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AND MORE!!!

BSA Jamboree '13 at New Scout Reservation in Nearby West Virginia

Troop 101's Dr. Ken LaPolla named 1st ASM for "GWRC Jamboree 2013 Troop 1332"

"Get ready! The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is coming and it ain't your father's jamboree. We're talking seriously high adventure, people! Whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more - with 50,000 of your closest friends at the brand new Summit Bechtel Reserve in the wilds of West Virginia."

These are the opening words of the 2013 National Boy Scout Jamboree website, promoting this very different and exciting Jamboree, which promises to be one of the most exciting ever.

The 2013 BSA National Jamboree will be a 10-day event, expected to draw some 50 thousand scouts and another 200,000 tourists.

In July 2013, at least three members of Troop 101, along with 37 other scouts and scouters from around The Greater Western Reserve Council, will be boarding a bus and heading to West Virginia, to the new home of the National Boy Scout Jamboree, Summit Bechtel Reserve. With an emphasis on high adventure and physical fitness, all events and everyday logistics of the Jamboree will center on a physically demanding outdoor experience:

The Staff Village, for example, is 200 feet higher than Twelve Points, the flag plaza in the Summit Center, and the staff will make that hike, or one similar, at least once and probably twice every day, and participants will be hiking even more. A number of our activities require more stamina and fitness too—think climbing, rappelling, rafting, mountain biking, and skateboarding. It is essential that all participants and staff are prepared for their Summit jamboree experience.

As details become final and our enrollment from Troop 101 increases, we'll be sure to let you know. Also, many of our Alumni are involved with scout troops around the country. If you're planning on attending the Jamboree or if you're on the fence, think about going with your son, or working on staff in a resource capacity. And if you do attend, let me know, because it will be great to get together with fellow alums at a planned alumni event during the Jamboree!

So if you haven't done so, visit the website and see what excitement is in store for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree!

<https://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/Pages/default.aspx>

West Virginia is called "the Mountain State" for good reason and our new home, the Summit, offers a very different environment than Fort A.P. Hill. The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is all "on foot," with all participants and staff walking/hiking everywhere; there will be no bus circuits or personal vehicles on site. While a lot of the site is level, there are regular changes in grade as part of everyone's daily schedule.



Ken LaPolla, Eagle #3
1st ASM GWRC Jamboree 2013 Troop 1332

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From the President "A Time to Refresh"



**Tim Ross
President**

January 2012

You will notice a different approach in this issue of the Troop 101 Alumni Quarterly.

We decided to re-arrange the order of the articles and expand the edition according to the volume of information. As you can see, this issue is

jam-packed with great stories and all kinds of useful information. I want to thank our Alumni Association Committee for their assistance.

As always, we certainly welcome your feedback. What do you like, or don't like? Perhaps, what you would like read more about in future issues? Our newsletter editor, Ed Byers Sr., would be glad to hear from you at: edrbysers@aol.com. Newsletter production wizard, Matt McCracken also will take your comments: mrmatt2@gmail.com. Or simply reply to newsletter@troop101.net.

In this issue, we sadly note the passing of our dear friend, Frank Fortsch who made an indelible mark on the Troop and inspired many other leaders who followed in his footsteps. His Eagle Scout son, Eric, provides a poignant and touching

personal glimpse about camping with his father.

I am not sure what Dr. Ken LaPolla eats for breakfast, but whatever it is, I'll have a helping or two. Ken has boundless energy and now we hear he has been named 1st Scoutmaster of the Greater Western Reserve Council's contingent to the 2013 National BSA Jamboree in neighboring West Virginia. (Congrats, Ken!)

In future issues you will be reading about that new W. Va. Scout Reservation and the progress being made to get it ready for the Jamboree. By the way, in case you haven't heard, Troop 101 is one of the larger Troops invited to "test drive" the new camp.

And just in case the thought of heading down to the new Scout reservation crossed your mind like it did mine, this could make a great Alumni adventure in support of our Troop. So for this new year's resolution, dust off that camping gear, get to the gym, shed those extra pounds and maybe we will have a joint venture with the Troop.

Finally, I want to say 'thank you' to everyone who heeded the call and participated in the Troop's annual Peterson's Nut Sale. Please don't forget about the other big fundraiser - only three months away - the annual Troop 101 Spaghetti Dinner at Blessed Sacrament Church, Sunday April 1. Come on out and support the Troop and the boys. I hope to see you there.

-Tim

Troop 101 Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Supporting Troop 101 - Annual Spaghetti Dinner



Matt and Lucas Serve Pasta

Troop 101's 34th Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be Palm Sunday, April 1, at Blessed Sacrament Church.

12:00 PM to 6:00 PM
take out is available on adult tickets

Costs:
Adult: \$7.00
Youth (12-12): \$4.50



Spaghetti Dinner Chair: 2011

Ned Gold Makes Hunger Impact, National News with “Foodstock 2011”

Music and food came together on one stage to help feed the Valley's hungry in early November.

Ned Gold and fellow attorney John Falgiani (a former Cub Pack 122 leader at Howland United Methodist Church) and Marty Cohen came up with a musical solution to help feed the hungry.

They called it “Foodstock.” The event featured 10 area acts donating their time and talent for the eight-hour concert at Packard Music Hall to help Second Harvest Food Bank and more than 3,000 food items were collected. The goal was to help fill empty shelves at food pantries, burdened by a 200 percent increase in need over the last decade. Second Harvest Food Bank, which collected and distributed the food around the community, oversaw it all.

“We have such a tremendous need in the valley for people who have lost their jobs and they're hungry,” said Warren attorney and Troop 101 Alumni member Ned Gold.

The cost of admission was either a donation of cash or cans of food. Many people came through the doors armed with goods from the local grocery.

A 2010 study commissioned by the Food Research and Action Center, a national organization focusing on eradicating hunger and under-nutrition, the Warren-Youngstown area ranks third, on the list of metro areas with the highest concentration residents trying to feed themselves and their families.

The Foodstock event even made national news as a TV crew from FOX News arrived at Packard Music Hall to cover the event.

(see the entire story including Ned's interview:
<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/11/22/hunger-is-sign-ohio-town-still-struggling-to-recover-from-rust-belt-troubles/>)

Gold, who is president of Trumbull 100, told FOX that Foodstock will help “the haves” realize how important they are to the “have nots.”

“This helps bridge the gap so that we get to those jobs that will bring people out of poverty and out of hunger, and it'll happen,” he said.

Gold said he's hoping to make Foodstock an annual event.



Greater Cleveland Council Moves to Sell Tinnerman Wilderness Canoe Base

(Special to the Troop 101 Alumni Quarterly)

The Greater Cleveland Council (GCC) BSA has decided to sell the Tinnerman Wilderness Canoe Base, a beloved but aging camp on the French River in Ontario, Canada.

The Boy Scout executive board voted Sept. 20 to close and sell the camp, soon after learning that stiffened Canadian regulations require a \$200,000 upgrade to Tinnerman's septic system.

The GCC, which has been subsidizing the camp for years, felt the septic upgrade was an unjustifiable cost, especially since Tinnerman is only open for four weeks each summer, said Pat Craven, Boy Scout support services director in Cleveland.

The Canadian camp is a nine-hour car ride away, and although about half the Scouts who use it are from other councils, Tinnerman is operated solely by the GCC, Craven said.

Attendance at Tinnerman has nose-dived by 71 percent since 2002, and a new high-adventure Scout camp to be opened

soon in West Virginia's New River area -- less than a five-hour trip away -- will likely cause attendance to drop off even more, Craven added.

While much of the Boy Scout community seems to have resigned itself to the fate of Tinnerman, some of the Council's Scouting alumni are looking at ways to take over the 10-acre property and make it profitable. Supporters of Tinnerman are spread across the country and are looking into a number of options.

One GCC committee member, Kevin O'Donnell of the Cleveland suburb of Seven Hills, is one of the founders of the “Friends of Tinnerman” and a former guide at the camp. O'Donnell said he is exploring the idea of forming a nonprofit foundation to own and operate the camp, while other Alumni members go looking for wealthy buyers, another youth organization or even a group of alumni to purchase the camp and keep it open.



Alumni Spotlight

Todd Linke

San Diego, California

Troop 101 Eagle Scout #36 - October 15, 1989



My life has taken me in several directions, but I'm happy to say that the lessons I learned from my years in Troop 101 have stayed with me. For the past decade, I've been teaching Biology and Biochemistry, and serving as the science fair mentor at Mt. Miguel High School just outside of downtown San Diego. The student population is diverse, and about as different from what I remember of Howland High School that it can be. When I first moved to San Diego, I was in "culture shock" for the first six months and was constantly lost, since the ocean was "on the wrong side". I was a long way from my roots, but I felt a sense of determination and resiliency that was learned over many years. I give credit to the values that were instilled in me by my parents, and to Jim Potjunas, who was not only my Scoutmaster, but a guide and friend in my life when I needed it the most.

I had worked at two environmental consulting firms in Akron after earning my Bachelor in Biology from Kent State. I credit the years of camping for my reverence and respect for the outdoors, but my job kept me mostly indoors and behind a computer. So with the blessing and support of the owners, I took classes in the evenings and weekends and earned a Masters in Secondary Education; I figured I could have more of an impact by teaching and instilling in students a love of science and nature. It took five long years, but

I had never been so sure of a correct decision in my life.

I left Akron, not so much to escape Ohio but to get a fresh start and continue my life's adventure.

My most memorable event in Troop 101 was the 60-mile canoe trip in Algonquin; as the sternman, I always had a sense of direction, but never knew what we'd find when we got there. I felt the same way when I drove to Charlotte and Durham to interview for teaching jobs. Little did I realize that three weeks later, I'd be living and teaching in Durham. That first year of teaching was rough, very rough, but just like surviving those rainy nights in Algonquin, it made me appreciate the brilliant star-filled Canadian sky even more. Similarly, teaching has gotten a whole lot better for me.

My years in Troop 101 and the mentorship of Jim Potjunas instilled in me the skills I have needed in life. I still use square knots, I occasionally cook in my Dutch oven, and I can survive a night sleeping in the Yosemite snow. But the greatest skills I learned are intangible. When Jim moved onto my street, my parents marched me down and saw to it that I was enrolled.

None of them gave me a choice in the matter, so I learned at any early age that "involvement precedes interest". I was shy and awkward in high school, but with Jim's encouragement I got involved, attending almost every campout and summer camp and moving through the ranks. Eventually I became a Patrol Leader of the Beaver and Eagle Patrols. My favorite Patrol call was "Out of the aire and into the air!" Jim helped me come up with that one, and he taught me a lot of other leadership skills. I eventually realized that even a quiet follower can learn how to lead others.

Those early leadership lessons help me to lead students everyday that I walk onto campus. Sure my students can recite the 11 body systems or define the role of the mitochondria. But of more importance are demonstrating to them the values of hard work and self-responsibility. I

remember I was teaching a young scout to fold a tent by standing next to the tent and telling him what to do. I saw Jim coming and felt proud that I was helping another Scout, but Jim said in a quiet voice, "He'll learn better if you'll show him how to fold the tent." That one instance changed the type of leader I am today, and I enjoy leading my students by example.



Tennis Finalist, League MVP



Todd Back Packing at Yosemite

Some of my students want to fly higher, so I challenge them to take my Biochemistry class, enter science fair and go with me on the high-adventure trip to Yosemite National Park. These are urban kids, and for most of them walking from the parking lot to their first class is a hike. I like to tell them the story of the winter campout at Chickagami, when it was so cold in the morning that all we could do with our frozen eggs was play a game of baseball, using the spade as a bat. We camped out in some pretty tough conditions, but Jim always gave us the skills we needed to survive and helped us find the fun in it all. So when my students feel the pressure of science fair competition or wince in pain from hiking uphill wearing snowshoes and a backpack, I draw on the lessons I learned to help them through.

All these experiences in Troop 101 culminated when I earned my Eagle award, just three weeks before my eighteenth birthday. I was a procrastinator, and Jim knew it, but

he wasn't going to let me fail. I tell my students today that failure shouldn't be an option, a lesson I learned from Jim. But Jim didn't coddle me. I remember him looking at the photos of my Eagle service project, a large-scale clothing drive that benefited several area organizations, and he said, "All of these pictures show your mother. Where are the other Scouts?" So I got busy recruiting other boys and made sure they were in my photos. He even picked apart my writing, nitpicking my use of the word "clothes" instead of "clothing". I was thinking, "Sheesh, is that really important right now?" It's funny that I do the same type of thing to my students, helping them develop a large-scale science fair project or manage their way through a three-week Biology unit,

while at the same time teaching them the difference between "to, two and too".

I'm glad that after all these years, I finally get this chance to say thank you. My father passed away seven years ago, and I lost my best friend. But he still lives on in me, and for that I will forever remain appreciative. My mother is the most beautiful woman in the world to me. She always made sure I was involved and continues to be generous, supportive and inspirational in the way she lives her life. And last but not far from least, I want to thank Jim. You helped shape who I am today, and I am happy to pass on the lessons you taught me to the next generation.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

Then we want to hear it!

The Alumni Quarterly is looking for stories from Troop Alumni to share. If you have a story, or would consent to being interviewed, please contact us by sending an email to newsletter@troop101.net.

You could be the next Alumni Spotlight!



Todd at the Temple of Poseidon - Summer 2011

Trivia

1. In what year was NESAs, the National Eagle Scout Association Founded?
2. Over 2 Million Scouts have obtained the rank of Eagle, in 2010 what percent or how many achieved this honor?
3. What year did Eagle Scout 1 Million get awarded?
4. In What Year was Philmont donated to the BSA?
5. What are the 4 High Adventure Bases owned and operated by the BSA?

Fun Facts

In 2009, more than 2.8 million Boy Scouts participated in community service projects. The 36.7 million service hours the Scouts provided, were valued at \$764 million!

Astronauts Neil Armstrong was not only an Eagle Scout, but also earned the Silver Buffalo Award.

1. 1972
2. 5% - 56,176
3. 1982 - Alexander M. Holsinger
4. 1938 - by Waite Phillips
5. Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, Philmont and the Summit Bechtel Reserve

Answers

Scoutmaster's Column

Beginnings and Ends



Jim Potjunas
Scoutmaster

It was the eve before New Year's Eve. We waited in the parking lot for our first Eagle Scout, Jim LaPolla, to bring the key to open up for the holiday gathering. I

stood there with one of the Troop's charter members, Gregg Hillman, and a current Assistant Scoutmaster, Matt McCracken. Over in the car across the way was the Copp family. Alan had been very active starting in the mind 90's when his son, Jeff, joined. His wife, Pam, was Treasurer, Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson, and more. Their daughter, Lyndsay, was also around helping out. Here at the end of 2011 Alan is still on the Alumni Board, and the whole family pitches in to make this gathering possible each year.

As the evening progressed, there was a book on the table by the fireplace with these newsletters and another with the original newsletters when the organization first started. The Copp family did their usual wonderful job of providing food, drink, and decorations to make everyone feel welcome. Our greeters were two past Senior Patrol Leaders, one who just got his Eagle papers signed and the other who just got his Eagle project approved.

The evening's guests included families from a few generations – the Mills, Weiners, Millers, Wisniewski's, for example, and folks with Scouts active in the Troop today, like the Padula's and the Stirlings. The surprise of the evening was Todd Talstein showing up with his brother and soon to be fiancé. He had gotten leave from his station in Pearl Harbor. A gang of 2011 Eagles showed up – Greg Staab, Mike and Chris McClearn, then Don Witt. Also other Eagles from the past arrived – Tom Stack and Jeff Copp and finally, Jason Paisley. This doesn't include the many notes of regret from other members who found themselves committed elsewhere in the country and around the world.

The television was playing the 2011 slide show with highlights from Algonquin and fall Historic Campout, among others. I surveyed the scene with our Alumni Association President, Tim Ross, and it seemed a fitting wrap-up to a good Scouting year.

2012 will bring more campouts, including the big bike trip in August. We will continue our search for a good price on replacement tents. Several alumni donated toward that cause this past year and we will have more than half of them switched over once we find a good source. There are several new Eagles on the horizon and it looks like a decent group of Cubs graduating. 2011 was good. 2012 looks very promising.



Todd and Jennie look at old Issues



Jeff Takes a look at an old Scrapbook



Barb and Mike are welcomed by Jackie



Jim, Gregg, Jeff and Van look at a slideshow from 75-05



Greg, Zach and Len catch up

Saying Goodbye to Friends and Family



Frank Fortsch 1938-2011

Long time Troop 101 committee member Frank Fortsch died Oct. 17, 2011 at his Howland home after a long battle with cancer. Frank was born Jan. 11, 1938, in Punxsutawney, Pa. He and his family moved to Erie, Pa., where he graduated from McDowell High School.

Frank served as Pack Committee chairman for Cub Scout Pack 122 in Howland and later with committee member for Troop 101 where he rarely missed a camp out with son Erik, who went on to become an Eagle Scout on November 20, 1997.

As somewhat of an understatement, Frank made a lasting impression on every leader and Scout during his years with Troop 101. Scoutmaster Jim Potjunas shares a classic story. "Frank was a decaf drinker as you may recall, but on one camping trip, there was nothing but regular and he just had to have a cup of coffee." Jim said it wasn't long before it became clearly evident that Frank was in the throes of a big-time caffeine buzz. "A couple hours later Frank had scrubbed everything in the Skunk Patrol box and was still looking for something to do. So he pulled out a wire brush and used it to clean every tiny hole in the burners of the propane stove. We could sure use him in our patrol about now!" said Jim.

The Fortsch's played host to the entire Troop at their summer home in the Allegheny National Forest on several occasions. Their property served as the Troop base camp for its "Paddle and Saddle" weekends, whereby the Troop would spend the

morning on horseback at nearby Flying W Ranch and canoe the Allegheny River from Tidioute to Tionesta in the afternoon. Frank also was instrumental in serving on staff at the Troop's Black Powder weekends in Mecca.

Assistant Scoutmaster Ed Byers recalls first meeting Frank at Pack 122 when Byers served as an Assistant Den Leader back in the early 90's. "At that time, Frank was the Pack Committee Chairman and I will never forget what he said to me when I missed my very first leader committee meeting," Ed explained. "Frank pulled me aside and wisely counseled, 'Ed, you don't want miss too many of these meetings because, if you're not here, somebody will volunteer you for something you won't want to do.' I never missed a single committee meeting after that."

An honorably discharged U.S. Marine fighter pilot, Frank earned an MBA in business from The University of Akron and retired from Amweld Building Products in 1999 after 36 years of service, most recently, plant manager. He was a member of North Mar Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. In addition to Troop 101, he was involved in the Warren Jaycees and the Warren Ski Club. He also loved classical music and was a classical violinist.

He leaves behind his wife, Sandy whom he married Oct. 10, 1981; four children, Laura Walden of Pickens, S.C., Kathryn Fortsch of Howland, Michael Fortsch of Garrettsville and Eric Fortsch of Monroe Falls; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Leo Fortsch Jr. of Girard, Pa. and William Fortsch of Charlotte, N.C.



Eric Fortsch - Eagle #72

One of my most vivid Troop 101 memories about camping with my Dad was his ability to always collect exceptionally dry firewood. Unfortunately this is a skill that I've not been able to master myself, but no matter how hard it was raining, snowing, or hailing on any campout, he'd always seem to be able to wander out of the

woods after only a few minutes of searching with bundles and armfuls of dry firewood. It was amazing to me.

My patrol members and I would scrounge up wet, frozen sticks, and struggle to build fires with them, and I would look over my shoulder and see my dad walking out of the woods with all of this dry tinder. He'd always tell us to "look up" when we were looking for dry wood, and sure enough, we'd find a piece here and there, but it was almost like he had some kind of extra sense for finding it himself. Truly amazing considering the conditions we always ended up camping in.

Camping with my Dad

Above and beyond that, I'd say my most poignant memory is that, even though he loved camping, he believed in the scouting program, and truly appreciated the outdoors. The thing that he loved the most about it all was family. That's why he went on almost EVERY campout with the Troop. He absolutely loved spending time with me and supporting me in everything I did.

My dad was probably at least 10 years older than any of my peer's fathers, but you hardly ever saw him miss a Troop meeting or a campout. He never complained about the weather, or sleeping in a tent in the middle of the winter (in fact, he always said our suffering was "in-tents") because he was able to spend time with me.

Being a good father was probably the most important thing to him and he wasn't about to let any weather, or younger father show him up. He loved scouting, and camping, but above all of that, he loved being a good father. That's my best memory of camping with my dad and I'll always love him for that.

Family of Late Troop 101 Scoutmaster Gary Mansell Establishes "Gary's Eagle Fund"



Marilyn Mansell, widow of former Troop 101 Scoutmaster Gary Mansell, has set up a memorial fund to honor Gary's passions: The BSA, and in particular, the Eagle Scout program.

She announces creation of "Gary's Eagle Fund" at the Community Foundation of Delaware County (Columbus).

Gary passed away in 2007 and Marilyn said many contributions recognizing Gary's life and commitment and dedication to the BSA were made at that time. Marilyn is now encouraging all Troop 101 Alumni who served with Gary to consider a donation.

"We ask you to join us in recognizing Gary's dedication to our youth by contributing to the Fund in his memory," writes Marilyn. "The Gary's Eagle Fund will assist Scouting, campers and Eagle Scout Programs."

Gary was one of the few to earn the rank of Eagle Scout at the young age of 13, of which he was most proud. His life centered on Scouting.

Marilyn said she would like thank everyone in advance for their tax-deductible contributions which will help keep Gary's memory alive and benefit the Eagle Scout Program.

Contributions to Gary's Eagle Fund may be made by simply using the form below, electronically at <http://www.delawarecf.org/> or by calling 614.764.2332.

Community Foundation of Delaware County

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of \$ _____ to be used for charitable activities in the community. My Gift is to be added to:

Gary's Eagle Fund

☐ In Memory of _____ or ☐ in honor of _____

☐ I want this gift to be anonymous

Please send an acknowledgement of the memorial of honor gift (but not amount) to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Electronic contributions can be made at www.delawarecf.org.
Select DONATE NOW and include the full name with the special instructions section!

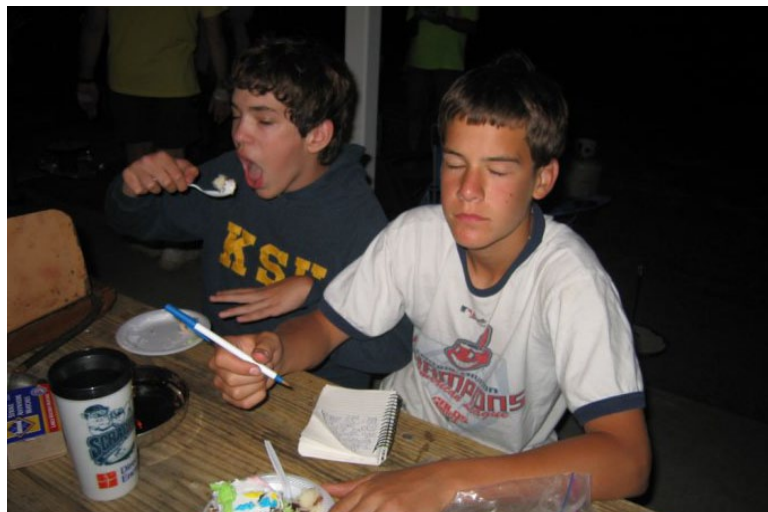
Thank you for your thoughtful support

<http://troopphoto.troop101.net>

The Troop 101 photo gallery now contains over **46,000** photos from 1975 to the present.



Frank Forsch - Black Hand Campout - Feb. 2000



Gabe and Mike - Bike Trip - Aug. 2008

Help Put a Year on these Photos

See all the unknown photos: <http://troopphoto.troop101.net/default.asp?cat=44>



Please help us put a year and description to these photos. You can find them in the unknown category of the Troop Photo Gallery. Just leave a comment and we'll take care of the rest. If you recognize their face, make sure you're logged in and Tag the faces.

Upcoming Events

• Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The Troop will be holding its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Palm Sunday at The Blessed Sacrament Church. Be sure to note the change in location this year. More on page 2 in this issue of the Alumni Quarterly.

TAG!

If you use Facebook, you are familiar with tagging people in photos. Then when others look at the photo and move their mouse over it, the name appears with each face. We now have that on our troop website in the photo gallery! If you are logged in, you too either view tags others put up or help tag pictures yourself.

If you double click on a photo, the tag screen comes up and you can then click on a face and type in the name. It has been great fun for many of us to take a stroll through old photos and try to remember all of the names. Many we could not, so maybe you could help? You can also leave a comment with a photo as well.

Whether you choose to tag or not, log into the site when you are browsing through the old pictures and see the names pop up on many of the ones we have already done.

GARAGE SALE

What to do with all those old Voyageur tents you slept in on all those campouts? They are no longer made and we have been moving steadily to a newer nylon Eureka Outfitter. Many of the old ones are still in really good shape and we have posted a 'garage sale' notice on the troop website with those and many items we no longer use. So how about \$20 for a piece of camping history? All proceeds go to purchasing and maintaining troop equipment.

Calling All Alums! - Troop 101 Wish List

If you see a place you can help, please let us know! Contact Jim Potjunas for more information.

Canoe work - we have some broken thwarts and yokes as well as a few other repairs.

Fiberglass kayak - this was donated to the troop but needs someone who does bodywork or knows a bit about fiberglass to give it some love and care.

More Fiberglass expertise needed - We have some small fiberglass poles on a couple of tents that are cracked and need replaced. Anyone know anything about that sort of stuff?

Special badge for Scouts who earn Eagle in 2012



To celebrate the centennial of Scouting's top honor, all recipients of the Eagle Scout Award this year, 2012, will be eligible to wear a special version of the red, white and blue badge, seen here.

After the overwhelming popularity of the 100th Anniversary of Scouting rank badges, BSA officials said it made sense to find a similarly unique way to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Eagle Scouts.

This year marks 100 years since Arthur Rose Eldred became the BSA's first Eagle. Since that date, Aug. 21, 1912, more than 2 million outstanding young men have earned the award.

The special-edition patch will help make an already-special honor even more noteworthy.