

SCHWAB, Michael (East Greenwich, RI) - This past December, born into the hearts of Mike and Nancy Schwab was Lucy Mae (I call her Lucy Lu) Schwab. Lucy is an absolutely beautiful little girl and - thank God - looks and acts a lot like mommy Nancy! None of us could take another Mike!!! Congratulations Mike and Nancy!!

SHEPARD, Henry (Esmond, RI) 1937 - Retired after 31 years in education - 24 years as Principal of Smithfield HS. Julie and I have 5 grown children, 11 grand children and 9 great grand children. Four Eagle Scouts over three generations.

SMITH, Philip J. (No. Providence, RI) 1973 - Will be trying to get all former Scouts especially Eagles together to honor and have a testimonial for Percy Allsup. I will let you know more details as they become available. Probably late April or early May.

SWENSON, Erick (Baton Rouge, LA) 1967 - Working at the Coastal Ecology Institute at Louisiana State University. Major research projects are evaluating projects to restore wetlands in coastal Louisiana.

TESSIER, George E. (Las Vegas, NV) 1963 - This town "Sin City" (Las Vegas) is completely insane!! (My kind of town, George! Judy)

WESTCOTT, Harry S. (Nottingham, NH) 1935 - Sad to report that my first Scoutmaster of Troop 1 Gaspee Plateau died last summer in Foster, RI. A great man and friend for 65 years. What he taught me saved my life in WWII. He was William McKenna.

A 'SCOUT SALUTE' TO DECEASED ALUMNI MEMBERS AND/OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

HOWARD A. DROITCOUR (North Kingstown, RI) 6/26/00

STEWART R. ESSEX (Narragansett, RI) 11/5/00

HERBERT O. NELSON (Cranston, RI) 8/5/00

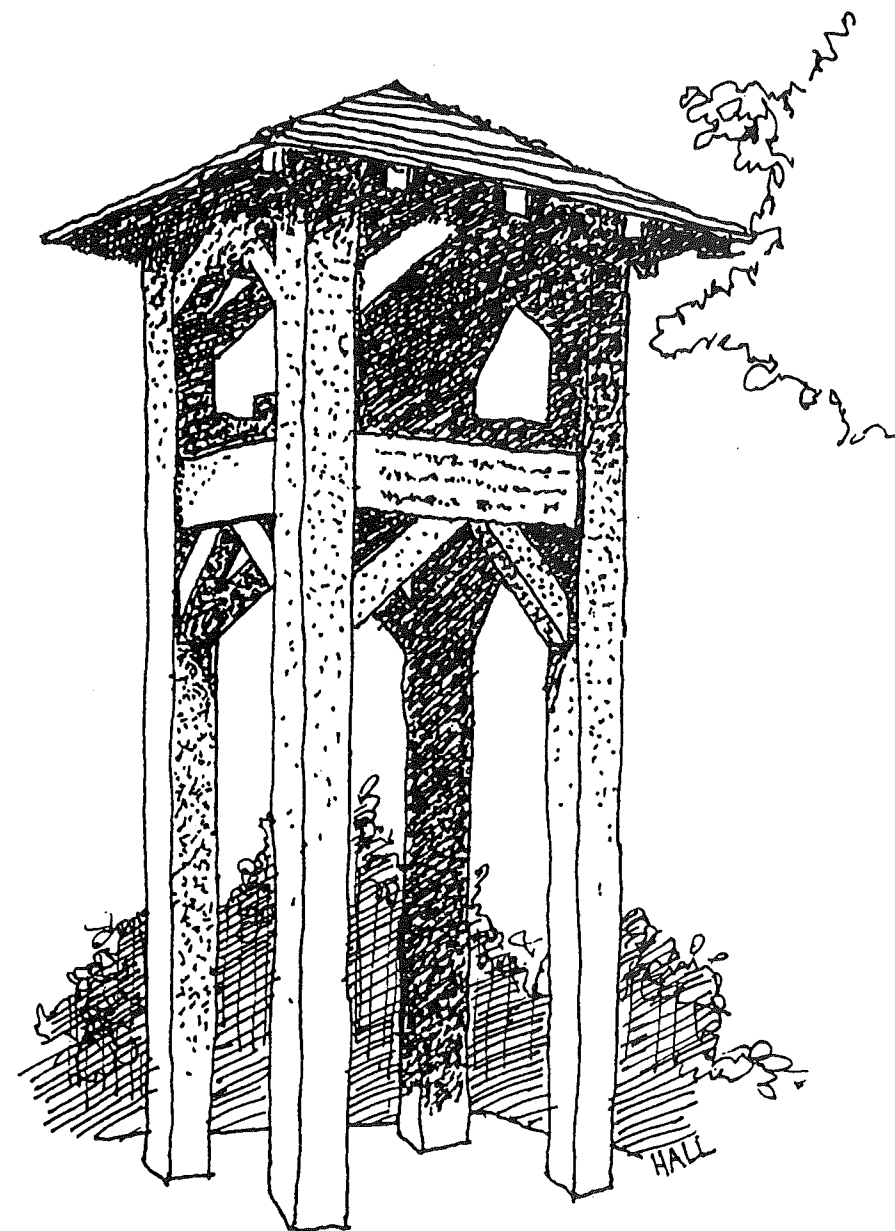
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SPRING, 2001

Dear Alumni:

In just a few weeks, thousands of Scouts and Scouters will enter the T.Dawson Brown gateway and experience the "Yawgoog Adventure". This new generation of Scouts will capture memories that they will cherish for a lifetime. The Alumni Association wishes Reservation Director Tom Sisson, the 2001 Key Staff and the 200 CY Staff Members the very best as they begin this new season. It will be a season in which traditions of yester-year continue while new ones are being created.

We would also like to thank the entire membership of the Alumni Association for your continued support of this "Adventureland for boys of all ages". The YAA has entered its 21st year and in these two decades we have assisted Yawgoog to nurture and grow as it entered the 21st century.

Many thanks to the YAA Executive Board (*names listed to the left*) for their tireless efforts throughout the year regarding the mission of the Association. And a very special thank you to Judy Burns, Administrative Assistant, who has dedicated enormous amounts of time to the Association and is our "spark plug" that keeps our organization "organized" and moving forward.

This Newsletter is packed with many stories of interest. Probably the most talked about issue is in regards to our HERITAGE CENTER. The YAA started this project a few years ago, and there have been many "road-blocks" and "detours" along the way. However, progress has been made and there is now a "light at the end of the tunnel". Read the articles within to gather a historical perspective about this Center and its status. The YAA Reunion article is enclosed, as well as the usual "personals" and articles of interest about the summer.

A friendly reminder to all Alumni: Please be sure that you are current regarding your annual dues. It is the dues contribution that is placed in a "restricted" trust fund which keeps the Association's financial resources growing. In addition, if you can help with a contribution toward the HERITAGE CENTER project, please consider adding a little extra to your annual dues contribution. Most YAA members reading this newsletter are current with their dues, and we thank you. If you have forgotten to mail your dues this year, please do it today. The Alumni calendar year is from REUNION to REUNION, so the 2001-2002 Alumni year will commence in August.

On behalf of all the Scouts (past, present, and future) that will experience Yawgoog Thank you. Hope to see you at the reunion this summer.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Herbold
Yawgoog Alumni Association Chairman

GUS'S GOSSIP

As written by: Judy Ferrante Burns

Some of you – but I'm willing to bet not a heck of a lot of you – may have in your possession a book entitled "I've Told It Before – A Travesty of Trivia" by H. Cushman "Gus" Anthony, Revised Edition 1990. There are very few copies left in print and I keep telling myself that I will input the 67 pages of this most of the time 'comical' book into my computer when I have time. I do have between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. free – that is if I don't care to sleep – so I'm going to shoot for the August 4th Reunion date to have it done.

I know this book well because when I first arrived at the Narragansett Council (May of 1983) Gus commissioned (charmed is a better adjective) me to type this book – no computers then, so I used my IBM Selectric Typewriter.

I thought as a nice tribute to Gus (and because he was the originator of Gus's Gossip), I would, at least for the time being, publish excerpts from this book especially because all of the stories relate to Scouting and Yawgoog. For this first issue of Gus's Gossip by me, I have chosen a story entitled "Memorial Day" as written by Gus. Enjoy it!

"Back in the 'teens' the Scouts did a lot more in community 'Good Turns' than they are allowed to do today. It isn't that they would not enjoy doing the services but in many cases the "Unions" won't allow anyone to perform a service that might bring income to some working person. How well we older Scouters remember Memorial Day. For the record here is a typical day to a 12-year-old boy.

Up at 6 a.m. Eat breakfast and meet the Troop at Wayland Square and march downtown to the rear of the Railroad Station where the parade formed. At 9 a.m. the cannon would be fired and the parade would start. Usually the Scouts were in the last division. By 9:45 a.m. we moved out, probably no band as they were assigned the more important participants. There would be veterans of the Civil War, the Mexican War and some who had come from World War I. Loads of Army, Navy, National Guard, Red Cross volunteers and the Providence Public Market horse-drawn delivery wagons loaded down with loads and loads of geraniums. Bands and some floats like Liberty Bonds.

The route was up through Exchange Place and on up Washington Street to Empire Street. Through Empire Street to Weybosset Street, down Weybosset Street to the Reviewing Stand in front of the Outlet. It would continue down Weybosset to Crawford Street Bridge where the parade ended. But not for the Scouts...we had to march through Exchange Street and up to the Railroad Station where we boarded chartered open cars and were 'trolleyed' out to different cemeteries. Our Troop went to either North Burial Ground or Swan Point...usually North Burial Ground.

At the cemetery, we would be assigned to a Weybosset Pure Food wagon, walk along side of it putting a geranium on every grave that had a Veteran's marker on it. This would take us a good two hours and then back onto the open trolley and a return trip down North Main Street. The trolley stopped at the foot of Meeting Street and we all got out and climbed the hill to the Old Armory on Benefit Street. We would enter on the lower level over cobblestones into the room, or should I say stable where the horses were kept. There, on paper-covered tables, we were fed baked beans, frankfurters and coffee. We were really hungry, for it had been a long time since breakfast. Then the Troop walked back up Angell Street to Wayland Square where we disbanded and I dragged myself two blocks further down South Angell Street to 103, up stairs to my bedroom and flopped onto my bed and slept through supper and the night until breakfast the next day. That was community service, a "Good Turn" and "Duty to Country" all wrapped up in one full day, but I was proud to be part of it!"

Story by H. Cushman 'Gus' Anthony

YAWGOOG ALUMNI REUNION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2001 IS THE DAY – YAWGOOG IS THE PLACE FOR REUNION #21!

The time has arrived for another gathering of the **Yawgoog Alumni Association**. Registration begins at 1 p.m. in the **Donald North Court** and while visiting the camp, enter one of the many tournaments available to you. Tour buses will be providing transportation to the archery range and rifle range, along with other interesting places at camp. So, set aside **Saturday, August 4th, 2001**, to see some old friends and make new ones.

There will be a **Memorial Service for H. Cushman "Gus" Anthony** at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Room. Scouting, Yawgoog and the Alumni have lost a close friend. Among many of Gus' achievements, he was founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Yawgoog Alumni Association. Gus' love for camp was a lifetime commitment, so please join us as we remember his life as he takes his place among Yawgoog's Heros.

Once again, **Larry 'Colonel' Jette** and the **Campmasters** will prepare the best **chicken barbeque** this side of the Mississippi!! As always, the **Camp Staff** and Campmasters will serve refreshments throughout the afternoon for your enjoyment.

So, mark your calendar **now** for **Reunion #21** on Saturday, August 4th, 2001, at 1 p.m. in the Donald North Court. Incidentally, any current Alumnus who brings a new Scouter to the barbeque to sign up as a YAA member will receive one complimentary dinner on that day. Join us and help our membership grow and together we can help the 'Scouts of tomorrow'!

Jim Lanzi, Reunion #21 Chairman

FROM THE RESERVATION DIRECTOR...

The 86th season of summer camping at Yawgoog is already upon us! Supplies have been ordered, staff has been hired, and programs are in place for another successful season of camping on and near the shores of Yawgoog Pond.

Members of the Yawgoog Alumni Association hold many precious memories of past camp seasons. On behalf of the 2001 Camp Yawgoog Staff, I am proud to say that this years summer camp experience will not disappoint those Scouts and Scouters who have come to expect the best that any summer camp can offer. Nearly seven thousand scouts, fifteen hundred Scouters and almost two hundred Staff will be experience Yawgoog once again this summer.

This will be my third season on staff at Yawgoog. I am looking forward to working with an outstanding Key Staff again this year. The Key Staff brings with them collectively over eighty years of experience at Yawgoog.

I extend a special greeting to the Alumni that will be returning to Yawgoog this year during the annual reunion, camping with their Troop or just dropping in to revive the Great Spirit that Yawgoog brings upon us all.

I hope to see you all at the reunion this summer. Until then, happy trails, and may the Yawgoog Spirit bring you peace and joy the whole year through.

Thomas J. Sisson, Reservation Director

HERITAGE CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

The Heritage Center project is making progress and the Alumni Association is in the late stages of finalizing the cost and selecting the site for the facility. The purpose of this article is to provide you with a comprehensive explanation of what has happened over the last 4 years and where we are today. This new program center will help Scouts learn about the rich traditions and heritage that make Yawgoog the extraordinary camp we all know it to be. Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article about what will take place inside the Heritage Center.

Site selection criteria for the Heritage Center were established by the Executive Committee in 1997 and consist of: (1) central location; (2) sufficient size of site; (3) good year-round security; and (4) close to an existing program center. These criteria have been adhered to throughout the process. The Building Subcommittee conducted the site search and initially considered as sites for the Heritage Center the Long Shed (at the east end of the Bucklin Quadrangle), the Reservation Trading Post in the DNC, in back of the OA Information Center diagonally across the road from the Bucklin building, and an addition to the Kelly Nature Center. Based on the Subcommittee's recommendation, the Executive Committee selected the Kelly Nature Center as the location for the Heritage Center. The location met all the site criteria.

The original groundbreaking ceremony took place at the 1998 Reunion at the site adjacent to the Kelly Nature Center. The project was to be an addition to the Nature Center. However, when the cost projection later turned out to be over \$320,000, in part due to the difficulty of tying-in the roof systems, as compared to our original budget of \$150,000, we had to start over with a new design in a new location. We then decided to site the Heritage Center in a stand-alone building at the northeast corner of the Tim O'Neil Field, about 50 feet from the Kelly Nature Center. Because the state building code classifies the Heritage Center as a "place of assembly", a lavatory (toilet and sink) is required. The lavatory requirement and the associated leach field have caused so much delay for this project. Although the Kelly Nature Center has a lavatory, its septic system is not adequate for the increased load from another building. The only nearby place that would perk on the Tim O'Neil Field is along Marvel Road but even then a raised system would have to be built. The Camp is reluctant to have a leach field installed under the Field to service the Heritage Center because some day the Camp may need to install a much larger leach field under the Field to service the Medicine Bow Dining Hall. We then investigated constructing the Heritage Center at the south end of the Reservation Parking Lot, near the East Cabin. However, the area around the parking lot and construction site did not perk.

YAWGOOG ALUMNI HERITAGE CENTER

Below is the Naming Opportunities chart for the Heritage Center Project, updated to include pledges since last fall. If you have not signed up for a Naming Opportunity and are thinking about it, please use the sign-up form below. Thank you for your continued financial support.

Naming Opportunities List

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DONATION</u>	<u># SOLD AS OF 4/27/01</u>	<u># AVAILABLE AS OF 4/27/01</u>
Building Fund Donor Plaque	\$ 250	55	Unlimited
Wall Display Cases	500	9	0
Chairs	1,000	8	0
Bookcases	2,500	2	0
Floor Display Cases	2,500	5	3
Conference Table	2,500	1	0
Large Showcases	5,000	1	1
Fireplace	20,000	1	0

Payments may be made in installments. Payment in full is due by June 30, 2002.

Heritage Center/Museum project donations made in 1998, 1999, 2000 and/or 2001 can now be counted towards a naming opportunity. (Example: \$25 project donation in 1998, \$25 project donation in 1999, a \$25 donation in 2000, and a \$25 donation in 2001, together with a \$150 donation now, will total the \$250 needed to place your name on the Building Fund Donor Plaque.)

Sign up below. Tear off. Mail back.

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Mail to: Yawgoog Alumni Association
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Enclosed is the full amount: \$ _____
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(I will make _____ more payments of \$ _____.)

(Identify the naming item as listed above.)

(Please print name(s) the way you would like to appear on the plaque.)

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: () _____

The decision was made to ask the building code officials for a waiver of the lavatory requirement. However, one requirement is that the Heritage Center be located within 500 feet of an acceptable alternative lavatory facility that could meet the intent and purpose of the code. An application was filed to request a waiver of the lavatory requirement. On April 5th, the State Building Code Commission held a hearing on the matter and granted the waiver from the lavatory requirement on the condition that the Heritage Center be built within 500 feet of the Bucklin Building bathrooms. We are now examining the alternatives for a site within 500 feet of the Bucklin Building bathrooms on which to construct the Heritage Center.

The Alumni Association Executive Committee has been able to increase the budget for the project from \$150,000 to \$250,000. The Naming Opportunity donations from many Alumni have helped to pay for the furnishings and continued donations from other Alumni and the additional income from the Trust Fund over time have provided more money for the project. The budget covers the hard costs of constructing the building, the soft costs associated with architectural and other fees, and the furnishings and equipment for the interior. Today, we have approximately \$200,000 in hand for the project. With additional Alumni donations and income from the Trust Fund, we expect to be able to pay for the project. Elsewhere in this newsletter is the updated Naming Opportunities chart and a sign-up form for a donation.

The Building Subcommittee under Mike Schwab's leadership is working with the architect to design the Heritage Center at a cost within budget. The Subcommittee is also working with the Scout Executive, Dave Anderson, to find an acceptable location for the Heritage Center. The footprint of the new building will be approximately 24 feet wide by 48 feet long, roughly the same size as the East and West Cabins. The cost and site issues should be worked out over the summer and a final announcement hopefully will be made in the Fall newsletter. Stay tuned. Thank you for your patience. We look forward to your support of Yawgoog's newest program center, the Yawgoog Alumni Association Heritage Center.

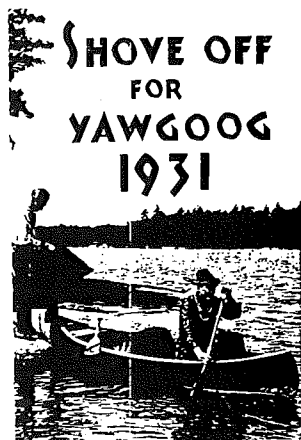
YAWGOOG ALUMNI HERITAGE CENTER

The contents and operations subcommittee continues to review what we have and develop themes and rough layouts of the interior. Based on the items we have so far and the sense of the history of Yawgoog, we have developed the following tentative themes in which we would like to build displays around:

- The Early Years (1916-1924) telling the story of the establishment of RIBS and the origin of Yawgoog up to the division into the upper and lower camps.
- Three Point, Medicine Bow and Sandy Beach
- CIT Corps and Apprentice in Training
- J. Harold Williams and H. Cushman Anthony
- Programs such as waterfront, Indian lore, nature, craft center, camp craft, challenge, KPWC
- Provisional camping: Minnikesu, Baden Powell, Webelos, Eagle Camp
- Saturday Night Shows/Circus
- General BSA memorabilia
- National Jamboree memorabilia

This list is not to be all inclusive and other themes may emerge as we receive other interesting items that capture the history and spirit of Yawgoog and scouting. Do you have any items that would help portray any of the above themes? How about old pamphlets, newsletters, Yawgoog Daily News, programs of special events, photos, diaries, badges, awards, post cards (especially ones written on describing camp experiences)? If you have paper items that may be of value to you and you do not wish to depart with them yet, consider sending us a photocopy. Same with photographs, consider having a copy made at your local photo lab and send it to us!

Here is an example of a pamphlet from 1931 describing the upcoming season at Yawgoog. It's packed with great history. We'd love to see more of these!



Finally, if you would like to help out in any way give Judy a call at the Scout Servicenter.

THE BEAUTIFUL 'CAMP YAWGOOG PRINT' IS STILL AVAILABLE!!

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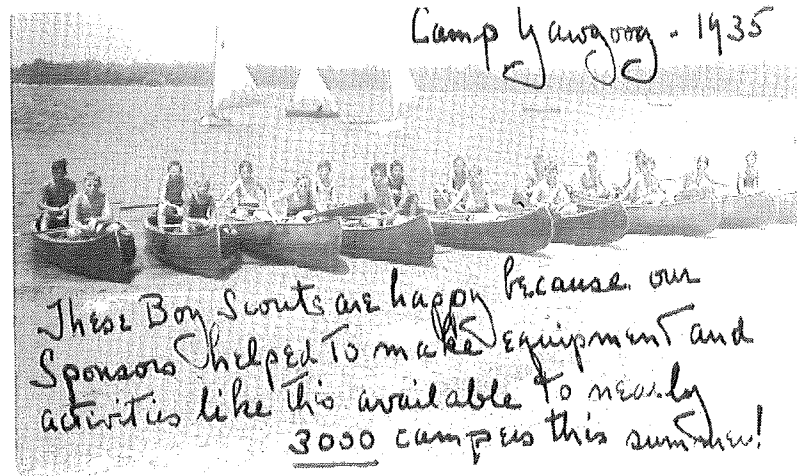
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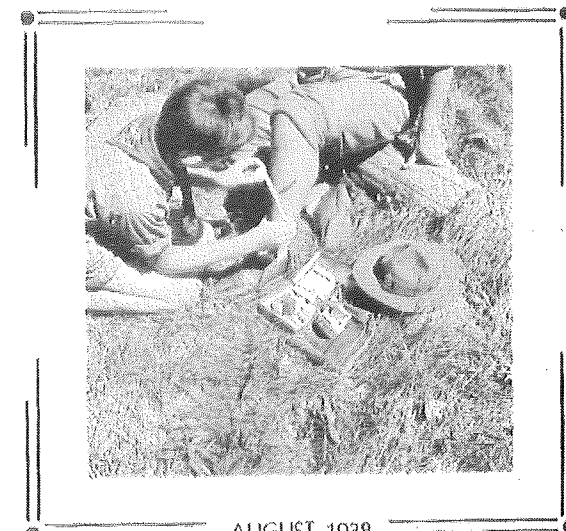
YAWGOOG 1919 – OLD 1st. No. Providence w/Arthur Lake and Arthur Sharp



Camp Yawgoog - 1935

These Boy Scouts are happy because our Sponsors helped to make equipment and activities like this available to nearly 3000 campers this summer!

1935 – In the Chief's own words.

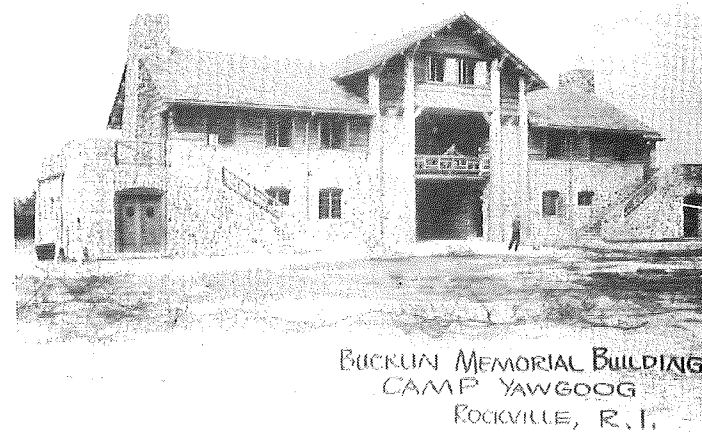


AUGUST 1938

Applying First Aid at Yawgoog.



Tent at Yawgoog in 1930.



BUCKLIN MEMORIAL BUILDING
CAMP YAWGOOG
ROCKVILLE, R. I.

The Bucklin Memorial in 1933.

PERSONALS

ADLER, Steven (Cranston, RI) 1977 – Still doing well w/career and family life. Son Joshua is 6 ½ and Shoshana is 2 ½, growing much too quickly. Recovering from Crohn's surgery (my third & hopefully my last)! Hopefully within the next year Joshua will become a Cub Scout and enjoy the life of Scouting as I did.

BECHTEL, Peter (Raleigh, NC) 1963 – Glad to have gotten up with Larry Mello and Ken Grinnell Sr. and Jr. via Yawgoog newsletter. Also wrote Gus (prior to his passing) a note about our hi-jinks at Yawgoog in the 'good old days'. Would love to hear from Scouts in T1 Portsmouth in the '60's. EMAIL: PBECHEL@USINVESTOR.COM

BELOTZ, Alfred O. (Daly City, CA) 1942 – I have been a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America for 60 years: Narragansett Council 1940-1945; Silverado Council 1946-1950; San Francisco Bay Area Council 1951-2000. Celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2000.

NOTE: Al Belotz wrote a very beautiful letter to Joe Herbold regarding the passing of Gus Anthony. I would like to quote some passages from the letter:

"Last year marked my 60th anniversary as a Boy Scout and volunteer leader and I owe it all to the wonderful leadership of two of the greatest men in Scouting. J. Harold 'Chief' Williams and H. Cushman 'Gus' Anthony. My association with those two men made me a better man with a true love for Scouting. I will never forget my years at Camp Yawgoog (1941-1945). I have served Scouting in four councils and none of them could take the place of my experience in Narragansett Council and Camp Yawgoog. It was one of a kind. I have many memories of Gus, but there is one I would like to share with you. I was sitting for my Eagle Board of Review in April 1945, and into the room came Gus. He asked if they were through with me as we had a most important meeting to attend. (Gus and I were putting on a skit about a patrol meeting and explaining the duties of the patrol leader and how to conduct a patrol meeting.) Well, Gus practically walked me through the Eagle Board of Review, cutting short my 'bird study' merit badge review, just so we could get to our meeting. Gus said it was the fastest Eagle Board he could remember. His memory will be a blessing forever. Gus was every bit a good friend, a good man and a devoted Scouter."

Thank you, Al, for taking the time to share your memories and thoughts with us. Judy

BOLTON, Robert B. (East Greenwich, RI) 1959 – My son David R. Bolton just completed his 3rd year at Yawgoog. He is not a Life Scout.

BOWKER, Alan (No. Attleboro, MA) 1965 – Missed last year's Reunion due to a family reunion but I will be back this year (hopefully)!

BRILLON, Alan (Attleboro, MA) 1956 – Still with Troop 37 Attleboro. Summer camp at Yawgoog was 'great'. We must have caught one of the really good weather weeks last summer. Also did some winter camping at Yawgoog and Buck Hill.

BROCKUS, Gordon H. (East Hartford, CT) – Received a nice letter to the Alumni Association from Gordon. It read: "As I remarked in a previous letter, I have been blessed with being able to bring my Scouts to your fine camp. Through the year I have grown to love this camp as I know you do also. The Scouts and adults that have attended feel as I do also. I have heard Joe Herbold speak many times at the Tuesday night barbeque and have always been inspired. In closing, I would like to let you know that the boys that attended this past summer all want to come back this year." (Well, Gordon, I guess Yawgoog has that affect on all its' campers! Hope to see you this summer.)

BUCKLEY, Carl & Jeanie (Greenville, RI) 1960 – Thanks again to Judy for sending us all the info regarding Gus' memorial service. Carl and I are fine – he is still working full time as a sales engineer for ABCO. I am semi-retired working part time as an RN Consultant for a group home in Lincoln. Our grandson Patrick Buckley had a great time at Yawgoog this past summer. Does anyone have Stuart Mills address – he was the orderly at the Health Lodge in 1960? (Okay, all you Alumni – where or where is Stuart Mills?)

BUTLER, Alden H. (Pomona Park, FL) 1933 – My wife and I are still doing well in North Florida.

BUTLER, Art (Willsboro, NY) 1936 – In our last month on Lake Champlain in the Adirondacks. Foliage touring beautiful! A month from now will be in Punta Gorda, FL, on Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf of Mexico. "Best of both worlds!" Health continues good so far but don't know that I'll beat Gus Anthony's years before going to the "Camp Yawgoog Up Above". Hope all my old Scouting and CY friends are well and happy. Regards to all. Art

BUTLER III, Arthur W. a.k.a. Butch Butler (Buena Vista, CO) 1964 – Staying active in the Rockies with hiking, llama trekking, horseback riding, skiing, snow shoeing and snow boarding! Expecting 3rd grandchild this January – yes, Arthur Jr. that makes you a great-grandfather!

Note: How many Art Butler's are there????!! Anyone care to answer?

CHATELL, Roger A. (West Warwick, RI) 1983 – 2000 brings Cheryl and my first child, Richard A. Chatell. Now only 11 years until he goes to Yawgoog! I graduated from Rhode Island College and I'm in my fifth year at Community Counseling Center in Pawtucket working with adolescents with behavior and emotional disorders. I'm on line at chatell@juno.com

CHOQUETTE, Bill (Chevy Chase, MD) 1951 – Have served as Advancement Chairman Troop 90 Washington, DC since 1980.

COWEN, M.D., Norman J. (Washington, DC) 1946 – Practice of hand surgery in Washington, DC area slowing down. More hiking and water sports in Maine in summer and tennis in South Carolina in winter. Enjoying the grandchildren. Returning periodically to Yawgoog for Alumni Reunions. Enjoyed seeing Tom Whittingslow again after almost 50 years.

CRUDUP, JR., Robert (Pleasanton, CA) 1963 – Son Brandon enters 2nd year Webelos. Looking forward to nephew Shaun Horgan Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Wood River Junction) in May.

CUNHA, USN, CDR Jim (Iceland) 1968 – Director of Manpower & Personnel for the Iceland Defense Force in Keflavik, Iceland. Committee Chairman for Troop 364 Keflavik. The Scouts of Keflavik attended Camp Yawgoog this past summer. The spirit of Yawgoog now burns bright in Iceland!! (Well, Jim, looks like you win in lighting the 'spirit of Yawgoog' in the furthest point in the World!!!)

DAVIDSON, Donald J. (Cumberland, RI) 1936 – Hello Bill! Thanks for the information about membership renewal. A check for my Silver membership is enclosed. I believe two of my sons joined last year. My youngest grandson is only three, a little young to join, I think! Keep up the good work, Bill, on the work projects. Hope the 'market' will take a turn upward in the spring. (Well, Don, keep those new memberships coming in. Yes, your three-year-old grandson is a little too young – but I'm sure we'll see him at Yawgoog in 2010! You are not the only one wishing the market goes up in the spring!!! Bill)

DONAHUE, Joseph B. (Carmel, IN) 1946 – Just completed my second Philmont expedition with Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Troop 125, Carmel, Indiana. Some difference in this old body since my first trip in 1968!

DWYER, Bill (Fallsington, PA) 1949 – Sorry I missed last year's Reunion. Really missed being there. Have visited many Scout camps in the U.S. and none can compare to Yawgoog.

FARRELL, Francis (Harrisville, RI) 1943 – Still working but thinking about retiring. My youngest daughter, Nancy, will be getting married in Santa Barbara in June.

FEOLE, William A. (Pascoag, RI) 1967 – My family and I are fine. Hard to believe Thanksgiving (2000) marks the 17th year of being paralyzed. Hoping to start my own publishing business to publish several books this coming spring. All suggestions, I'm all ears. BillFeole@aol.com

FOISY, SR., Frank E. (Deerfield, NH) 1960 – I earned Wood Badge Beads in April (NE-I-194). Sent two crews on High Adventure trips, one to Sea Base, Florida, and one to Laguna Station, TX. Been involved 10 plus years as leader and have now taken on job of SM for Troop 111 Raymond, NH. Can still see Gus driving down the road from the Bucklin to the Beach giving his 'Hello' way back in the 60's!

FOISY, Ted (Deerfield, NH) 1994 – I received third Eagle Palm (Silver). Received 'God & Life' just prior to 18th birthday. Spent April vacation with my troop at Laguna Station (Rio Grande Council High Adventure Base in TX) I am now AS< for Troop 111 Raymond, NH. Graduated Oyster River H.S. June 2000, worked my 2nd summer for Daniel Webster Council Cub Day Camp. I instructed BB's. Missed camp for the first time since 94 cause of work. Hope I can make it in 2001!

FOWLER, Richard F. (Alexandria, VA) 1946 – Retired December 30, 2000, after 37 years as a forest entomologist with the U.S. Forest Service. I enjoyed my years at Yawgoog both as a Scout with Troop 15 Newport, RI, and as Scoutmaster of Troop 1107 Franconia, VA.

FULLERTON, Bruce (Carolina, RI) – Two of my sons, Glen and Gary, are both 5-year staffers at Yawgoog Staff Reservation and both are Eagle Scouts. Glen was a 5-year staffer at Medicine Bow and Gary was a 5-year staffer at Sandy Beach under Matt Sheridan for part of his tenure. When my sons' come to RI to visit, the first thing they want to do is to go to Yawgoog and hike around the three camps and reminisce about their years there. (Thanks, Bruce, for the two new Alumni memberships! Bill)

GAUDET, Albert J. (Pensacola, FL) 1951 – Still doing a little consulting but limiting to projects that I really want to do. Planning on spending summers in Westport, MA beginning this year so Reunions will be easier to make.

GEHRINGER, Chris (South Bound Brook, NJ) 1985 – It's been 5 years since I last spent an entire summer at Camp Yawgoog but the spirit is with me every day. Thank you staff for making the 2000 season so successful. I look forward to a visit soon!

HAGERTY, James A. (East Providence, RI) 1929 – Pushing 85. Went thru the prostate treatment with excellent results 0.1 Looking forward to a few more. Going to miss Gus in our picture. (Yes, Jim, we are all missing Gus!)

HARRIS, Wendell G. (Cumberland, RI) 1940 – The "Wendy" Harris family doing just fine. Regularly keep in touch with Scott Keefer – Troop 1 Slatersville and Sandy Beach Waterfront Director during the 1940's. My last year at Camp was 1947 – Waterfront Director at Three Point. Jim Williams was Division Director. Also maintain contact with old friend Bob Shea – Troop 8 Providence. He and his wife, Mary, live in Scarsdale, NY....and other locales around the country.

HERBOLD, Joseph J. (Cranston, RI) – Started my 30th year as an Administrator in Cranston schools. My new title is "Director of Student Information Services". This is my 15th year as Chairman of the YAA. Many thanks to all Alumni throughout the World for your continued support of Yawgoog.

INGHAM, Bruce R. (Coventry, RI) – Recently retired after 28 years of teaching in Warwick. Highly recommend retirement! Still Vice Chairman of YAA and editor of newsletter. Still beating Joe Herbold, Mike Schwab and Steve Dolan in golf. Working part time at PPAC.

JOHNSON, JR., Charles W. (Williamsville, NY) 1927 – Sorry I wasn't able to attend the 20th Reunion. Was out of the country as my wife and I enjoy traveling during our retirement. Will try to plan so as to attend the 21st. Really enjoy the *Belltower*. It's been a long time and I look for familiar names.

KINGSTON, SR., John A. (Exeter, RI) 1965 – Retired October from North Kingstown PD with 22 years of service. My son, John, Jr., worked this past summer at Sandy Beach as lifeguard. I was very jealous and proud. Got to know a lot of staffers and all were true to the best of Yawgoog traditions. (Yes, John, we do have the been darn Camp Staff than any other Boy Scout Camp!!)

KOBELSKI, Max (Oakdale, CT) 1990 – Spent some months in Sydney, Australia. Hope to see you at this year's reunion.

KOCONIS, Bill (North Kingstown, RI) 1978 – Living in North Kingstown with wife Lynn. Recently became VP of Field Operations – Southern New England for the American Heart Association. I knew all the Yawgoog fresh air was good for the heart!

LARIVIERE, Leo T. (Warwick, RI) 1955 – Was a Scout from 1955 to 1959. Scout leader with Troop 4 Gaspee 1983 to 1988. Two sons (Leo J. and Joseph M.) are Eagle Scouts with Troop 4 Gaspee.

LAWTON, Charles E. (Provincetown, MA) 9153 – I'd love to contact some old friends via e-mail. My address is CAPETIP@AOL.COM

LONG, Louis (Lincoln, RI) 1961 – My lovely wife still works for the State of RI as a Social Worker. My daughter is now 10 years old and is active in Girl Scouts. I'm still with Zep Mfg. Co. and doing great. Will try to make the next Reunion – miss Yawgoog so very much!

LOPARDO, Stephen (Cranston) 1965 – My son, Jeffrey, is 13 and a Star Scout with Troop 66 Garden City, Cranston.

MACNAUGHT, Ken (Warwick, RI) 1958 – We are 'empty nesters' now. Oldest daughter Heather working on Doctorate in South Asian Languages at U. of Chicago. Her husband Eli just received PhD in Genetics. Son Rob (Eagle Troop 117 Warwick) is now a Sophomore Econ. major also at U. of Chicago. Daughter Malinda is a Freshman at BU. My wife Carol received her PhD in Psychology from URI in May. I expect to retire from IBM in a few years and then sharpen up my golf skills. Keep up the good work. Yawgoog never looked better. (Okay, Ken, what's your secret? How could you possibly think of retiring with three children in college????)

MCKENDALL, Don (North Kingstown, RI) 1964 – I am Scoutmaster for 2001 Jamboree Troop 442! My son Donny IV became Eagle in April 2000. My son Alex is a Star Scout!

MENDE, William H. (Scituate, RI) 1951 – Whatever happened to Walter Haggerty? I bunked with him working at Yawgoog in 1954! (Do any of you Alumni have an answer for Bill!!!!)

MOORE, Adam (New York, NY) 1988 – I am now an Associate Producer at the New York based documentary and feature film company Askari Films. Keeping busy writing, directing and producing. Hopefully they'll unchain me from my desk long enough to attend this year's Reunion (although I may have to bring along a camera crew to justify my time off!)

MYERS, Bob (North Kingstown, RI) 1969 – I've been involved as Pack Committee Chairman for Pack 5 NK for the past 5 years. My son (Zachary) is a 1st year Webelos. My other son (Ben) only lasted one year in Boy Scouts (too involved in sports). It's nice to read about Alumni in the newsletter. Keep up the good work!

NATALE, Anthony J. (West Palm Beach, FL) 1963 – I'm the new Scoutmaster of a brand new Troop, 141 West Palm Beach. I hope some day to bring them up for a week at Yawgoog.

RAFANELLI, Anthony J. (North Providence, RI) – Writes a Tribute to Wilfred J. Scott:

On October 16, 2000, the Boy Scouts of America family lost a very special individual. Wilfred J. Scott was a long time member of Troop 5 North Providence having served as its Committee Chair for well over twenty (if not more) years. In addition to this service, he served as an assistant leader and troop treasurer. In short, there was nothing Mr. Scott wouldn't do for Troop 5. One of my best experiences as a youth was the time I spent as a Boy Scout and when I think about my Scouting years, I can't help but always think of 'Mr. Scott'. In a very quiet, but significant way, we Scouts always knew when Mr. Scott was around. He was a person who believed in the true ideals of Scouting and supported every boy who showed the determination to be the best he can be. Being strict when we had to, Mr. Scott also boasted one of the jolliest and infectious laughs I have ever known anyone to have. When it came time to such special events as Courts of Honor, Mr. Scott (or Buster as affectionately known to all adults) would beam with pride as each Scout proceeded 'front and center' to receive his awards. Wilfred Scott served his community in many other ways. He was a life member of the Marienville Fire Department (North Providence). I can still see him today driving the old LaFrance Engine No. 5 on the run. He served as a CYO advisor and usher for the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in NP and spent twenty years as program director for the Boys' and Girls' Club in Pawtucket. It is sad to say good-bye to those that were a big part of our lives. As I close out this tribute, I would like to relate this last memory. I can recall being with my troop (Troop 5NP) at Camp Yawgoog in the beautiful site called Frontier in Three Point. It is Wednesday night, Leaders Night, the night which all the troop leaders and committee are invited down to spend a campfire with us. The sun has just set over Yawgoog Pond and our campfire is situated just up from our beach. The leaders and committee persons are sitting 'front row' near the fire. We have just finished some songs and are now putting on one of our infamous near-funny skits. We finish the skit and Buster Scott howls with his roaring laughter taking pleasure in the fun and mirth of our acting. Now it is time to end the campfire and we all gather as one group and recite the Boy Scout Oath and Law. As the fire dims down, we all sit quiet and listen to Taps as the haunting, yet beautiful music envelopes us as it travels across the lakefront and the entire reservation. And there, as the fire dies down, I can see its glow on Mr. Scott's face. He looks very proud and serene as if to say "I am so happy for you boys, you're on the right track." A Scout Salute to you, Mr. Scott, and Godspeed.
By: Anthony J. Rafanelli

RANSEHOUSEN, Earl (Narragansett, RI) 1924 – Fell and broke hip in four places and wrist in September. Operation, rehab and home by Thanksgiving. Am driving again and doing my routine activities with the help of a cane. Looking forward to tennis in spring. Just turned 91 on 1/25/01. (Earl, you are amazing! 91 years old and still playing tennis! I'm 40 years younger than you and I don't have the stamina for tennis!!!! What's your secret? Happy Birthday! Judy)

RAYMOND, David N. (Lincoln, RI) 1965 – Married 25 years, 2 sons, both Scouts, one Eagle both attending college. I'm a 22-year Providence Fire Fighter. I'm an Eagle.

RAYMOND, Mike (Fairfax Station, VA) 1967 – I recently started a new job working for Cisco Federal Systems, Herndon, VA. My oldest daughter is a freshman at James Madison University.

RICHMOND, Gerald (Syracuse, NY) 1950's – Independent out of council camper for Troop 242 Denver, CO. Father was member of First Troop Providence. Continue as Scoutmaster of Troop 1 in Syracuse, NY. We had 5 Eagle Scouts this year, built a climbing tower and had an active summer program with hiking and 50 mile canoe trips in the Adirondacks, Madison to Lake of the Clouds in the Whites, and summer camp. Sorry to hear about Gus. (Yes, Gerry, and we are sorry to hear about your father, Gerald M. Richmond, Sr. passing recently. Now both your dad and Gus are together again at the Big Scout Camp in the sky! Judy)

SANTOS, Daniel W. (Cummaquid, MA) 1971 – I am currently the CEO of a national environmental consulting company located on Cape Cod, MA. I have four children, with my eldest in college this year and my youngest in pre-school. My old friends may feel free to contact me at dsantos@cape.com