



## President's Message



Have just returned from the Centennial Celebration Weekend of the Monmouth Council.

A good weather weekend for April, and a great weekend for Scouts, Scouters and their families to mark the BSA Centennial.

Your New Jersey Scout Museum was there with an exhibit showing New Jersey Boy Scout summer camps, Order of the Arrow memorabilia including the history of NaTsiHi Lodge71, and other historical artifacts and documents.

Just the kinds of things we'd like to exhibit at your Council's annual dinner or honors recognition event.

If that sounds interesting, then give us a call or send an e-mail.

*Frederic C. Pachman*

**President, New Jersey Scout Museum**

## NJSM 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Scout Week Program

By Greg Crow

The Fourth annual New Jersey Scout Museum "Movie Night" featuring the 1966 film Follow Me Boys starring Fred Mac Murray, Kurt Russell, Vera Miles, and Lillian Gish. The event held on February 5th was a success with around fifty people in attendance. The atmosphere was a friendly family oriented affair where many scouts and scouters young and old alike enjoyed an entertaining film while eating freshly made popcorn. During and after the film many scouters spoke about how certain aspects of the film reminded them of their own experiences either as scouts themselves or as adult leaders. Additionally the scouts that came to the event found the film enjoyable. Next year will be even more successful.



## **Membership**

**By Spencer Morasch**

Have you paid your annual membership fee yet? Please check the address label, which indicates the most recent year of your NJSM Membership renewal.

Please note that all membership renewals include the current year's NJSM dated patch, so please make sure you renew to keep up with your NJSM patch collection!

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

Spencer Morasch - NJSM Membership Chair

E-Mail (best way): [smorasch@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:smorasch@firstenergycorp.com)

Or by Phone (day): 732-212-4133

***Remember - All membership donations received over time, accrue towards Life Member status!***

Please complete the enclosed NJSM "Friends of the Museum" Membership Application, and send it in with your payment as per the instructions.

## **Follow us**

**By Matthew Kaufman**

You now have more ways to keep in touch with us.

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## **Collections Merit Badge Workshop**

**By Matthew Kaufman**

In November the museum held a Collection Merit Badge Workshop. Over 25 scouts attend the two night workshop and earned their merit badge. The scouts brought a wide variety of collections. Some were rocks, sports memorabilia, Disney pins, various types of cards, models, and die-casts.

I would personally like to thank the adult volunteers who came out and help me as counselors. David Crow, Randy Holden, Kust Kalafsky, Kary Kaufman, Spencer Morash, Charlie Spitz, & Keith Wells.

Due to the overwhelming response and success of this event we are looking to run one again in the fall. Stay tuned for detail.

## **Newspaper Article Index**

**By Matthew Kaufman**

The New Jersey Scout Museum is looking for your help. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America this year and the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts, the museum has set a goal to collect thousands of newspaper clipping. Our goal is to collect, scan, preserve and make available online a searchable index of newspaper articles that contain information about Boy & Girl Scouts in New Jersey. We are looking for any article having to do with Scouting in New Jersey, both new and especially old.

Articles can be emailed to [articles@njsm.org](mailto:articles@njsm.org) or sent by mail (articles will not be returned). Please make sure to include the date and name of the newspaper.

You could also help us by sharing this with as many Scouts & Scouters as possible and help make sure that the memories and events for the last 100 years will live on for the next 100.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

## **Curators Corner**

**Steven Buckley, Curator 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 in New Jersey. If you know of a person or family that does not know what to do with their Scouting artifacts suggest to them that the NJSM might be the perfect place. The NJSM would like to assist anyone in any way we can to preserve their treasured items and perhaps donate them to our collection where they will be integrated into our current collection for the benefit of future generations of Scouting. We are an independent non profit organization. We are incorporated with the state of New Jersey. We have Federal 501-3-C status so people who make gifts can get a tax deduction.

I had told you in the spring of 2009 that our next big change at the museum was the task of removing from our museum all the items we had stored there that were currently not on display. By doing this we could recapture about 200 sq. feet of display space. Well that task is mostly done. We rented a large off site storage locker and filled it over last summer. With have started the process of

deciding on how to use our increased space for displaying more of the items we own.

*See first the photos below of the items that cluttered our Museum that we packed up:*





*Now see the photos below of the new off site storage space:*



*Shown next are the portions of the museum that we cleared out:*



In the museum we have five very old glass display cases that have a clear glass top and one shelf. We have known for some time that these have limited our ability to display things and that they also waste a lot of valuable floor space. In total they occupy 30 linear feet of space.

*Shown below is one of the five old cases:*



In late October I was notified by our past president Steve Lang that a local Hobby Shop, owned by a former scoutmaster, was relocating his business and that he would like to donate two 12 foot display cases. This unit has seven glass shelves on top and two wooden shelves below and a series of drawers down the middle. By replacing the old five units with this one we gain so much more display space it hard to imagine. In addition since we will not place them against

a wall we gain 24 feet of space on the back of the units for hanging pictures and flat objects.

*Shown below are the two 12 foot display cases which are still located at the old hobby shop:*



I spent considerable time in September and October learning how to use our Past Perfect Museum management software package. I have finished adding to the Past Perfect data base all the photos that we had previously taken of gifts given to the Museum. We don't have pictures of many of early gifts given (2004 – 2007) but starting with 2008 forward we found that most gifts had been photographed and we now routinely take photos of gifts as they are received and enter those into the data base. The task of cataloging and photographing each individual object of each gift into one of the four specific Past Perfect data bases and then to provide suitable displays that would educate the public about Scouting is on going. These tasks have been greatly eased by the purchased of our new MAC computer that is set up to dual boot into either the MAC OS or Windows XP.

*See the photo below of David Crow and Matthew Kaufmann setting up the new computer:*



So far in 2009 we have received about 81 gifts. We are working with a potential giver in VA who has a collection of 150 boxes of items that we hope to bring to New Jersey before the end of 2010. The Museums Collection is growing all the time.

*Shown on the next page are photos of your Curator Steven Buckley, one of our Operating Committee members Mary Engelmann who has been hired on a part basis by the NJSM to be what I would call our Assistant Curator and Randy Holden our Historian helping us by taking pictures. Mary will assist us with the enormous task of photographing and actually entering into our Past Perfect software the many thousands of items we currently have as part of our collection and future new items.*







I encourage giving your Scouting Memorabilia to the NJ Scout Museum. I would be very happy to discuss Donations and Loans to our collection. Many people ask "What is needed by the Museum?" The answer simply stated is "Anything related to the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts that will help 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 efforts it's a lot of work but also it's a lot of fun.



Please remember that the museum is open on most Wednesday evenings from mid September through mid June. If you are coming any distance at all I would ask you to call me in advance at 732-544-1131 / 732-809-7040 to confirm that the museum will be open to avoid any disappointments. Our docents are all volunteers and some nights we just can't find someone to be there. We can try and arrange visits at other times on request.

#### **OUR MISSION**

*To preserve artifacts relating to the history of Both Boy and Girl Scouting in New Jersey and to educate the public about Scouting's role in our communities and nation in developing young people into responsible citizens. and leaders.*

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