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AND MORE!!!

An Open Letter and Invitation From the Editor "Generations"



Scouting has been around for over 100 years and while much of it remains the same, there have been changes, yet there are many stories to share.

Oh, the stories!

We are now inviting you, (especially the Alumni) who

have had a son and family in the program over the years, to take part in a series of articles for the Troop 101 Alumni Quarterly Newsletter. For lack of a better title, we'll simply call it "Generations." We'll be featuring you and your son's Scouting experiences in future issues.

Not to leave anyone out, we also want to hear from those of you who are currently involved with the Troop. Ladies, we are gender-friendly, too. Those of you, who along with your daughters got involved with Girl Scouts are also invited to tell of your experiences and the impact of Scouting.

How has your experience with the Troop or Scouting affected your children and you, too? How has it made a difference in their lives as seen through your eyes? We all have a story to share about life-lessons learned, the humor and the impact Scouting has made on our children and all of us. You don't have to write a book. You can make it as simple as you'd like. E-mail them to me with the subject line: "Generations" to: EdRByers@aol.com.

When you stop and think about it there are so many great Scouting stories to tell, spanning several generations. Looking at our demographics, we currently have four generations participating in Troop 101 and

the Alumni Association: "The Greatest Generation" born between 1925 and 1945, "The Baby Boomers" born between 1946 and 1964, "Generation X" born between 1965 and 1981, and "Generation Y" born between 1982 and 2000. Each of those generations has left its own unique and indelible mark on our Troop 101 Scouting program.

While arguments abound as to precise names and years for all of these cultural generations, they represent a remarkable life span of service and involvement.

Even though all four generations are vastly different in culture and peer-values, there is one common value we all share – the love of Scouting and our experiences. Let's hear your story.

Ed Byers
Editor, The Troop 101 Alumni Quarterly



Ed Byers with Eagle Scouts sons Ed Jr. and Jimmy



Meet Janet Thompson

Troop 101's Newly Appointed Liaison with The Alumni Association
Mother of Recent Eagle Matt Thompson (120)

in touch with everyone.

AQ: *You have experience as a Greeter for the Troop. Has that role prepared you this new role?*

Janet: I think that being a Greeter as well as a Committee Member gives more insight to all of the work involved in the Troop. I am awed by this organization and the great opportunity it provides our boys!

AQ: *Do you feel the majority of the Troop parents have an understanding of the role the Alumni plays in the workings of the Troop?*

Janet: At first, I thought it was an organization to accept donations. Around the Holidays last year, I received the Alumni Quarterly Newsletter and was impressed with it.

AQ: *You have a vested interest in the Troop as the proud Mom of an Eagle Scout. Tell us a little about that experience with your son and some of the challenges you faced.*

Janet: I am again awed by the Troop and the wonderful activities that the boys enjoy. It is certainly a pleasure to watch your little guy and then the subsequent groups of little guys start the Troop and grow physically and mentally. It does not take long until they grow and are in charge as boy leaders!

AQ: *Is there any sage advice you offer to parents of prospective Eagles?*

Janet: Ha, Ha – the age old advice – don't procrastinate!

AQ: *Tell us about yourself your family and your profession.*

Janet: I am a Registered Nurse who works in the Revenue Cycle at HMHP. I am somewhat knowledgeable in Medicare, Medicaid and other health care regulations. I have 3 children, Nicole 28, Emily, 25 and Matt 18, and a dog Tessa. Nicole and Emily live in New York City in Manhattan.

AQ: *Were you a Girl Scout or a Leader?*

Janet: I was a Girl Scout when cookies were 50 cents a box! Although not a Leader in my girl's Troops, I was active in the Troop and was the Cookie Mom for several years. I spent a lot of time at Girl Scout events. One of my daughters had Barb Roseblum as a Girl Scout Troop Leader.

AQ: *You indicated you are not a camper. Is there any way you think that might change?*

Janet: Hmm...is there a Marriott nearby? I would be willing to try one night at Family Camp next year if my son accompanies me!

AQ: *There is this old saying among Scouting volunteers that the time invested is "only an hour a week." Are you buying it?*

Janet: Time goes by quickly it only seems like an hour. You get what you give...give an hour ...many good things come your way.

AQ: *Good luck to you and welcome aboard!*

Janet: Thank you.

AQ: *Janet, how did you get involved in your new role? Did you step forward and volunteer or was this the result of a "recruiting effort" on the part of the Alumni Board?*

Janet: I was recruited by Jim and I am honored to be part of the group. While I am just learning about my role, I believe it is to serve as a liaison between the Troop and families and Troop 101 Alumni. I am excited to learn.

AQ: *What precisely will be your duties and responsibilities in this new role?*

Janet: I think that as a Troop Committee Member, with my Eagle Scout son Matt still in high school, I can help to explain the Alumni Association to parents like me and there are a number of active Scouts who should be reaching their Eagle Rank in the next year. So, there are many wonderful families and Scouts and it is a great way to keep



Janet and Matt Thompson - Summer Camp 2012

Scouting Magazine - Photo of the Week

Are you on Facebook? Have you Liked Scouting Magazine? If you haven't you are definitely missing some cool photos! Starting back in March the Scouting Magazine crew began its search for cool Scouting photos that could be used as the cover image on Facebook.

Currently Troop 101's Eagle Scout #93, Matthew McCracken has had photos chosen on two occasions for the Scouting Magazine Cover! On Week 16 the first Troop 101 photo was chosen. It's a photo of the Troop marching at Summer Camp with the flags. The Second photo Matt submitted was displayed for Week 20 and features Whitefish Lake in Algonquin.



Both of these photos are cool, but so are many of the others that have been chosen. Congratulations go out to Matt for the great photos! Be sure to head over to the Troop Photo Gallery to see these photos and many others in higher quality.

To see all of the photos check out the Scouting Magazine Facebook page, or go to:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/facebook-cover-image/> to read about the contest and see all the great photos.

Patrol Boxes Retire at 30

In the Beginning

In the beginning, 1975, there were 2 Patrols, Bison and Beaver. In the next few years the two patrols would grow into four, and the two Patrol Boxes just weren't enough. By 1978 there were four patrol boxes for the Bison, Bobcat, Eagle, and Beaver patrols.

In the next couple years two more patrols, Liberty and Panther would be added to the mix. Panther would change names twice in this period, the Rebel Patrol, and then the Hawk patrol. Around 1982 six new boxes were built for the patrols. These boxes were the handywork of the late Bill Marton, former Troop 101 Chairman and long-time committee member. It's amazing, but these six boxes, built in 1982 are the same ones we use today.

Despite the best efforts of Dan Wilkerson who built the seventh box and helped with maintaining the other six into early 2002, the time has come to build again. The Troop is currently planning and building new boxes with the help of Paul Kuszmaul and his son, Bryce. As soon as the new boxes are finished, we'll have photographs to share with you, thanks to Paul and Bryce.



HELP WANTED!

Do you have a skill? Have a little extra time on your hands?

We surely could use your help!

We are looking for someone who can sew canvas. Do you have a heavy-duty sewing machine? Here's your mission: We are looking to take one of our old tents/tarps and make canvas pouches to hold stakes for each patrol fly.

Anybody handy with canoe work? We have some broken thwarts and yokes as well as a few other repairs.

Also, we have this fiberglass kayak, which was donated to the Troop, but needs someone who does bodywork or knows a bit about fiberglass to give it some love and care.

If you see a place you can help, please let us know by contacting Jim Potjunas.

Summer Camp at Manatoc

A week of fun

The Troop returned home from Camp Manatoc after a July Summer Camp with memories and awards galore. We are happy to report that, once again, everyone had a great time at Camp this year.

One of the highlights of Summer Camp again this year is Troop 101 marching across the Parade Field in front of the entire Camp during the Friday night Retreat. As one of the largest Troops in Camp it was quite a spectacle!

Seeing the Troop flags flying as the boys marched is still an incredible visual moment. We actually had enough Scouters this year that we ran out of flags! Our Troop did a great job marching, one of the best years to date.

You can also check out the YouTube video to see the other Troops marching in the Friday night Retreat. [http://youtu.be/xA9mE_2gGJY]

Photos from the entire week, including the Wednesday Family night and Court of Honor have been posted online in the Troop Photo Gallery and there are more on the Troop Video Gallery. More of both will be on the way as time goes by.

"To these things we will return..."



Troop 101 - Summer Camp 2012



Marching on the Parade Field - 2012



Marching with Flags to the Parade Field - 2012

The Troop 101 Cookbook:

Cooking 101

Looking for that perfect Holiday gift? May we suggest the Troop's cookbook, COOKING 101. For a mere \$12 you cannot go wrong.

COOKING 101 features all of the delicious camping recipes that the boys use every month, surrounded by recipes submitted by our family and friends.

The cookbook is the work of our Eagle's Wings group, who knows better than anyone else that one of Troop 101's passions is cooking!

COOKING 101 is like two cookbooks in one and will make a great gift for all your family and friends! To get your copy simply click on our Website for complete details.

APPROVED TAGS (BY PATROL)		TOTAL TAGS IMAGES (BY TAGGER)		
Skunk - Full Time	12283	Jack Norton	11037	3871
Owl	966	Matt McCracken	976	348
Eagle	386	Maxwell Hoover	392	150
Beaver	41	John LaPolla	346	124
Hawk	22	Jim Potjunas	253	72
Bobcat	20	Daniel Young	244	97
Parents/Alumni	14	Bryce Kuszmaul	213	109
Troop Committee	12	Nick Howe	97	39
		Christopher Martin	93	90
		Andrew Ochman	41	7
		Christian Padula	27	17
		Jacob Taylor	22	15
		Sean Norton	17	6
		Julia Soplat	13	13
		John Eustace	12	6
		Terri Barnovsky	11	11
		Zane Smith	8	8
		Stavan Shah	8	5
		Caleb Martin	5	4
		Thomas Downing	2	1
		Lance Barnovsky	1	1
		Kenneth LaPolla	1	1
		Jackie Weston	1	1
		Ken macpherson	1	1
GRAND TOTAL (ALL TAGS)				
13821				
TOTAL IMAGES (TAGGED / TOTAL)				
4957 / 53782				

Tagging 101 by Matt McCracken

For the last six years the Troop has had an ever expanding photo gallery. Thanks to a free summer of scanning 35 mm slides from Jim Potjunas and Bill Aubuchon, Matt McCracken has been putting a lot of work into making the photo gallery a place to enjoy and remember the "Good Ol' Times".

But as the years go, the faces and names become harder to remember. That's why we put the tagging feature into place on the Troop website. For the last year, anyone who has registered on the Troop site has been able to click on a photo and tag faces. With over 53,000 photos this is no small task, but one individual has taken up the call and has been tagging like mad!

At this time I would like to thank Jack Norton for his efforts in tagging the many faces in the photo gallery. Jack recently hit 11,000 tags! That's 11,000 faces in just under 4,000 photos. That's just a start and if you ask Jack about tagging he'll certainly tell you how much fun it is. Going through the photos brings a chance to re-live the memories you had with 101, as well as take part in preserving the history for the generations to come.

Troop 101 Goes Nuts!

In order to help meet our financial obligations, of which there are many, the Troop continues with two major fund-raisers each year because a good youth program takes money to make it go, more so today than ever before.

So, we are turning to our alumni members to help keep our finances looking good – and get something good in return! The first fund-raiser of the year is the annual Troop 101 spaghetti dinner every Palm Sunday and then in autumn, our annual Peterson's nut sale. And here we are!

The Troop is ready to take your order for delicious Peterson nut products. Please e-mail scoutmaster@Troop101.net to place an order. If you live local, a Scout will contact you with a catalog of this year's selection. Orders will be taken thru October.

Please help support the boys and the program.



Trivia

1. When was the first summer camp the Troop Marched with the Flags?
2. Who had the idea to march with the Flags at Manatoc?
3. How Long do you think it took to make the mobile website?
4. What three movies are being credited for making Archery cool this year?
5. What is the newest merit badge being released by the BSA?

Fun Facts

Six of the current patrol boxes have been in service for over 330 campouts.

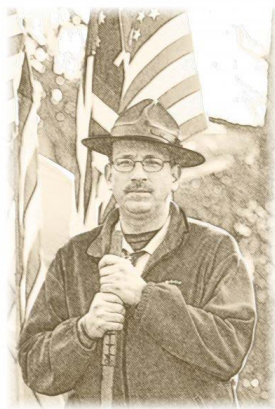
Being the 100th anniversary of the Eagle Scout, we might have more Eagles this year than any prior.

1. 2001
2. Rick France
3. It actually only took 1 week to write and publish.
4. The Hunger Games, The Avengers, Brave.
5. Search and Rescue

Answers

Scoutmaster's Column

2012 - Year of the Eagle



Jim Potjunas
Scoutmaster

This is the 100th anniversary of the Eagle Scout Award. The BSA has been celebrating with special patches for Scouts earning the award this year.

There are new guidelines for Eagle Service Projects and earlier this year, Baylor University and the Gallup organization released an independent study showing Eagle Scouts to be different from the average American in 46 different ways. Here is a link to read more about some amazing facts and figures:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/04/10/new-study-shows-46-ways-eagle-sc-outs-are-different/>

For Troop 101's part, as of this writing, our 5th Eagle candidate for 2012 is up for a Board of

Review and we may have five or more before the end of the year.

A combination of the special recognition being offered by the BSA this year and a bunch of 18th birthdays coming up has made this a very busy year for Life Scouts.

If we do hit 10 before the end of the year, that will be one for each decade of the Eagle Rank. Who knows? This might be worth a picture and a story to send to Scouting Magazine. We will have to wait and see.

This has also meant a LOT of Eagle Service Projects going on this year. If you assume about 100 man-hours per project (many are usually more), then we will have invested over 1000 man-hours into the community this year.

Over the life of our Troop, these are Eagles 119 to maybe 128? Multiply that times 100 or more man-hours and . . . well, you can do the math.

-Jim

From the President

"Opportunity"



Tim Ross
President

I am happy to report that we have a new member in our Alumni family and I want to take this opportunity to welcome Janet Thompson, who has just filled the newly created position of Troop 101's liaison to the Alumni Association. You can

read all about Janet and her new role on page 2 of this issue of the Alumni Newsletter. Welcome Janet!

On a personal note, I can't help but feel the older I get, (which really isn't that old) the faster a year seems to fly by. So it is with this year. Seems as though we just unpacked from Summer Camp and the Bike Trip and we are off and running again with the Peterson's nut sale fundraiser.

As a Troop, we get to do so many great things and travel to so many exciting places, but for my money, Ohio is the greatest place to be in the autumn season. This is my personal favorite time of the year. A time when the air is crisp and the nights are cool.

We usually notice autumn's onset during the September campouts. It comes on slowly with the

first bit of coolness in the morning and fades quickly in the warm, late summer sun. The days are cooler. The sun is out, but not hot. We can't help but notice that sundown comes earlier than the campout the month before.

Yes, the days may be shorter, but the quality of light makes my photos memorable, especially the long shadows cast by the late afternoon, early evening sun. You just know the season is changing.

But what's not to love about autumn? Autumn in Ohio is pure sensory overload.

As long as I live, I will always remember walking through the woods with my Dad, the trees ablaze with color, the smell of autumn in the air, and the crunching sounds of crackling leaves and acorns beneath my boots.

The campground crowds are fewer in numbers. The insects are gone and I honestly think it is the best time to be outside. The smells, the feeling of the cool air on the skin as evening approaches and the magnificent sunsets are all part of why I love this time of the year.

It is now October. Time to get outside and enjoy my favorite time of the year.

To borrow a well-known phrase, "To these things, I must return."

-Tim



Biking the Trail

Biking the C&O Canal by Matt McCracken

Bicycle! Bicycle! Bicycle! The 2012 Troop 101 Bike Trip has just concluded, but the many memories are still with us.

If you've never had the opportunity to long trek along the Historic C&O Canal, you've been missing out. If you have been on the trip, the first

three words of this article probably sounded like a Queen Song.

This was our seventh trip along the C&O Canal, full of as much fun, or more, than could be expected. I could brag this was my third time along the trail, but Jim, with four more under his belt, might laugh at me. The trail runs about 184 miles along the Potomac River, constructed in 1800s.

The journey began early Saturday morning with a long car ride to the starting point in Cumberland, MD. The ride only built up the anticipation and excitement of the 47 people attending the trip. Biking the trail were 38 bikers split into five Crews. The other nine moved the vehicles and worked tirelessly as the Support Crew for the trip.

The first two days fly by quickly and the miles start to tally up.



Sebastian Szewczyk - Muddy Trail

By the end of the Sunday ride, 43 miles of the 184 are behind us. At the end of the second day, the river has a nice entry point for swimming, bathing, and launching off a rope swing. Much fun is had in the water, and after riding 32 miles that morning, it is quite refreshing.

On the third day, the group leaves Little Orleans to travel with hopes and promises of a Sheetz in Hancock where there is also a very nice bike shop. Several adults and youth stock up on biking supplies. After this stop, it's off to Williamsport, where the group has a chance to swim in a pool and take showers, something many require after Monday's 41 miles.

The fourth day features a detour. Since our last bike trip, this long stretch of hilly road was undergoing construction, and still had two weeks to go before completion and re-opening. The remainder of the bike trail is relatively easy after the long detour, but finishes off in Antietam. Here a portion of the group travels to the battlefield to watch an informative movie and see the site of the bloodiest battle of the Civil War.

The journey leads us to Harpers Ferry on the fifth day, where



Bill Aubuchon - Cutting High Grass

the crews take some time to look at the historic village and give their patronage to the local shops. After the extended break, we push on to the 29 mile marker for our last night on the trail.

The last day features a working Lock, which wasn't running this year due to low water levels.

Here the Crews take a chance to see the great falls before the final stretch to the finish line. The Support Crew, which guided and helped us along the way, waits with Gatorade and cheers as each biker crosses the finish line. The Crews pack their bikes and we're off to Gettysburg.

In Gettysburg it's time to relax and wind down. We take some time in the morning to tour the Visitor Center, completed shortly after our last ride in 2008. Here the many memorabilia and stories of the Civil War are expertly stored and displayed for all to enjoy. Some even enjoy a short film narrated by Morgan Freeman. After the educational morning, everyone heads back to camp where they can swim, play chess, and relax.



Chris Martin - On the Battlefield

Chris Martin joins us Saturday morning on the battlefield. Chris is an Assistant Scoutmaster with the Troop, and is also a Civil War enthusiast and re-enactor. He walked the Crews through the

historic fields of Gettysburg in the morning, so they can enjoy the freedom the afternoon will bring.

That night, the Crews celebrate the week with songs and skits, in what would be considered one of the best campfire programs in a while. Lucas Downing led the campfire program while Sean Norton led the group in vespers. The evening program finished with a song commemorating the efforts of the Support Crew with guitar accompaniment of Kyle Jones and Paul Kuszmaul. Few dry eyes could be found.

Overall the trip was a success and everyone had a great time. The efforts of the Support Crew, as well as the determination of the bikers, helped everyone reach the finish line safely. The Trip is now behind us, but the memories will carry on for the rest of our lives.



Support Crew Song

(Tune of Circle of Life - Lion King)

From the Day we arrived at the trail head
To the finish line one eight four below
Though you couldn't be seen, working hard for
our needs
To the checkpoints all along the way

Though the trails behind us were long ones
We longed to see you each day
But as the sun rolled up high, and each day we
survived
You were there, and for this we must say

To the Support crew we love
We give thanks for your kindness
You were always on the trail
With cool water and guidance
You helped us grow strong
And for this we thank you
To our Support Crew, the Support Crew we love.



Gage Kuszmaul - Giving Abe a Drink



Max, John, and Cole Biking the Trail



The Entire Crew - Bike Trip 2012

<http://Troopphoto.Troop101.net>

The Troop 101 photo gallery now contains over **53,500** photos from 1975 to the present.



Paddle & Saddle - August 2001



Beaumont - February 1990



Stambaugh - March 1995



Oil Creek - October 2005



Summer Camp - July 2003



Tomlinson Run - November 1989

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- **October**

October 29, 2012 - Last Day to order Nuts, Troop Halloween Party.

- **November**

November 2-4, 2012 - Pioneering weekend at Beaumont Scout Reservation.

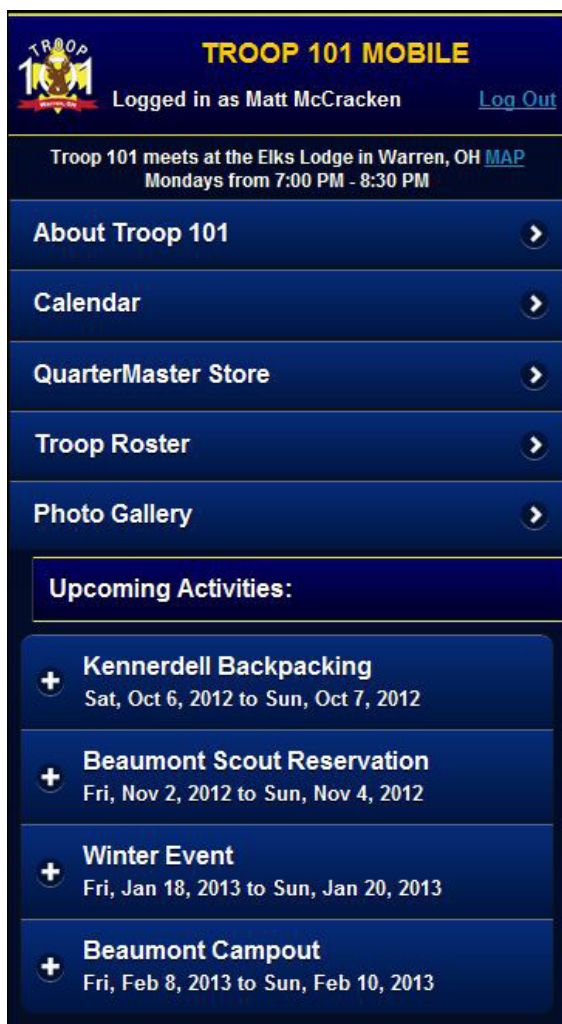
- **December**

December 2, 2012 - Troop 101 Christmas Party

December 29, 2012 - Alumni Holiday Gathering

FOR MORE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE Troop CALENDAR AT
<http://Troop101.net/calendar.asp>

Troop 101 Goes Mobile



The screenshot shows the Troop 101 Mobile website. At the top, it says "TROOP 101 MOBILE" and "Logged in as Matt McCracken" with a "Log Out" link. Below this, it states "Troop 101 meets at the Elks Lodge in Warren, OH MAP Mondays from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM". A menu on the left includes links to "About Troop 101", "Calendar", "QuarterMaster Store", "Troop Roster", and "Photo Gallery". Under "Upcoming Activities:", there are four items: "Kennerdell Backpacking" (Sat, Oct 6, 2012 to Sun, Oct 7, 2012), "Beaumont Scout Reservation" (Fri, Nov 2, 2012 to Sun, Nov 4, 2012), "Winter Event" (Fri, Jan 18, 2013 to Sun, Jan 20, 2013), and "Beaumont Campout" (Fri, Feb 8, 2013 to Sun, Feb 10, 2013).

If you haven't taken the time to look at the Troop Website recently, you are missing many exciting changes taking place. Over the past few years, the website has continued to evolve at a fast pace and keeps getting better and better. The Quartermasters are even able to track extra food and equipment status online now.

Jim Potjunas announced the latest changes for Troop101.net at the September Court of Honor and as he mentioned the mobile version of the site, many of the Scouts and family members pulled out their smartphones to take a look.

The mobile site can be accessed by going to <http://m.Troop101.net/> or by clicking the link at the top of the Troop site on mobile devices. You will find the mobile version is sleek and easy to use. Though many of the tools in the mobile site are for Scouts, the entire photo gallery is available at the touch of your fingertips. It's definitely cool and you can be sure it will continue getting better.



The screenshot shows a mobile photo gallery interface. It has a dark blue background with white text. At the top, there's a button labeled "1986 - 1990". Below that, another button labeled "1986" is shown. Underneath, there are two photo thumbnails. The first one is labeled "Assateague Island" and the second one is labeled "Frontier Fest". Both thumbnails have a right-pointing arrow icon.