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**2008 CLASS PICTURE AT REUNION (SEE ARTICLE AND PICTURES ON PAGE 5)**

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## HSRAA INTRODUCES THE VIRTUAL MUSEUM!

A few years have passed since first mention was made in the Octoraro Loop of an “On Line” museum of pictures reflecting our exciting and meaningful past of the Council’s camps, staffs, campers and leaders. Now, the Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association has a top quality, valuable and fun virtual museum of our heritage. It is now available to our members and across the nation viewers. This issue devotes text and pictures supporting this new service for our HSRAA members and Council Scouters. This is a great way for our Scouting Alumni and all of us to reconnect with those earlier days.

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### HSRAA Virtual Museum

*Welcome!*

Welcome to the *Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association Virtual Museum!* Awaiting you is a fantastic glimpse into the history of the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. The HSRAA Virtual Museum prides itself on patron submissions, so any member can submit their artifacts for all to see!

Inside you'll find pictures, stories, memorabilia, video and documents that paint a rich tapestry of Chester County Council's **80 years** of reservation camping. Each digital artifact is cataloged and searchable, or you can take your own self-guided tour of the museum! Since the museum is always growing thanks to users like you, check back often and you're bound to find something new!

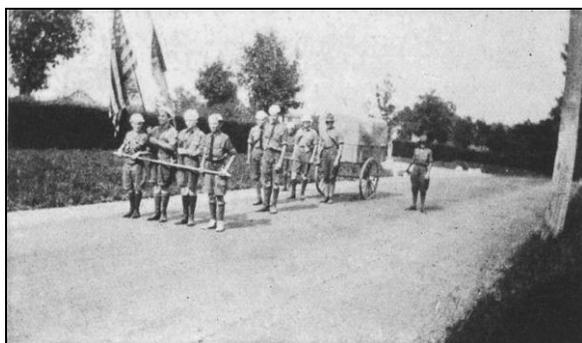
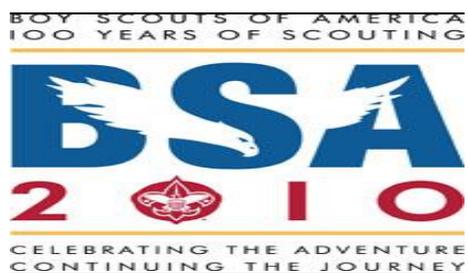
We hope you enjoy your visit and consider becoming a member of the HSRAA today!

## HELP BUILD HSRAA'S VIRTUAL MUSEUM

You CAN access the HSRAA VM site via the [www.hsraa.org/](http://www.hsraa.org/) home site. Here the Virtual Museum is listed in the index. Click on 'Virtual Museum' and... you are there!

This truly is just the beginning. While there are over 2000 artifacts now, the number will grow to include pictures that are submitted to HSRAA by YOU, our readers! The instructions on further picture (artifacts) submissions are included on the HSRAA's VM Site. As we find new artifacts, we also will be adding many, many more items as we progress.

We hope that non-HSRAA Scouts and Scouters will use the "register" connection to join the Alumni Association and to keep in touch with Scouting. It is a great way to re-engage with Scouting as the Council celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we all celebrate the Centennial of the Boy Scouts of America!



1919 Council Scouts on parade at Camp Lafayette at Icedale – is that a Paoli 1 Trek Cart in rear? See others in the Virtual Museum.

## COUNCIL'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY - SCOUTING'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY – A CAUSE FOR FUN CELEBRATIONS!

2009 marks a major upward turn in Scouting both on our local level and that for the National Boy Scouts of America. A time for fun, reflection and anticipation for the future...

The Council was founded in 1919 by a group of business and professional community leaders. They were led by Arthur A. Schuck, our first Council Executive. Later, Schuck became the Chief Scout Executive whose leadership and service to youth was recognized with the National Silver Buffalo Award. At that time of our chartering, our Scouting had had its

first roots planted in the years immediately following the Scouting Movement being formed in the United States in 1910. The Troops that had been formed in those early days included: Malvern Troop 1, Berwyn 1, Paoli Troop 1, and West Chester 1, among others.



C 1915 – Paoli Troop 1 Scouts "text" message using semaphore flags (no cell phones then!)

While we honor and "Celebrate the Adventure" at this time from 2009 – 2010, it is for all of Scouting to seek ways to "Continue the Journey" for those youth and leaders who follow the paths we have traveled. We, in our own time, are the "bridge builders for tomorrow's Scouting".

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, composed of Scout leaders and dignitaries and led by JB Rettew, has been developing plans for an elaborate, fun celebration between now and 2010. Below are some of the "100<sup>TH</sup>," ideas planned:

- February 2009 – Scout Month + 2010
- February 2, 2009 – Eagle Scout and Alumni gathering at Union League, Philadelphia (information to come)
- February 27, 2009 - Council Annual Recognition Dinner celebrating Council's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Kick-off of the Scouting Centennial + 2010
- July 10, 2009 – HSRAA's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion (tbd) + 2010
- July 26 – August 4, 2010 – National Jamboree with Council Special Rally "Send-Off" (tbd)
- "A Shining Light Across America – a virtual link with National Jamboree.
- 2010 "Hall of Leadership" Recognition (tbd)
- Time Capsule Event with Cross Country "Flag Relay"
- Other Events – watch the Octoraro LOOP!

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### THREE HSRAA MEMBERS HAVE PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN THE VIRTUAL MUSEUM PROJECT!

Dave Woodward, HSRAA Executive Committee, has been working on a concept introduced several years ago in the Loop. This was the creation of an on line “history center” or as Dave likes to term it – a Virtual Museum (VM). The “Museum” is to be accessed through the [www.HSRAA.org](http://www.HSRAA.org) website.

Dave was a Cub Scout and Webelos in Pack 74 around 1968-1971. He became a Boy Scout in Troops 74 and 51 where he obtained the rank of Life. He held a number of troop positions – PL SPL and Jr. ASM. He camped at Horseshoe with Troop 74 from 1971 to 1974.

He joined the Horseshoe staff as Nature CIT in the second half of 1974 and worked in the Nature (CIT and Director), Handicraft (CIT, counselor and Director) and Field Sports (Director) departments from 1974 through 1982.

The Nature Lodge was his favorite where he served as Director for three summers. He became an OA member in 1973 and took his Brotherhood in 1974. After a twenty year “sabbatical”, Dave joined Hibernia Troop 116 on the Troop Committee and he’s currently an Assistant Scout Master.



**DAVE “WOODY” WOODWARD**

Dave comments that: “This (the Virtual Museum) is a collaborative effort involving the whole HSR Alumni Association. We need everyone to dig into their albums, closets, file cabinets and attics to find snapshots, Camp “Echos”, Staff Yearbooks and anything

else of interest. We are also very interested in everyone’s ideas for additional exhibits and types of artifacts.

- The museum focuses on the Council Camps. Pictures should show some part of Camp activity or facility. Troop photos taken at camp are welcome. Where you can identify the activity, the year and the individuals in photos.
- Anyone registered in the HSRAA can submit artifacts. There is a link in the museum to *Submit Artifacts*. If anyone has problems with submitting artifacts, registering or creating a user id for the website, there is a link to email the HSRAA committee.
- We have only just begun to build the museum. There are “holes” in our artifact collection and we are depending on HSRAA members to fill the voids. We are lacking items from the 50’s and 60’s. We are also in great need of artifacts from Camp Jubilee/Ware.
- If there are mistakes in some of the exhibit descriptions and captions, please let us know. In many cases the dates are guesses. Help clear up any inaccuracies by using the *Contribute Info* links that can be found in all exhibits.”

We thank Dave for bringing this together as well as the great help of both Andy Coe and Matt “Froggy” Lewis; not to mention the early efforts of Andy Smith.



**ANDY COE WITH COUNCIL PRESIDENT-ELECT RUSS NEUBAUER**

Andy Coe is no stranger to the annals of the Octoraro Loop. He was the subject of an earlier article about his service in Africa. He has been the go-to man on scanning the artifacts and acting as Dave right hand man in the development of the HSRAA VM.

An Eagle Scout from Chadds Ford 31, Andy has been a stalwart both on the Camp Horseshoe Staff and in Octoraro Lodge 22. He comments that his staff days included: '95 Handicraft; '97 First Aid and EP Director; '98-'99 Handicraft Director; '01 Shooting Sports Director; '05 C.O.P.E. Instructor. He's currently and ASM with Troop 31 and an Associate Lodge Advisor for Octoraro Lodge 22.

Andy comments that the next step for the HSRAA VM is: Ware! Ware! Ware! More Ware content, older Staff photos, Staff and camp memorabilia, videos, Staff listings, Science Camp and Special Camporee photos and memorabilia, JLT and Wood badge photos. All these items will be posted in the days to come. When you check into the opening page, you will see the "what's new? Area where you'll find new entries.



Matt "Frog" Lewis has been invaluable to HSRAA and has been the developer of the HSRAA website and the documentation supporting it. The recent re-design of the HSRAA website offers a unique style to the HSRAA programs.

While the HSRAA VM carries the bulk of pictures, memorabilia, videos, etc., the HSRAA web pages will carry the Reunion pictures as well as copies of the Octoraro Loop since its inception nearly ten years ago.

"Frog" Lewis' Scouting experience includes being a Cub Scout in Pack 98 - Tiger to Webelos rank, then joining Willistown Troop 78 where he earned his Eagle Scout rank. Another loyal Camp Horseshoe Staff member, he has been - HQ Clerk 2001; HQ Director 2002,2003; Business Mgr - 2004,2005,2006,2007; Asst. Commissioner

- 2008. He was an 8 year Camper with Troop 78 from 1995 to 2000.

Presently he serves as an Assistant SM for Troop78, Crew 78, and as a Council Event Volunteer. He also is OA Troop Representative Advisor.

He states that the HSRAA.org website is doing well and that the only news is that the photo gallery on the site has been getting some attention and has a good number of pictures now.

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## **HSRAA CHAIRMAN MARK HAMMOND WRITES ~**

Dear Fellow Alumni/ae and Friends ~

Another fun Reunion has passed. Thanks to all who attended and especially we thank Bill Grubb and the Sump Pumps for coming from afar to "pump" up our spirits! It was one of our best!



**CHAIRMAN MARK HAMMOND**

It seems that time is fleeting! We're left with fond memories and friendships from our time in camp...the days of getting together at our Reunions...and those to come. We're especially looking forward to our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on July 18, 2009 when it will be "Ernie Heegard Day" at Camp Horseshoe!

Bob Matje, past HSRAA Chairman and 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion Chairman, is putting together a great celebration to honor Ernie. Save that date. There'll be more information in the Spring 2009 Octoraro Loop and a sign-up invitation later. ...Stay Tuned!

Today we note a special, exciting event in our HSRAA's history! We are announcing to the public the opening of the HSRAA's Virtual Museum "VM" – a veritable record of our Council's camps and Scouts and leaders spanning almost 100 years from the time of Scouting's founding in 1910!

We had talked about the concept of a museum a number of years ago in the Octoraro Loop. Today, it is a reality. It's here thanks to the great efforts by Dave "Woody" Woodward, Andy Coe and Matt "Froggy" Lewis who have been working at all hours for the past six months. Their work has resulted in a VM that has well over 2000 artifacts – news clips, booklets, photos, videos, music and movies ... you name it – which through the marvel of computers can be brought to life! I am quick to add that this is not a static VM – it is as alive as the submissions of anyone who cares about Scouting and our great camps. Submissions will be welcome from any Scout, Troop, Pack or Crew. The VM site has information about how you can submit items that can be shared by you with all who visit the VM site.

This issue of the Loop has preliminary information as to how you can visit the site and tour the floors and rooms. Check in! Enjoy!

Our very best to all for the Holidays!  
**YOURS IN THE SPIRIT**, *Mark Hammond*

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**"RUSTY" GIVES EVIL EYE GRIEF TO JIM GOUDIE!**



## **FUN, FOOD AND FRIVOLITY "OVERFLOWING" AT NINTH ANNUAL HSRAA REUNION**

It was a typical July day at Camp Horseshoe – a lot of heat and humidity – but nothing to keep the attendees hopping and stomping to the renditions of their favorite Sump Pumps on their retro-return to Camp. This year they were "unplugged and flowing." In addition, the HSRA alumni and their friends were treated to the songs of the Horseshoe Staff chorus' melodious singing a capella.



**THE SUMP PUMPS GET THE FEET STOMPING!**



**ERNIE, BERK AND NEVILLE GET TO SWINGING!**



**BILL WAXBOM WITH BILL GIVLER, A COUNCIL EAGLE IN '57, AND HIS WIFE. GIVLER JUST RETIRED FROM THE RICHMOND AREA COUNCIL.**

That afternoon, Maureen Millman, retiring Council office worker (who worked tirelessly for the troops' camping reservations, etc.) was feted for her service at her retirement party with the HSRAA. A number of speeches recognized her many years of experience and she was presented by Bill Taylor, Council Commissioner, with a Richard Bollinger print of the Lane Farm house now the home of Roy Cole in his retirement.



**MAUREEN MILLMAN HONORED BY BILL TAYLOR**



**STAFF CHORUS: AUSTIN, DIVIRGILIO, COHEN, HOHL**



**FOUR GENERATIONS OF MINSHALLS AT REUNION: ROLAND, TOM, CHRIS AND GREAT GRANDSON (A FUTURE CAMPER!)**



**PAST CCC PRESIDENTS JOE BOYD, BOB LORGUS**

Prior to the evening Retreat ceremony, the infamous "class pictures" were taken and appear in this issue...My...but no one seems to have changed a bit from one year to the next!

A sumptuous supper of roast pig was enjoyed by all after which our spirits were lifted by Ernie Heegard's inspired song-leadership. Camp songs always get everyone chiming in regardless of their vocal qualities!

The business meeting was short and sweet as elections were held to form the new HSRAA Executive Committee for 2008 – 2009. Later, Mark Hammond was elected Chairman.



**1930'S BOB LORGUS AND ROLAND MINSHALL**



**1940'S FRED GATES, BROTHERS MC CABE, JB RETTEW AND ERNIE HEEGARD**



**1950'S BENNETHUM, WETZEL, DUKOVIC, GIVLER, SOUSER, WARNER, WAXBOM**



**1960'S WELL REPRESENTED FROM NEAR AND FAR**

**CELEBRATE COUNCIL'S 90<sup>TH</sup> AND BOY SCOUTING'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**

*We are on an Eagle Scout search! Are you an Eagle Scout or do you know an Eagle Scout in your community?*

*If so ~ contact Chester County Council, BSA on their website: [www.cccbsa.org](http://www.cccbsa.org) or telephone the Council office: 610-696-2900.*

**FLY WITH THE EAGLES!  
RE-CONNECT AND RE-ENGAGE FOR THE 100<sup>TH</sup>!**



**1970'S STANDING TALL**



**'80'S ARE THERE IN FORCE**



**1990'S A. RETTEW, CLAYTON LOTTS, TOM MURPHY**

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**JIM DUKOVIC, JANET HESS AND PETE CIORROCCO**

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Please send me further information about The Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association  
The following Camp Horseshoe/Camp Ware alumni\* may be interested in the HSRAA:  
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\*We especially need names/addresses of people not currently registered with Council or Lodge 22 OA.





