chipmunk. Mr. P was standing there and I felt so bad. He looked at me and said that he could be mad only if it wasn't for the fact that he knew I couldn't hit the side of a barn if I really wanted to. He knew I didn't intend on hitting the animal. Then of course, he continued to tease me through the whole rest of the trip that the chipmunks were going to get me. Mr. P. was always supportive and helpful. My mom had a propensity for being a little late to pick me up after camping trips, so many Sundays would be spent hanging out at Mr. P.'s house waiting.

AQ: What reaction do you get from people when they find out you are Eagle Scout?

Mike: Everyone has expectations of being able to start a fire with one match, which I can still do. Mostly, they respect the accomplishment. I'm still proud of it and what it taught me.





Well, after a nine-year hiatus, Troop 101 returned to the back country of Algonquin Park. This past summer, seven Scouts and five adults (including four alumni) took on a very rewarding 82 mile canoe trip from Lake Opeongo to Big Trout, across the Petawawa and back down to Opeongo via Catfish and Proulx Lakes.

Many of you may not recall these lakes, but may instead remember Canoe Lake and the Otterslides. Back in the day of our first canoe trip, we were only able to travel about 15 miles as the 100+ lb. aluminum canoes proved to be too much. Later we upgraded to fiberglass (85 lbs.), and were able to increase our distances to about 35 to 50 miles. Well, times they have a changed. With the generous donation of the Old Town Royalex canoes (about 15 years ago) we have been able to reach greater distances.

These 62 lb. canoes have enabled us to go farther with less effort. For those of you who still play in the outdoors know, we have also seen improvements with size, weight and quality of camping equipment. Where we use to take five duffle bags worth of food and equipment, we now only take three. We no longer make our own dehydrated food (probably dried out all the nutrients anyway) and concentrate more on supplements and nutrition.

Now that you understand how we have improved distances (without doping), let's rehash the week's adventure:

After an early departure from Warren Saturday morning, we arrived at Algonquin Park around 3:30 pm for a late afternoon swim and enough time to reorganize our crew gear. Tents went up and dinner was served as final plans were given about the week ahead. Thomas Downing, our crew leader and now our SPL, did a fantastic job with not only preparing for the trip but also coordinating the daily

events on the water.

Sunday morning came early as we packed our gear and loaded the equipment so that we were able to get on the water at 8:30 sharp. Opeongo was very calm that morning so we took advantage and made great time to our first, 2180 meter portage into Happy Isle Lake where the Scouts soon replaced complaints of paddling with those of portaging. Once on Happy Isle Lake, we decided to set up camp early to allow the Scouts to enjoy the beautiful weather and campsite. Good thing we did, because soon after dinner we heard the thunderous, locomotive roar of an incoming monsoon. Thus began our daily dose of precipitation.

After a soggy night we awoke to a beautiful sunny morning. We made our way up to Big Trout Lake and into Burntroot Lake after two sets of class II whitewater rapids. This fun and excitement was soon washed away when we encountered another monsoon of a storm, so we decided to make camp, eat lunch and wait it out before departing to the Nippissing River. Well, the rain proved to be too much to wait for so we scrapped our plans to visit the falls on Nippissing and decided to take an alternate route the next day down the Petawawa River, a great decision!

The next morning we again awoke to a sunny day and paddled to the Petawawa River where we encountered five sets of class II/III white water rapids. The first set gave us a choice between a quick shoot and a three-foot waterfall. I don't think anyone took the shoot. We ended the day on the river with a long serpentine-like set of rapids, which were definitely the highlight of the day. Although this group didn't see the falls at Nippissing, I would say we had just as great of an experience.

After yet another soggy and now frigid night, this time on Catfish Lake, we departed to Hogan Lake where we

Algonquin High Adventure

Eighty-two miles of lifelong memories!

by Dr. Ken LaPolla

encountered our first moose sighting as we meandered our way through a couple miles of swamp. With the swamps and portaging behind us, we made camp on Hogan Lake across from a huge rock-walled cliff, which was home to a Bald Eagle. We watched his and other's antics as the crows and waterfowl chased him away from their nests and habitats. Again, the rain and cold greeted us at this campsite and made for some very interesting bathing conditions.

Friday proved to be a day of extreme portaging and paddling as we began the day with a very sunny, hot and muggy 3750 meter portage into Big Crow Lake, and a long marshy paddle into Proulx Lake. After this long day we were rewarded not only with one of the best campsites but also a sighting of a cow moose and calf as well.

Our final day into Opeongo was yet another mix of sun and rain. After eating lunch on an uninhabitable island, we finished the paddling, loaded up the vehicles, showered with running water and went to the Algonquin Outfitter's store while we waited for Mr. Potjunas and the rest of the Troop to arrive and deliver our final feast of steak, potatoes, corn and watermelon.

"The first set gave us a choice between a quick shoot and a three-foot waterfall."

In all, we had a fantastic time. A trip, which I would have to say, was one of the best ones yet. With my son, John, along, and the opportunity to introduce him to the high adventure trip, which I considered the highlight of my scouting youth, I couldn't have felt more complete. Other Scouts on the trip included: Thomas Downing, crew leader, Lucas Downing, quartermaster, Matt Thompson, Brad Puet, Andrew Baker, Bobby Plant as well as John LaPolla. Adults and fellow Alumni included: Mark Sember, Zach Talstein, and Ben Gump as well as one of our newer leaders, Bob Plant.

If you feel like reliving the adventure you remembered as a Scout, visit the Troop's website and view all of the photos of this weeklong adventure!

Photos From the High Adventure Trip



THE TROOP 101 ANNUAL NUT SALE IS UNDERWAY!

It is the time of year again when we turn to our alumni members to help keep our finances looking good – and get something good in return!

The Troop is ready to take your order for delicious Peterson nut products. If you live local, please e-mail Jim Potjunas at scoutmaster@troop101.net and a scout will contact you with a catalog of this year's selection.

If you live outside the Warren-Trumbull County area and would like to order, please go to the Troop website and click the link to order online. Online ordering will be available thru December. Orders through a Scout can be placed during the month of October. It is important to note that the big difference in ordering via the website is that the products are delivered straight to your house from the company and shipping is ADDED on. Orders through a Scout are delivered to the troop in bulk according to our schedule and shipping is FREE!

Your Peterson order is a big help to our program to help meet our financial obligations, of which there are many. As most of you know, the Troop continues with two major fund-raisers each year, the annual spaghetti dinner in the Spring and the Peterson nut sale in the Fall.

A good youth program takes money to make it go, more so today than ever before so please help support the boys and the program. We thank you!



Scoutmaster's Column



Jim Potjunas
Scoutmaster

If you drive down to Lisbon, OH, there is a Scout Camp named Camp McKinley.

The ranger/caretaker lives in a very old stone house on the corner, which was the home of President McKinley's grandparents. It's one of those small Scout camps, like Chickagami was.

The Columbiana County Council was gobbled up some years ago, but Canton's Buckeye Council and all their resources go toward the gleaming new Seven Ranges Reservation, which is a very nice camp. But you can't go to mega-camps every month and these little ones have a special character all their own. It's like stepping back into what Scouting was intended to be.

If you have a high-clearance 4-wheel drive and know the right people, you can go past the main entrance and up (and I do mean UP) a service road to the high meadow at the west end of the camp. There are two campsites, two latrines, two iron-enriched water spigots, and most of a rifle range all set along the edge of a huge field. Down the path is a large rock face that towers over their old chapel area. And even if the camp were full below, you would probably not know it. You are remote.

So on a September weekend, we took the Troop back into this yester-year. I called an old friend, Ken Hall, and we got some other Scouters with their muzzle-loaders for a program that harkened back to things we had done, well, back in yester-years. Ken brought along some reenacting buddies who did 1880's cowboy cooking out of a real chuckwagon. Sandy ran an archery range with a handful of other helpers. Over on the other sides of the field we did bullet-making and primitive fires. And down by that rock face, we did rappelling.

Six one-hour programs for six patrols of 8. The chuckwagon was really the only thing we had never done before. (I was amazed at what I learned about cooking that weekend.) Although 'before' means before most of these kids were ever in the Troop. It was a rainy / stormy weekend back home and most of the places around us, but we had more sun than sprinkles at camp. Later that night as the shadows of flames danced off those same rocks the boys had come down earlier, there was Ken telling a story familiar to me about Simon Kenton. But there were only one or two other alumni around the fire who might have heard it before. This closed out a vesper service and a campfire of songs and a couple skits.

It's getting harder and harder for councils to keep camps like McKinley. It's also hard to round up 50-some kids and 40-some adults to do a weekend like this. But this should be one of the special ones they will remember in the years to come.



1880's cowboy cooking out of a real chuckwagon



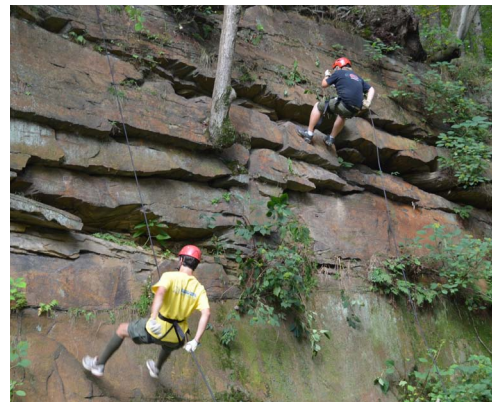
Jacob Taylor Firing Muzzle-loader



Former Home of Pres. McKinley's Grandrapents



Frank Constantine at the Archery Range



Two Scouts Rappelling off Rock Face

Saying Goodbye to Friends and Family

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I... I took the one less traveled by,
and that has made all the difference."

-Robert Frost

Mary M. Davenport 1930-2011

First Female Scoutmaster in the Western Reserve Council

Mary M. Davenport, 81, died Friday, Aug. 19, 2011, at Trumbull Memorial Hospital.

Mary was the sister of Bill Marton, Troop's 101's first committee chairman. She was active in scouting with 4 sons in the program, two who were Eagle Scouts. She was also the first female Scoutmaster in the Western Reserve Council.

"When Troop 101 was just getting started and didn't even own any tents, Mary and her husband, Jack, offered us the use of their barn for our first campout," said Scoutmaster Jim Potjunas. "In later years, their Southington farm was a popular place for the troop's Wilderness Survival weekends." Jim said several other troops camped there as well over the years.



She was active with both the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Red Cross and her church

Mary was born April 17, 1930, in Binghamton, N.Y., a daughter of the late George Marton and the late Olive Lamb Marton. She married Jack Davenport on June 20, 1952, and recently celebrated their 59th anniversary.

Mary is survived by her husband, Jack, their children, George (Laura) Davenport of Lakewood, Colo., William Davenport of Warren, Katharine "Kay" (Kim) Davenport-Wass of Evans, Colo., Robert Davenport of Warren and Eric Davenport of Loveland, Colo.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two daughters-in-law; and sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Marton of Warren and Joyce Keller of Pittsburgh; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her stepmother, Katharine "Kitty" Marton McMillan; a brother, William Lamb Marton; and stepbrothers, Brough and Richard Bailey.

The family requests that material contributions be made to the Christ Episcopal Church Foundation in her memory.

Gregg R. Snyder 1979-2011

Scout with Troop 101, Troop 15 and Troop 8

Gregg R. Snyder, 32, of Howland, died Sept. 11, 2011, at Cleveland Metro Health Hospital as a result of complications from a bicycle accident.

Gregg was born July 5, 1979, the son of Mary Alice Byers Reese and Robert G. Snyder.

He was a 1998 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School where he was a soccer letterman. Gregg earned the rank of Eagle Scout and enjoyed participating in Native American dance.

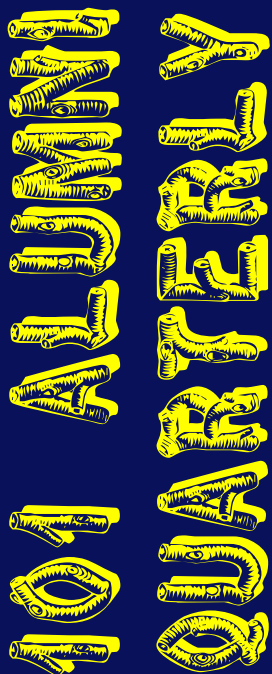
Gregg began Boy Scouts with Troop 15 and then transferred to Troop 101 and was active with us for several years. He ultimately left and transferred to Troop 8 to complete his Eagle. He had been back a couple times to visit and was very close with several of our Troop Alumni.



In addition to his parents, he is survived by brother Mark B. Snyder and sisters Kate M. Snyder, Jennifer (Brett) Niarchos and Stephanie (John) McDaniel. Surviving grandparents are Mrs. Anastasia Byers and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawlor.

Gregg was preceded in death by his beloved brother, Matthew S. Reese, on Nov. 10, 2010, as well as his grandparents, Mr. Bernard Byers and Mr. and Mrs. George and Margaret Snyder.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lake Milton Walking & Bike Path, c/o Farmers National Bank, P.O. Box 242, Lake Milton, OH 44429.



Upcoming Events

• Alumni Christmas Gathering

Our Fifth Annual Alumni Holiday Gathering will be held during the holidays at the Clubhouse in the Woods. This adult gathering has been a great opportunity to gather and see what old friends are doing as well as what the troop is up to. Keep an eye on the Troop Alumni Page and Alumni Facebook page for the date.

• Troop 101 Nut Sale

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• Annual Troop Christmas Party

The Annual Troop Christmas Party will be at the Ali Babba Grotto on December 4.

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