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A New Beginning with New Challenges for Troop 101

Tim Ross
President

It has been said that change always comes with challenges.

And so it is.

In the last edition of the Alumni Quarterly, Jim Potjunas touched on the Troop leaving the Elks Lodge, our home for the past 40 years. Changes and developments at the Lodge have necessitated the Troop moving to new digs.

Once we learned that the new owners of the Elks Lodge had other plans for our downstairs home, the hunt began for a new home for Troop 101. After a long and exhaustive search, Blessed Sacrament provided a viable option to house the Troop.

Blessed Sacrament and the good people in the Parish are eager to provide us with adequate meeting space. However, the challenge now before us is a lack of space to stow all our gear – and we all know how much Scouting gear we have to store!

This change involves constructing a new Troop building on the Blessed Sacrament grounds to house the tents, the camping equipment and all of the Troop gear we use on a regular basis.

Such an undertaking comes with great expense to the Troop. Obviously, we will need all of financial help we can muster in maintaining the long and successful Scouting heritage of Troop 101.

The Troop 101 Alumni Association is embarking upon this fundraising effort to continue our proud 40 year heritage. We are amassing a marketing campaign to help raise the needed monies for a new Troop 101 building.

In the next few weeks you will be receiving a special newsletter detailing our vision for this new Troop 101 home, complete with an architect's rendering of what the new structure will look like. We will also detail a full menu of options for your consideration to contribute to this project, which will be customized to your comfortable level of giving. Of course, as a 501c3 organization, your contributions to the building fund will be tax deductible. There will be private and corporate fundraising levels available to you.

In order to pass on to future generations the rich heritage and experiences that Scouting has brought to your family, it will take the efforts and generosity of all of us to give the Troop the resources it needs to continue. This will be no small undertaking and will require help from all of us to become reality in the time frame needed to ensure the Troop's effectiveness this year.

As someone, much like you, whose life has been so deeply touched by all of the efforts of Jim and everything Troop 101 stands for, my heartfelt thanks in advance, for any help you can offer.

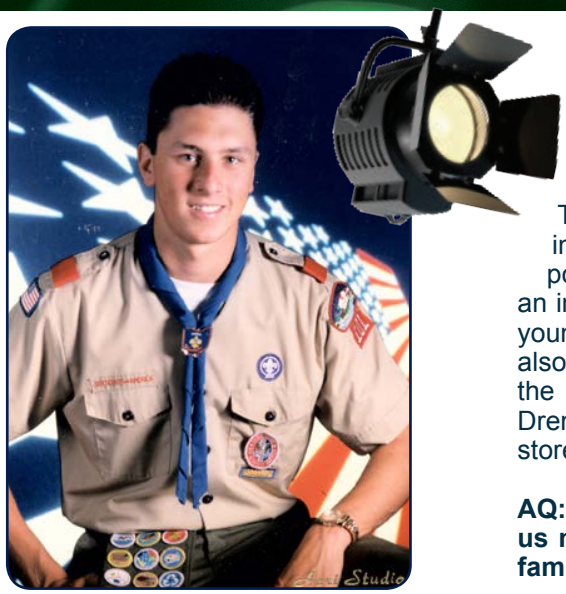
In the meantime, stay tuned, we'll have details coming later this month. Be watching your inbox and please help us spread the word.

-Tim

40th Anniversary

Feature profile: George Burin III

Troop 101 Eagle Scout #62 - November 21, 1995



After graduating from Howland High School, George Burin III, Troop 101 Eagle Scout #62, (1995) attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where he graduated in 2000.

From Oxford, George headed to Atlanta, accepting a position at Zep Inc.as District Sales Manager. Then it was onto Chicago in 2005 as Regional Sales Manager for Genie Garage Door Systems. In 2008 George took a position with Bosch Tools as Chanel Marketing Manager for the Accessory Division.

In 2014, he transferred to the Dremel Division as a Group Channel Manager managing North America and the launch of the company's 3D Idea Builder, a position which he holds today.

In the last issue of the Alumni Quarterly, we featured an article about a 3-D printer, which George donated to the Troop. The printer was used during a meeting, captivating the scouts, and many are still talking about it to this day.

For George, it's just part of the job, but he was thrilled that our Troop 101 Scouts got so much out of his demo. "The ability to allow the Scouts access to something like the 3d printer is an opportunity to use cutting-edge technology that will have an incredible impact on where our world is heading," said George. "The printer itself is open-ended, in that the Scouts who want to use it to its full potential will be able to create and develop whatever their imagination can come up with."

The 3D printing industry is still in its infancy stage somewhat, but George points out that it is rapidly growing. "It is an industry and art that will be running on young minds and their talent. I think it is also important to note the partnership with the Dremel brand with the BSA with the DremelDerby.com partnership with Lowes stores," he said.

AQ: Your job sounds exciting, but tell us now about life in Chicago and your family.

George: I reconnected with Amy, a friend of mine, actually my next-door neighbor, from Miami a few years after graduation. I moved to Chicago to be with her in 2005. We have been married since 2007 and have two Yorkies. The four of us live in Bucktown on the Northwest side of Chicago. I am active with the Miami University Alumni Association and helped establish a charity golf outing to support local Chicagoans attending Miami with the out-of-state tuition costs. We are both active members and supporters of PAWS Chicago, the largest no-kill shelter in the city. We are also active volunteers with Cabrini Connections a tutoring/mentoring program that helps economically disadvantaged students succeed in high school and move on to college or a career.

AQ: The Burin name has a long history with the Troop.

The Burin Clan Celebrating My Mother's 60th Birthday

George: Scouts was always a part of our family culture. My grandfather, George Burin Sr, assisted the Troop during high adventure camps and outings, for example, he would help ferry supplies between camps on summer bike and canoe trips. My Dad served as Assistant Scoutmaster during the time my brother Eric (Eagle #74, 1998) and I were active in the Troop. Even after we went off to college, my Dad helped out the Troop.

AQ: Yes, there's quite a bit of Burin family involvement with the Troop. Not every family has such deep roots in 101.

George: Our family (father, brother, and myself) were involved with Pack 28 as Cub Scouts and transitioned to Troop 101 because of the institution that 101 was. It had a reputation for being a great Troop. They had great programs and a lot of activities. They had a community presence. It was a natural transition and looking back, my Scouting history might not have been the same in another setting. Troop 101 had the leadership and resources to help me and my peers advance. Once we were in 101, the goal became earning my Eagle. There was no question about it. My father signed on as an Assistant Scoutmaster and it became a part of our life. I could count on one hand the number of camping trips that we missed. It was just part of our schedule and our life.

AQ: What are your recollections of camping with the Troop back then?

George: Rain. Just lots of rain. And snow or freezing rain in the winter. It was a running joke that it always rained on our campouts, but the record was pretty consistent. It makes the trips memorable though. Living in Chicago, we have some brutal winters here, but tent camping in the Blizzard of '93 as a young man gives you some grit. I look back and think about setting up and breaking down camp, cooking meals, and doing our program in sub-freezing temperatures and two or three feet of snow accumulating through the weekend. It was tough going but it tempers you as a person. You can tolerate some bad weather here or there when you remember as

a fourteen or fifteen year old that you spent a good portion of the year in worse conditions.

AQ: Gotta be some memorable stories, right?

George: Yes. Algonquin Trips, Bike Trips, Chickagami. There are so many great and positive memories of friendship and teamwork. Looking back at these specific events at this point in my life, I am and will be forever grateful for the experience and life lessons experienced and learned on these trips.

AQ: Do you still keep in touch with some of the other guys?

George: When I travel home to Warren it is always enjoyable to run into fellow Scouts from Troop 101 over the holidays or a long weekend. I also enjoy receiving and reading this Troop 101 Alumni Quarterly Newsletter that helps keep me caught up on the Troop and old members. I am planning on attending the 40th reunion this June and look forward to catching up with friends and fellow Scouts.

AQ: Who were some of your influences, role models, perhaps people, leaders, who helped you attain the Eagle Rank?

George: My Dad was a huge contributing factor in me earning my Eagle Rank. He helped with the planning and making sure I kept the project on track and was successful and achieved my goal. I have to thank both of my parents and extended family for the molding me into the man I am today. I have to acknowledge Jim Potjunas and his leadership and ability to positively influence so many people in and outside of Scouting. He has and continues to positively impact the lives of countless people in Northeast Ohio and across the country.

Miami University Chicago Chapter Leadership Team

AQ: Was there ever any doubt you would get your Eagle?

George: There was never any doubt I would obtain the rank of Eagle Scout. You need to have dedication and hard work for anything you would like to accomplish or succeed at. I had busy schedule of working part time job, high school, sports and Scouting, so you need to have a balance to ensure success with each activity.

AQ: What did Eagle mean to you back then?

George: At the time, it was the most honorable and significant accomplishment I had made to date, and still consider it to be a highlight in my endeavors. Today, it means setting examples, strong leadership skills, high expectations for myself and individuals with whom I surround myself with.

AQ: Do you find it amazing how many professional people you encounter who are Eagle Scouts?

George: Yes, I was just at SXSW in Austin, TX in March and realized that our brand director, who joined the company 4 months ago, is also an Eagle Scout.

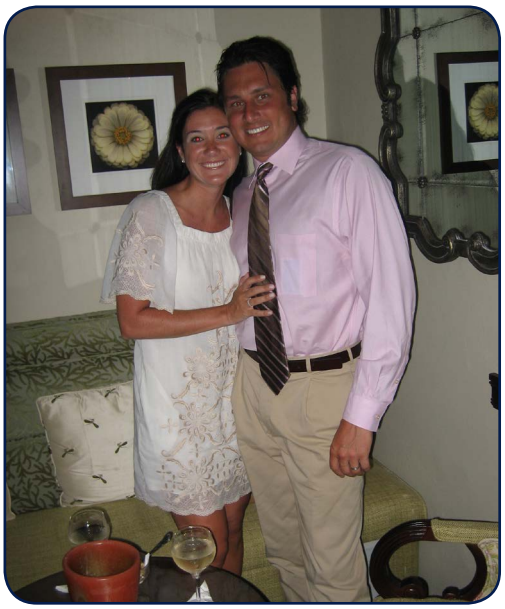
AQ: We have a good number of current Scouts who read the newsletter. What advice would you offer to today's Troop 101 Scouts aiming at Eagle?

George: The diversions today are the same that Mr. Potjunas warned about in the 1990s; "The two aromas" - perfume and gasoline! Driving and the opposite sex will always sing their siren song to those pursuing their Eagle. I think you can add electronic entertainment as well, as it has become a huge time grab for both young people and adults. Its tough working towards Eagle and a balance needs to be found. It certainly doesn't mean shutting out one's personal life because that is important, but your big, final goal needs to always be in sight. And use your time wisely. You don't want to procrastinate on two or three badges and rush around trying to complete them a month or two before your eighteenth birthday.

AQ: Did any of your Scouting skills come in handy later in life?

George: All the time. From tying knots and first- aid, to time management skills and cooking. It gives you a sense of self-reliance that many people don't gain until later in life, if at all. You can go off to college mentally prepared. You can enter the work force mentally prepared. It is a definite advantage that most people don't know about. That is the unsung component of successfully going through a great scouting program: the mental preparedness you carry with you.

The Chicago Based Burin Family



Vacationing in Jamaica

The Scoutmaster's Corner

"The Old and the New"

Jim Potjunas
Scoutmaster

This is it, the big Four-O. There is so much to talk about: history, reunion, our move, the challenge, and the opportunity. So find a comfy spot and let's get started.

The Old:
First, here is a little something for you history buffs, those who are curious, and those who were actually there and will call me on some of this. When is our actual birthday? Well, you decide. Our first meeting was Tuesday, February 11, 1975. There are bonus points if you know why it was a Tuesday! It was at Mr. Brown's home on Harmon Street in Warren. We didn't move to the Elks until March 4. They had to clean up the basement and get it ready for us.

We filled out the applications and charter papers in February. Everything was three carbon copies back then. Signatures and money were collected and the papers were filed. Back in the day before computers, it took a while for all that to get processed. We officially got our charter effective May 1, 1975.

Here is your last piece of historical trivia unless you come to the reunion in June: May 1975 was the official beginning of the 20-month US Bicentennial celebration. The Troop had been given four flags in addition to our US and troop flag. On a whim, we filed papers with the Bicentennial Commission and asked to be designated the Official Bicentennial Boy Scout Troop since we chartered the first day of the Bicentennial. Nobody else thought of it, I guess, and they sent us one of the Official Bicentennial Flags that only those organizations or entities with a national designation were permitted to fly. So we became "The Bicentennial Troop". For more cool historical tidbits we now segue into our next topic.

The Party
The 40th reunion is fast approaching on June 12-14, 2015 at Pymatuning State Park. I am saving all those other historical tidbits for then. The Troop will be camping all weekend. It's Family Camp, so the crowd should be pretty good-sized. All you Alumni and Alumni families are encouraged to join us, if not for the weekend, come out for Saturday. My good friend, Gregg Hillman, the only other Charter Member of the Troop who is still registered, will manage the display of Troop artifacts. (Are we old enough to call them artifacts?) The food will be excellent since much of it comes from a Dutch oven. There is an Ox Roast for Saturday supper. That should be awesome.

If you are on Facebook, please go to the Troop 101 Alumni Association page and indicate you can come. It would greatly help in our planning. Better yet, go to the Troop site www.Troop101.net and scroll down to the event and sign up online! We would love to see as many of you as possible and even meet new family members.

The New
As I spoke about last issue, we will soon move over to Blessed Sacrament Church. Our April 27 Court of Honor will be there and we will start holding our Monday meetings there. That part is kind of exciting. It is a bigger nicer facility. Pack 101 meets at the church. (There's a great story for the reunion. Come hear about the events leading up to the formation of the cub pack.) The building also is home to the JFK Lower Campus. That means lots of Scout-aged youth!

And then there is the struggle. While the church is a large and welcoming organization, they don't have any place for our gear, just like every place else we investigated. So, we have moved forward with plans for a storage / multi-use building across the parking lot. It will be big enough for gear, and hanging those wet tents. That same space can be used for other things as well, like working on canoes, trailers, etc. The Troop Alumni Association is working with members of the Troop Committee to organize a capital campaign to raise the money. More information will come out about that shortly.

Meanwhile, the folks at the former Elks building are ok with us leaving our gear down there for the summer. Although if they get a new client, that could change. This means we meet one place, gear and tent hanging take place in another. This will not be a fun summer. (Shouldn't things get easier when you turn 40?) A lot of the basics like flags, program materials, even the computer for advancement and registration that we use for meetings will need to be hauled back and forth to meetings until there is a place to put them.

So if you can join us in June, please do so. And when they do ask if you can help with the new building funding, please do whatever you can.

A couple final program notes: by the time this is published the troop will be up to 139 Eagles. Also, anyone want to go biking this August?

-Jim

Troop 101 40th Anniversary Reunion Update
Come One, Come All

By Paul Kuszmaul, Reunion Committee Chairman

With spring trying to force the winter weather pattern out of our way for the season, the Scouts are very much looking forward to the warmer days' lighter packing lists. Several Webelo Scouts have recently crossed over and are anxious to begin down the Scouting trail which we all blazed in years past. The Troop's numbers up and our Leadership is committed to making their trail as meaningful as it can be. It is an exciting time.

As excited we are about the future, we can also find pleasure in looking back at our past. As Alumni, each of us has played a key role in shaping this Troop and those associated with it into what it is today.

I have been in Scouting nearly all of my life and have talked with Scouters from all over the world and I am proud to say that I have yet to find a Boy Scout Troop, which more closely follows the boy-led methods that Baden-Powell prescribed when designing this program more than 100 years ago. These methods have turned boys into men, and those men have had boys who are now benefiting from the same program.

On the weekend of June 12-14, 2015 at Pymatuning State Park, we will be celebrating our past and this wonderful activity of Scouting and the 40th anniversary of this Troop that we have all been blessed to be associated with.

It will be a weekend to see old friends, meet new ones, see how much Mr. P has changed, and see the current faces of Troop 101. We will also be enjoying some great food at our first ever Ox Roast on Saturday night.

Do not hesitate to attend this event if you have been away from the Troop for a while. Please don't feel that you won't know anyone, because the way our weekend program is designed, you will quickly make new friends and have a chance reminisce with your old ones.

You can sign up online at our Troop's website and, thanks to technology and some Scout-techs, you can also pay there too if you desire. Please take time now to put this great Troop 101 event into your family's summer recreation calendar.

Hope to see you all in June!

- Paul

Register for the Trip now at: http://troop101.net/alumni/2015Reunion.aspx

You can even pay online!

Looking for Help

Are you looking to help out Troop 101? Maybe you want to help, but don't want to take on too much? We are always on the lookout for those willing to help the Alumni Association. We will soon be in the market for someone to take over the job of framing Eagle Certificates awarded to Scouts.

This is a job that doesn't require a whole lot of time, but it is one of those small tasks the Alumni Association performs that makes a difference at each and every Eagle Court of honor.

If you might be interested in helping with framing certificates, or are interested in helping, but would prefer to help with something else, please contact Tim Ross.

Call 330.856.6901 or e-mail tross4@neo.rr.com

Trivia

1. What year was Troop 101's first C&O Canal Bike Trip?

2. Who was the longest serving Troop Committee Chairman?

3. Who served the longest as SPL in the Troop?

4. How many Eagle Scouts has Troop 101 had to date?

5. In 1975, how many youth were registered in Troop 101 when chartered?

Fun Facts

The longest registered Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 101 is Dr. Ken LaPolla.

The Troop has had more than 30 members every year since recharter in 1977.

Answers

1. 1988
2. Dr. Terry Puet
3. Henry Crouse (30 months)
4. 139
5. 7

Troop 101 Spaghetti Dinner Serves Nearly 800

By Stacey Hoover, Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson

Another successful Troop 101 Spaghetti Dinner event is in the books and there are so many people who helped make this possible.

We saw some familiar faces come back this year (without their aprons on) but I really feel like the big story this year was the outpouring of help and funds from our generous sponsors. Matt Kassos and his family business, Premium Meats, went above and beyond the call of duty for us this year with major donations in the food department.

Our Eagle's Wings basket raffle brought in more in money than ever with generous donations from the LaPolla family, the Jones family, the Puet family, the Shah family and Eustace family. For the first time this year we also reached out to some Alumni who joined us in sponsoring our dinner place mats. It was a first for us, but probably not the last time our guests will see our "new" spaghetti dinner placemats.

And finally, a huge thank you goes out to the kitchen, including my husband Erik and all the guys and gals that keep us running as smooth as possible every year!

See you all next year!

Ordering something for Mother's Day?

Don't Forget to Support Us with a "Smile"

It's almost Mother's Day, and if you shop on Amazon.com, be sure to shop with AmazonSmile. When you set the Troop 101 Alumni Association as your charitable organization on AmazonSmile, 0.5% of your eligible purchase is donated to us.

Amazon Prime members still get free second day shipping as well.

To set the Alumni Association as your charitable organization, Just click here to start shopping!

A Nod to our Recent Eagle Scouts

Eagle Scouts since our last issue

Did you know the Troop has a page honoring the Eagle Scouts of Troop 101. It is a lasting historical reference for each and every Eagle Scout in our Troop's history.

In this issue of the Alumni Quarterly, we thought it would be nice to give a quick nod to our recent Eagle Scouts. If you're interested in seeing information on all our Eagles, be sure to check them out on our website.

Since our first quarter issue in January, the Troop has had two Eagle Scouts. Both have been working on their Eagles for some time, and successfully passed their board of review in March.

Cole Kuszmaul, Eagle #138, and Max Hoover, Eagle #139.

Cole's project involved building a new steeple for the Champion Township cemetery. They needed a new one because the previous one had blown off in a storm. The land was owned by Cole's great great great grandfather on his mother's side and his grandfather on his father's side built the chapel.

Max's project helped Project Be Somebody build two new shelving units. These new storage shelves allowed food to be stored at least 6 inches from the floor. Project Be Somebody greatly appreciates the shelving units because it allows them to store more food than they could before. They can now use this storage to help feed hundreds more, and can store the food safely.

Cole Kuszmaul - Eagle #138

Max Hoover - Eagle #139

Celebrating the Journey 1975-Present

Troop prepares to celebrate 40 years, a look at the past reunions

It might seem like a short time to some, or a long time to others, but 40 years have passed since Troop 101 was founded in 1975. As we prepare to celebrate 40 years of Scouting, The Alumni Quarterly decided to take a look back at the last three reunions.

In 2000, the Troop held a 25th Anniversary gathering. This celebration was held in the pavilion on the Elks Lodge property. The pot luck dinner was full of excellent food, and the company was good and many of those in the area were able to attend and join in the celebration. Towards the end of the day, two Eagle Scouts, the first and most recent unveiled the Eagle Wall.

In 2005, the celebration spanned an entire weekend. Some gathered Saturday for some golf, others joined together that evening for an Alumni wine tasting. The following day, the Troop and Alumni gathered at Christ Episcopal Church, on Atlantic Street for the main event.

The celebration included a catered barbecue, a pie baking contest, and many games and activies throughout the afternoon. After the meal there was a Court of Honor for the troop's 101st Eagle Scout, Michael-Jerry Savakis. The event concluded with a campfire program behind the church.

For our 35th Reunion, we decided to try something different! Since camping is something 101 does well, it was decided that the reunion would be held during the annual Family Camp weekend at Pymatuning State Park. There was canoeing, kayaking, fishing, swimming, and of course, lots of good food!

Some came for the weekend, some just for the dinner, but I think all would agree, a good time was had by all. Saturday evening ended with a great campfire program. Scoutmaster Jim Potjunas was recognized with his own canoe, Dedication.

We look forward to seeing you this June for the 40th, it's sure to be a BLAST!!!

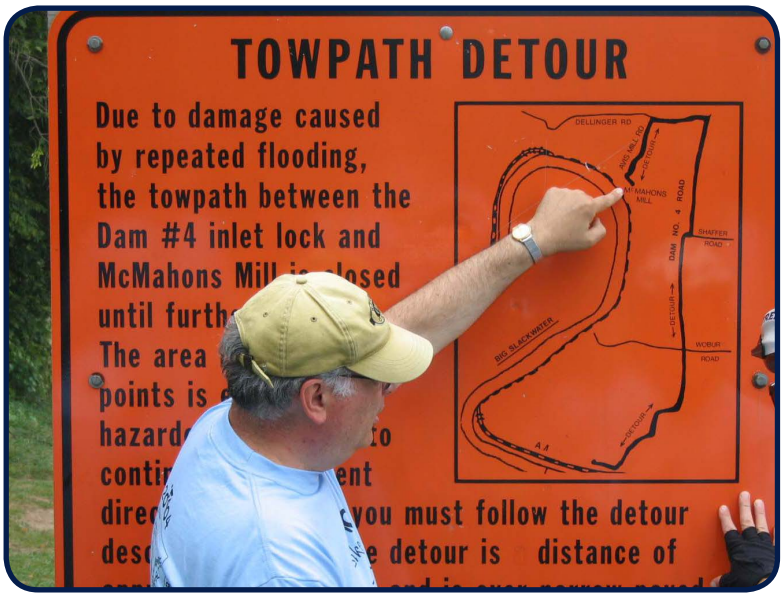
http://Troopphoto.Troop101.net

The Troop 101 photo gallery now contains over ***68,000*** photos from 1975 to the present.

Bike Trip - August 2008

Gettysburg - August 2008

Bike Trip - August 2004



Bike Trip - August 2004

Bike Trip - August 2000

Bike Trip - August 2000

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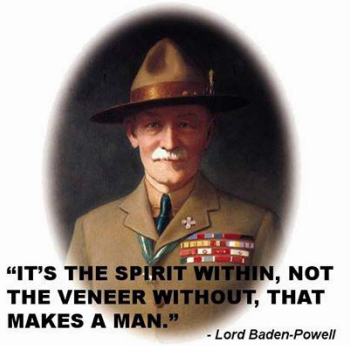
UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- **April**
  - **April 24 - 26** - Butler Camping Trip
  - **April 27** - Court of Honor
- **May**
  - **May 8-10** - Stambaugh & Mill Creek Hike
  - **May 17** - Bike Prep Trip
  - **May 23** - Oakwood Service Project
  - **May 30** - Bike Prep Trip
- **June**
  - **June 7**- Bike Prep Trip
  - **June 12-14** - Troop 101's 40th Anniversary
  - **June 27** - Bike Prep Trip



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

Register now for the 40th Reunion!!!
http://troop101.net/alumni/2015Reunion.aspx

What the Troop has been up to since our last issue

January 25, 2015

The Annual Arrowhead District Winter Event

Congratulations to Liberty patrol for ranking in the top 6 for this year's District Winter Event! Congratulations to our other patrols for excellent scores at all the Events! It was an exciting event with sled building, Yeti Racing, Tomahawk Throwing, Scouting Skills and more!

February 25, 2015

Manatoc Campout & Snow Tubing

A big switch from the warm Summer Camp weather, the troop just spent a cool weekend at Camp Manatoc building fires, lashing tripods, and tubing at Brandywine! Just take a look at the photos online in the Troop Photo Gallery

March 22, 2015

Nelson Ledges / Chickagami Campout

Our annual Troop hike from Nelson Ledges to Chickagami took place. It was another great 101 weekend! Breaking camp Sunday morning, we hiked down to the Parkman Community House for the annual Pancake Breakfast.