



New Jersey Scout Museum Newsletter

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President's Message

On behalf of the Board of Trustees we want all of you to know that Fred recently had some surgery and we hope he is back on his feet real soon. No one likes surgery and rehab.

Let me say on his behalf we are always looking for folks that have a passion for the Girl and Boy Scout programs and their histories especially as it relates to New Jersey. Please consider expanding your interests in Scouting and join us. I guarantee these are interesting times for our Museum as you can see in the rest of our newsletter. We need folks with many skills, some to take lead positions and others just as team members to take care of the little things that need to be done. Come join the team and have some Scouting fun. Please e-mail Fred of your interest.

Frederic C. Pachman

President, New Jersey Scout Museum

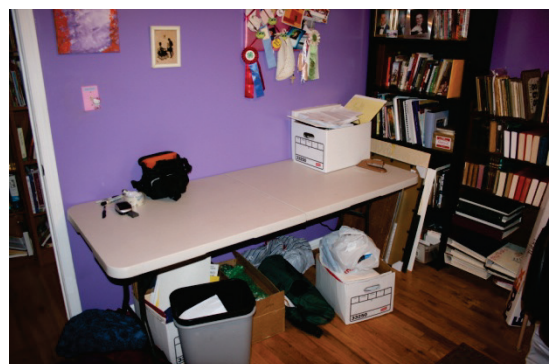
Curators Corner Fall 2017 in Review

By Steven Buckley, Curator and VP NJSM

This is your museum and I want everyone to consider making contributions of artifacts relating to the history of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts mainly in New Jersey, but also of

general interest to the Scouting community at large. I would be very happy to discuss Donations to our collection with anyone. Donations are tax deductible.

You might remember when the NJSM moved out of our Morganville location that our office and the work of the curator moved to my daughter's old bedroom at my home and I showed the picture on the top of the new space. Due to the generosity of a caring wife I now have been allowed more space in that same room and I now have a work table as can be seen in the picture on the bottom. This addition makes doing projects for the NJSM so much easier.



In the last three months, over the fall, we have received about 7 new accessions:

I always tell people to give us everything no matter how unimportant it may seem. Well it has happened again a treasure at the bottom of a box with a very special letter. Meg Stickle Moore, living in Hampton VA the daughter of Robert Stickle, a well known Scouter in Monmouth Council BSA in the 1960's and beyond, recently was cleaning out the old family home in New Jersey and decided to donate all of her father's scout items, several 100 pieces, to the NJSM. The following is an extract of that letter found and edited by me to shorten its length but not its intent. I wanted to share this with you as it touched me very much. The letter was dated July 16, 1946 when Robert, known then as Bobby, received a letter from someone name Bob who he knew at Camp Okee.

Bobby,

There are several things I want to clear up, in case I didn't beforehand.

1. *I didn't waste that Saturday morning with you for fun. I did it because I was sure would agree with me on a few points, as follows.*

2. *When a boy first becomes a Scout he must be trained up to First Class and then you are on your own and to some extent ready to train others. At the Eagle rank a scout is expected to devote all his energies in "Duty to Others" and pass on what has been learned.*

3. *The preliminary training of a Scout himself is absolutely necessary before he can train others.*

4. *You have surprising leadership ability which will respond very quickly to training.*

5. *I spent that Saturday morning with you to complete, while it was possible, your training.*

6. *The important thing to remember is this challenge I gave you.*

I dare you to work, study, to learn, to build, use what you know, to earn a merit badge every month, work on Eagle required badges, advance to Star and then Life, come back next summer and to complete the other four merit badges required for the rank of Eagle.

I dare you to become the best Scout you can possibly be.

I dare you to be a man.

7. *In order to help you to do these things please mail me a card or letter on the first day of every month telling me your accomplishments or failures and your plans for next month.*

8. *In order to persuade you to undertake this responsibility the medal I gave you had been mine. I gave it to you intending it to be worn by you as a reminder of the challenge. Its position on your uniform should be right next to the spot that your future Eagle Badge will be pinned and thus its absences will serve as a reminder of the work yet to be accomplished.*

9. *I gave you a medal, I gave you a challenge. You may wear the medal for one year only unless you earn your Eagle Rank. If you don't reach your goal I expect you to remove the medal. Remember after July 1947 your right to wear that medal depends upon you wearing the Rank of Eagle medal pined on your uniform next to my medal.*

*Sincerely yours,
Bob*

This was one the best things I had ever read and I hope you feel the same.

We are always very grateful to each donor that provides us with wonderful Scouting historical memorabilia but this month I'm going to forgo the many pictures with stories about each photo for space reasons. I have included some typical photos of recently acquired donations. Let me just summarize a few gifts. We received a full set of 2017 Jamboree Patches for the Shomer Shabbat Contingent hosted by Monmouth Council. A gift of neckerchiefs, mainly New Jersey, along with a few related patches, 17 Girl Scout Fiction books, GS DVD's, a Color Laser Jet printer and three sets of steel flat files.



New Building Progress Spring 2017

By Steven Buckley

This fall the two working groups, one from the NJSM and our counterparts from Monmouth Council BSA, finished a proposed Land Lease that legally described the future relationship between the two groups and how the museum building would be built and operated. We had worked on this 17 page document for about one year. Both working groups were happy with the outcome but when the lease was reviewed by the Monmouth County Parks Department who oversee development of projects at Quail Hill Scout Reservation from a Green Acres point of view on behalf of the state of New Jersey they were not at this time favorable to the Land Lease concept as a way to accomplish the construction of the museum building. They are still in favor of the Museum but not via a land lease. Monmouth Council & the NJSM are working diligently to overcome this unforeseen problem and loss of progress. Let me stress there are other solutions. All the working groups are trying hard to navigate this situation quickly to a satisfactory resolution. The goal is still the same a new museum building but the path to success might be a bit different than original conceived by both groups.



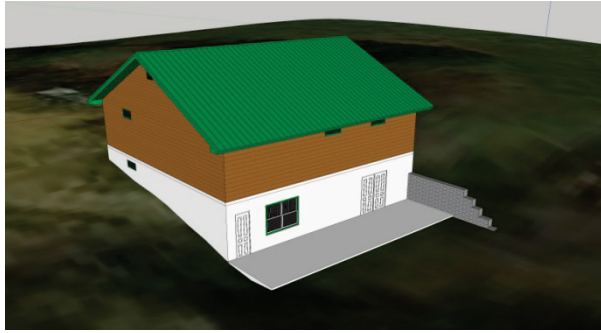
Many people ask "What is needed by the Museum?" The answer simply stated is "Anything related to both the Boy and Girl Scout programs that will help us tell the story of Scouting in New Jersey, and to a lesser extent scouting in general" is of interest to us.

Please consider how you might fit into our Mission Statement. It's a lot of work, but also it's a lot of fun.

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Front Entrance View



Rear Entrance View

The NJSM has put forth a big idea and a plan to give us a bright future.

I hope you find all this interesting.

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Historian Corner

By Randy Holden

There may not be a building or any new displays for our museum but that doesn't mean I am idle now. I am just a few days away from the first anniversary of my retirement, and I find myself busier than ever. Between coordinating donations to our museum, attending shows to promote the museum / finding new items to bring back, updating all the memorabilia lists for our website and for inclusion in the four national publications (I am a regional editor), and assisting in assembling the Hansen Museum down in Millville for its grand opening early next year, time seems to be as scarce as it was when I was working! We are awaiting the pickup of Girl Scout uniforms being donated from a GS council that recently consolidated their archives and found that they had too many to work with.

Last year, I hit the road early and often to attend shows and to visit family and friends. This coming year seems to not be as hectic

but looking forward to seeing the new museums in Las Vegas (recently opened) and New Mexico. The National and Order of the Arrow museums are all part of the Philmont Scout Ranch complex. The Las Vegas museum moved to a new location and I am looking forward to seeing the expanded exhibits. I have hoped to see it this year but their show was canceled due the horrific shootings that took place just days before.

Remember that this museum always welcomes your input from comments, to donated (or 'on loan') artifacts, to stories of interests or experiences. No matter how big or how small, all are of interest to us in sharing all of the Scouting history here in New Jersey.

Welcome New Members in 2017

By Spencer Morasch

Doug Kiofsky	Don Brockel
The Kaplan Family	Charles Roswell
David Oertle	Dennis Coffey
Albert Zusman	Jan Wouters
Donald Katz	Thomas Sheehan
Daniel Goldsmith	

Two of the new members, Don Brockel & David Oertle have joined as Life Members, and a long term member has accrued enough in dues & donations to become a Life Member Kurt Kalafsky. So that is 3 Life Members in 2017! Watch for the next newsletter for more info about these new Life Members in the NJSM!

Membership

By Spencer Morasch

Yes folks it's 2018 and time to renew or start a membership with the NJSM.

The NJSM would like to encourage all of the Friends of the NJSM, both donors of artifacts / memorabilia and both past and current financial givers, to consider a membership in 2018 at whatever level you choose. It's going to be a very exciting time for the NJSM over the next two years so a membership, with you receiving regular News Letters, is one way to help and to stay informed.

A copy of our membership form is included with this newsletter.

If you have a question concerning NJSM Membership, please contact:

Spencer Morasch - NJSM Membership Chair

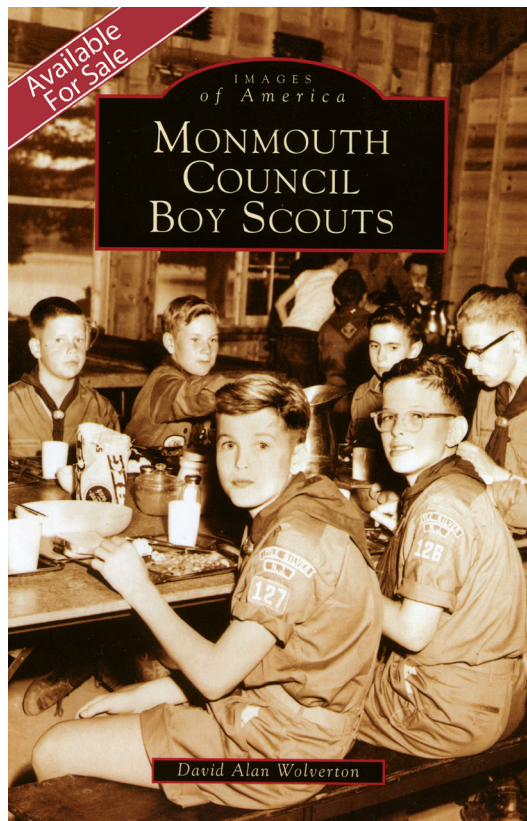
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