

101 ALUMNI QUARTERLY

October 2019 • ISSUE 40



Scoutmaster's Corner



Dr. Ken LaPolla

Recently, Van Padula stepped aside as an Assistant Scoutmaster for our Troop. I say, "stepped aside" and not "left", because I know he'll be back, off and on as needed, but more "off" than "on".

Two years ago when our Committee Chairman, Kris Kuszmaul and I were deciding who would step up to fill Jim's shoes, I offered, as Jim and I discussed that Spring, but I would be more willing and more comfortable doing so if I could ask someone in particular to help me, since my mentor was no longer available to mentor me. And as I was sharing this thought with Kris, in walked Van, in uniform, ready to go, willing to do whatever was needed to keep the program rolling. I asked him later, why did he walk-in when he did? He just said he felt guided to do so.

I have always believed in God's plan for me. I've witnessed His presence on many occasions and find comfort knowing that all will be good as long as I listen and trust. And I know Van does too, that's why, on that day, we both listened with opened minds and hearts and together took on the toilsome task of keeping the program going.

Van, thank you. Thank you for realizing that time is limited and it is the most precious gift anyone could give to anyone else. I can't give your time back to you (and I know you would never take it if I could), but I know it was invested well because our Scouts are better because you came into in their lives.

For those of you who asked me "how can I help?", it's simple. Find the time to be a part of one of the greatest investments for our future, our youth. Just find the time, the rest will be revealed soon.

-Ken

Van Padula, Beaumont, 2004

Volunteers are the most valuable resource any organization has. As someone recently reminded me, there are just 24 hours in a day so we all have the same amount of time to give and no one's making any more time that I'm aware of. But why do some people seem to have more time to give than others? The answer is just simple, volunteers find the time for what they think is important.

We're blessed to have many volunteers in our organization and I'm honored to serve with them. We have fun; we challenge each other; we share ideas, and so on. But we serve together, knowing that the more we understand about each other the better we become as a team of leaders.



Alumni Board of Directors

Tim Ross	President
Ken LaPolla	Scoutmaster
Kris Kuszmaul	Committee Chair
Stacey Hoover	Director at Large
Alan Copp	Director at Large

Alumni Committee

Ed Byers	Newsletter
Matt McCracken	Webmaster

Building Committee

Paul Kuszmaul	Builder
Judi LaPolla	Fund Raising Chair

Camp Stambaugh Celebrates its 100th Year

with Exciting Anniversary Event



An estimated 1,500 Scouts and Leaders from all across the Great Trail Council gathered at Camp Stambaugh near Canfield on September 21st to celebrate the Camp's 100th anniversary.

An opening ceremony and dedication of a new gateway to Camp

Stambaugh got the celebration underway Saturday morning with a parade from the Canfield Fairgrounds, where the Scouts camped out, down Leffingwell Road to Stambaugh.

The new Stambaugh steel gateway was manufactured by Boardman Steel and donated to Camp Stambaugh. Boardman Steel President Dave Diebal was among the featured speakers at the Saturday morning Gateway dedication.

Troop 101's Paul Kuszmaul and family, along with the Troop's Albert Pospisil, who volunteered at the BB gun range, had the opportunity to participate in the Stambaugh celebration.

"Just as the local Stambaugh family took an interest in making sure that the Scouting program continues in our area by providing this camp, a group of dedicated volunteers worked more than a year to put together a weekend program that would honor the Stambaugh's vision and pay homage to their generous gift 100 years ago,"

said Paul. "It was an honor to attend and definitely something we will always remember."

He said there were various stations set up throughout the camp including watercraft, blacksmithing, branding irons with limited edition brands for hats, belt, etc., a rock wall, tie-dying, historic games, professional axe and knife throwing stations, scout skills, historic games, an awesome Lego derby station, military displays, STEM programs, Historic Stambaugh items on display and that were sold during the past century and much more.

Paul said Scout Troops from around the entire Council, local dignitaries and citizens made up the guest list. "We can almost guarantee that the camp has not received this much attention at a single event and that the originators of the Stambaugh Trust would be proud to see that their Scouting seeds planted a century ago are alive and still flourishing."

Brad Lang, Stambaugh's CampMaster, couldn't have been happier with the event. "Many people who had never been to the camp were very impressed with the whole experience and what they saw," said Brad. "Hopefully, this event will serve to generate more interest in the Camp and result in the continued successful operation of Camp Stambaugh."

The Camp is Ohio's second oldest continuously operating BSA Camp and is ninth on the list of the top ten-oldest Boy Scout Camps in the United States.





Top Left:

At Attention

Top Right:

Baden Powel Enters Camp

Bottom Left:

Boardman Steel worker installs new
Stambaugh Gateway

Middle Right:

New Gateway, and Crowd at
Anniversary Event

Bottom Right:

Troops Parade into Stambaugh

*Let us know how we're doing!
Newsletter@Troop101.net*



Way back when, Bill Brown was Scoutmaster and Ken LaPolla was Andy Jozwiak's Patrol Leader.

Today, Andy provides us with another trip down Troop 101's memory lane as this issue's feature Alumni profile.

Andy earned a bachelor's in electrical engineering from GMI (now Kettering) and a master's in electrical engineering from University of Pittsburg and worked for Packard Electric/Delphi for 26 years. He spent 11 years working in Juarez, Mexico for Delphi.

Andy is married to Melissa and together they have a son Nicholas, now 20, and daughter Lauren, 18.

Nicholas was in Troop 82 in El Paso, Texas where he became an Eagle Scout and is now a 3rd year Mechanical Engineering student at Georgia Tech and daughter Lauren has just started her first year at Purdue studying Biological Engineering.

In 2012, Melissa had an opportunity for a tenure-track position at Texas A&M University in San Antonio, so Andy left Delphi and went to work at a medical company for three years (Acelity) as their engineering manager.

For the last three years Andy has been working for Littelfuse as Global Director of Engineering. Littelfuse is headquartered out of Chicago, but Andy has the luxury of working out of his Texas home. He serves with engineering teams in Chicago, IL; Suzhou, China; Legnago, Italy; Lauf, Germany; and Muzquiz, Mexico, so he is on the road 40-50 percent of the time to different regions. Exciting but tiring, Andy tells us that being in Scouts was good preparation for international travel as he's "camped-out" at many an airport over the years.

The Alumni Quarterly managed to catch up with Andy in between globe-trotting and learned that the Jozwiak/Troop 101 legacy has just continued.

AQ: Your nephew has just joined the Troop to carry on the 101 family tradition?

Andy: I would like to think nephew Nathan joined 101 just because of me, but I expect he joined because it's still the best! It's very exciting that I'll get to hear firsthand about current activities with the Troop. I have no doubt he'll have a great experience with the Troop.

AQ: We also hear that you have been active in Scouting since attaining Eagle and "aging out" of Troop 101?

Andy: Yes, son Nicholas was a Cub Scout and obtained his Eagle

in Troop 82 out of El Paso. I was his Webelos leader for two years and the Board Chair for a couple years in Troop 82. Before becoming Chair, I was an Assistant Scoutmaster and took on the duties of Scoutmaster for a week when we attended Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch for Summer Camp. One week was enough! I have a much better appreciation now for all the hard work the Scoutmasters do!

AQ: What memories jump to mind when you think back on those Troop 101 days?

Andy: Summer Camps at Chickagami were lots of fun. Lots of great campfires, terrible humor scout skits and mess hall bug juice. Some of the best memories from Summer Camp was being on the Order of the Arrow tap-out team for the entire summer and helping carve one of the totem poles at the Camp.

AQ: Those 101 camping trips. Do you have memories of the good, the bad and the ugly?

Andy: The Good: My favorite trip was the week-long canoe trip to Algonquin Park in Ontario. I have since been back multiple times to Algonquin, as well as multiple other locations to do week-long canoe and backpacking trips. All of the Summer Camps at Chickagami hold great memories as well.

The Bad: My first camping trip with the Troop was at Tecumseh. It rained so hard we dug trenches



Nicholas Jozwiak
Eagle Court

around the tents and were in ankle deep mud all weekend. It was really the first time I had been “real” camping. We were so dirty when I got home, my mother made me wash off with the garden hose before she’d let me come into the house to shower. Those first couple years I believe it rained on every single camping trip, or at least it felt that way.

The Ugly: I can’t remember where we were camping but we were making sausage and pancakes for breakfast. We always cooked on the campfire and, as would happen occasionally, the griddle caught on fire. By the time we got it out, you couldn’t tell the sausage from the pancakes, but we were so hungry we ate it anyway. Not sure you could taste the difference either. I was a picky eater before joining Scouts but camping with 101 fixed that.

AQ: Those fellow Scouts that you made friends in the Troop, are you still in touch today?

Andy: Sadly, I’m not in touch with too many after moving to Texas. Before e-mail and social media, it was a little more difficult keeping in touch. However, I have stopped back for a couple Troop Meetings over the years.



Jozwiak family - Melissa, Nicholas, Lauren and Andy

AQ: Let’s talk about your inspirations, those leaders who “made a difference”.

Andy: Mr. Bill Brown. Early in the Troop I was not skilled at camping or outdoors or anything Scouting. He really took the time on those first camping trips to work with us younger kids and impart his Scouting wisdom.

It’s hard not to recognize the importance of Jim Potjunas. His dedication to the Troop was incredible and I considered him a good friend. I was actually up in the New Mexico mountains at a Scout Camp with son Nicholas when I mentioned I was from Ohio. The very first question was, did I know Jim Potjunas and Troop 101?

Lastly, and probably the first real impression I had with the Troop was my first Patrol Leader, Ken LaPolla. Ken may not even remember being my Patrol Leader, but when we first got to the Troop we were placed in the “What Patrol” until we earned our first rank. The Patrol met weekly and getting that first rank fast makes you want to stay on and to get the next. We even had our own chant I barely remember.

AQ: Was there ever a stretch where you thought about dropping out?

Andy: Not sure I ever was close to dropping out, but being a Boy Scout in high school was not easy as it was not a socially popular activity. Having a bunch of my friends in the Troop helped and I really enjoyed camping.

AQ: What does “Eagle” mean to you today as a grown man?

Andy: People often ask if I was an Eagle Scout. I always answer I am an Eagle Scout. To me, it means being able to set out a difficult goal and accomplish it. All Eagle’s should be proud they did what it took to get there.

AQ: What’s the best advice you can offer a young Scout today? What might you tell your nephew who just came into the Troop?

Andy: Don’t wait until your 17 to get moving on your Eagle project! Also, take every opportunity for merit badges that comes your way, even if you don’t need them for rank. You might find out there’s a sport or hobby you never knew about and really liked. I found sailing that way!

Troop 101's Paul Kuszmaul

Accepts Major Arrowhead District Post



As the old saying goes, "If you want something done, go ask a busy person".

So true it is with Troop 101 Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Kuszmaul, who is now taking on important responsibilities with the Arrowhead District in the Great Trail Council.

As Ken LaPolla noted in his Scoutmaster's Corner on Page 1, volunteers are the backbone of the Scouting movement and play an important role in the lives of our youth.

Paul is now taking it to another level, stepping up to serve all Troops, Packs and Crews across Trumbull County. "As I wrap up my time of Scouting with my boys directly involved as youth members, I was approached by Council to take on the position of the Arrowhead District Commissioner. Basically, this position's role is to lead the Scouting portion of the Council business in Trumbull County plus Garrettsville and Parkman Ohio areas," explained Paul.

District Commissioners are select volunteers who help all Scouting units succeed. They coach and consult with leaders of Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Venturing Crews, maintaining BSA standards.

Paul has been involved at the Council level through District Round Table participation (Round Table is a county-wide monthly meeting of Troop and Pack leadership) and has worked several staff positions at Wood Badge (a special Adult Leadership Training that ties a leader's commitment to the program to an Eagle Scout-type project that helps strengthen Scouting as a whole).

"I have also taught programs at the annual University of Scouting," Paul said. "By being active at the Council level for so long, the council merger between Greater Western

Reserve and Great Trail was a natural transition for me because I already knew and had spent many days camping with 'our friends to the west.'"

Paul explained that when he was asked to consider the District Commissioner position, his experience with Troop 101 was a significant consideration in the eyes of Council executives.

"I was told, 'You already know what a good Scout unit looks like, now we want you to help communicate that to other units that need some direction'. So, I took on that role to help pass on what I've learned during my years spent in Scouting at Troop 21, Troop 9, and especially what Troop



Paul and Bryce, Summer Camp, 2008

101 has taught me," said Paul. "I credit this wonderful experience to Mr. P and all the adults and Scouts who joined together to make something special happen here in Warren, Ohio."

As professional Scout staffers and volunteers alike will tell you, the fine reputation of Troop 101, as a model Scouting unit, is a solid success story.

"Seeing a unit run in such a manner as Troop 101 lets Scouts and non-Scouts witness what can be accomplished when a group of people work together to be the best that they can be. This also applies our new Scouts, parents, and leaders," he said.

"Like any other program, be it a football team,



101 Gateway, Summer Camp, 2008

health facility, college, etcetera, that has a reputation and legacy tied to it, those that see it and those joining it want to see their history of excellence flourish and will chip in whatever they can to make this happen year in and year out."

Paul has held several key positions in the Troop 101 Scouting Family over the years and has seen the successes, which are heavily involved in boys leading boys.

"I know that Troop 101 has a history of being regimented and boy-led. As a new parent, sometimes the boy-led part was tough to swallow, but everything about it strengthens the Scout and builds the independence that they need as an adult," said Paul. "Running it as Baden-Powell intended makes it most effective and the boys learn more lessons in the short amount of time that they are Scouts. This is how Jim

Potjunas felt about the boy-led patrol method and he sold the Kuszmaul's on it years ago. We have witnessed firsthand its effectiveness."

Troop 101 is definitely a Kuszmaul Family affair, with wife Kris actively involved as Troop 101 Committee Chairperson and having three Troop 101 Eagle Scout sons. "Kris and I are proud parents of the Troop's Eagles #125 (Bryce), #138 (Cole), and #152 (Gage). Each of our sons took a different approach to completing their ranks, and in retrospect, their methods matched their personalities," explained Paul.

"The path to becoming an Eagle Scout is not an easy one, especially with the distractions that the 21st century lay before our young people. Anyone that takes on this challenge and completes it has my upmost respect and deserves any accolades



Paul and Cole, Bike Trip, 2012

that they receive from here on out. Once an Eagle - Always an Eagle!"



Paul and Gage, Nelson Ledges to Chickagami, 2016

Editor's Note: Stay tuned, we will have more on the Kuszmaul family of Eagles coming up in the next edition of the Troop 101 Alumni Quarterly in January.

S.T.E.M. and Troop 101

Learning 3D Printing and Design



Now, five years after receiving our first printer, we have a fleet of printers. Again, thank you George! If you look on the shelf in the Scout Center Conference room, you'll see many things we've printed, and if you ask the right Scout, you just might get a story behind a particular print.

Looking to educate our Scouts on 3D Printing, our Senior Quartermaster, Gage Kuszmaul (Eagle #152) and Assistant Scoutmaster, Matt McCracken (Eagle #93) ran a 3D printing Demo on a Saturday Morning. The goal was to take a couple hours to show the Scouts the printers and what they can do with 3D printing. They were also encouraged to work with their patrols to come up with ideas regarding things they could print as a patrol at a Patrol meeting.

Back in 2014, the Troop received an early Christmas present from Eagle Scout #62 George Burin III. George sent us a Dremel 3D Printer and some filament spools to play with. We featured this in our January 2015 issue of the Alumni Quarterly and there was certainly interest in printing.

George works for Bosch Tools, the parent company of Dremel. This first printer was The Dremel 3D20. Technology changes rapidly, especially in the field of 3D Printing, and soon, the following year, another printer showed up, the Dremel 3D40, along with an HP Sprout PC. The HP Sprout contains software to scan in 3D models, as well as some other cool interactive apps that can be used in 3D Printing and design.

The printers and PC made it to a couple Scout Meetings and Christmas Parties, but we were moving out of the Old Elks Club at the time. Despite making only a fraction of meetings and parties, several patrols worked to design Patrol Neckerchief slides. It wasn't until the Jim Potjunas Scout Center was completed that we would have a spot to display print cool things.



The Scouts who were able to attend, each got to design something small and have it printed before leaving. They were also each given a 3D Printed Neckerchief slide designed by Gage to look like an Extruder printing layers of filament. We hope this will be the first of many demos we can have with 3D printing. Our Scouts are excited to print and really like this cool technology.

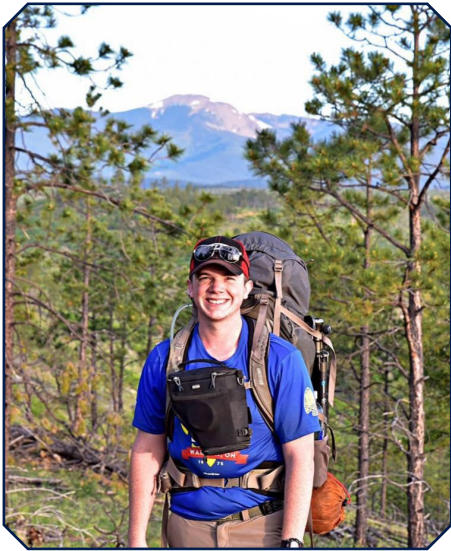


Since then we've seen a few more prints show up. Gage has recently turned 18 and aged out of the program. His passion for 3D design and printing has only started, however. He has an internship at AES in Akron and is getting to see 3D printing at a larger scale in action. He will be pursuing a degree in Aerospace Engineering after he completes his senior year at Bio-Med Science academy and heads off to College.



From the Eagles Nest

Cole Kuszmaul, Eagle #138



AQ: What did you decide to do after aging out?

Cole: After aging out I decided to pursue a career in education. I am currently a Junior at Youngstown State University to become a high school science teacher.

AQ: What Scout Skills do you feel have served you best over the past few years?

Cole: The scout skills that I use the most are communication and planning skills. These skills have helped me be a better student and I don't see myself not using these skills in the future.

AQ: What are you up to today? Looking for a job, working full time, wrapping up your Major, etc.?

As a regular Alumni Quarterly feature, we catch up with our more recent Eagle Scouts who have turned 18, "aged-out" and moved on after completing the Trail to Eagle. This quarter, we sit down with Cole Kuszmaul, Eagle Scout #138 (March, 2015)

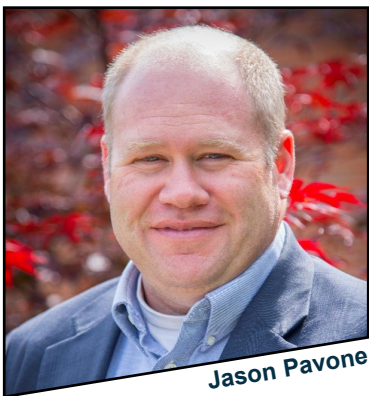
Cole: I am currently a college student, but one thing that I had done was lead the troop on their recent high adventure trip to Philmont.

AQ: From your time in 101, what are some of your favorite memories?

Cole: My favorite memories from my time at Troop 101 all come from sitting around the campfire at night. This was when the best conversations took place and thanks to the owls at the time and Sargent Martin, none of those memories are PG-13.

AQ: Have you seen the Jim Potjunas Scout Center? What are your thoughts on our new home?

Cole: The Jim Potjunas Scout Center is quite the upgrade from the musky, old, dark basement of the Elks Club in Warren.



Jason Pavone

Jason Pavone Named New Arrowhead District Executive

Jason is an alumnus of Youngstown State University with a bachelor's degree in Business. He has an extensive sales background and is excited to be working with the Arrowhead team. He lives with his family in Boardman.

Arrowhead volunteers may contact Jason by e-mail at jason.pavone@gtcbsa.org or via office phone at (234) 900-5897.

Calling All Eagles!

Attention Eagle Scouts and Families! We're looking to feature your Scout Projects in our Troop Gallery.

We are looking for Before and/or After photos of your Eagle Project, as well as any photos you want to share of the actual Service project taking place. We realize for some this will be going back through the family albums to locate photos. We look forward and hope you are able to help us get photos for as many of our Eagle Projects as possible. Even if it's just 1 photo, we'd like to have it in the gallery

Please scan and send your photos to WebDeveloper@gmail.com



Do You Need a 2019 Tax Deduction?

Let us help YOU help US!

While Troop 101 has been very fortunate in running a quality program, it is always a challenge keeping up with the ever-increasing costs associated with the program and it takes a strong financial-support network!

We would like you to consider a charitable donation, which will benefit you at tax time and the Troop in the long run!

There are several different ways you can make a charitable donation in the name of Troop 101: Cash Gift, Giving Appreciated Property, Giving and Retaining Income for Life, Giving unneeded life insurance, Memorial Gifts, Wise Tax Planning.

Remember: Unlike many other organizations, 100% of your donation goes directly to Troop 101. Your tax-deductible donation should be made payable to: Troop 101 Alumni Association, Inc. and sent to Troop 101 Alumni Association, c/o Tim Ross, 9618 Cain Dr NE, Warren, Ohio 44484. For automatic payroll deductions, electronic transfers or direct deposit, arrangements can be made by calling Tim at 330.856.6901 or e-mail tross4@neo.rr.com.

The Troop 101 Alumni Association Inc. is a 501C (3) public charity and is registered with the IRS under ID# 34-1880579.

Thank you for your consideration and help!





Philmont - June, 2019



Philmont - June, 2019



Philmont - June, 2019



Philmont - June, 2019



Philmont - June, 2019



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

• October

11 - 12 - Backpacking Trip

28 - Halloween Party

• November

15 - 17 - Campout

• December

15 - Troop Christmas Party

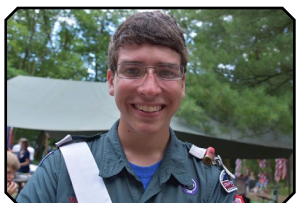
21 - Angel Tree Service Project

• January

17 - 19 - Winter Event at Stambaugh

FOR MORE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE Troop CALENDAR AT
<https://Troop101.net/?Page=Calendar>

Recent Troop Events



July 13, 2019

Summer Camp at Manatoc



The Troop returns from a week of fun at Camp Manatoc. There was a lot of Advancement taking place, and a lot of activities like Ga-Ga-Ball, Water Polo, Climbing, and more!

The Troop took home the first place in the Water Polo Tournament, and M. Streets Took home third in Archery.



August 4, 2019

Horseback Riding in the Alleghenies

Another fun weekend. Our Troop took a trip into the Allegheny National Forest to camp at the Flying W Ranch.



There they got to take a Horseback riding trip! They also build some catapults to launch tennis balls, and ate some really good food.

September 22, 2019

Camping at McKinley



We're back from a weekend of fun at Camp McKinley. The Troop got to practice knots and lashings, and go Rappelling. The weather was beautiful and warm. After campfire, the troop held a flag retirement ceremony. We retired over 60 flags.