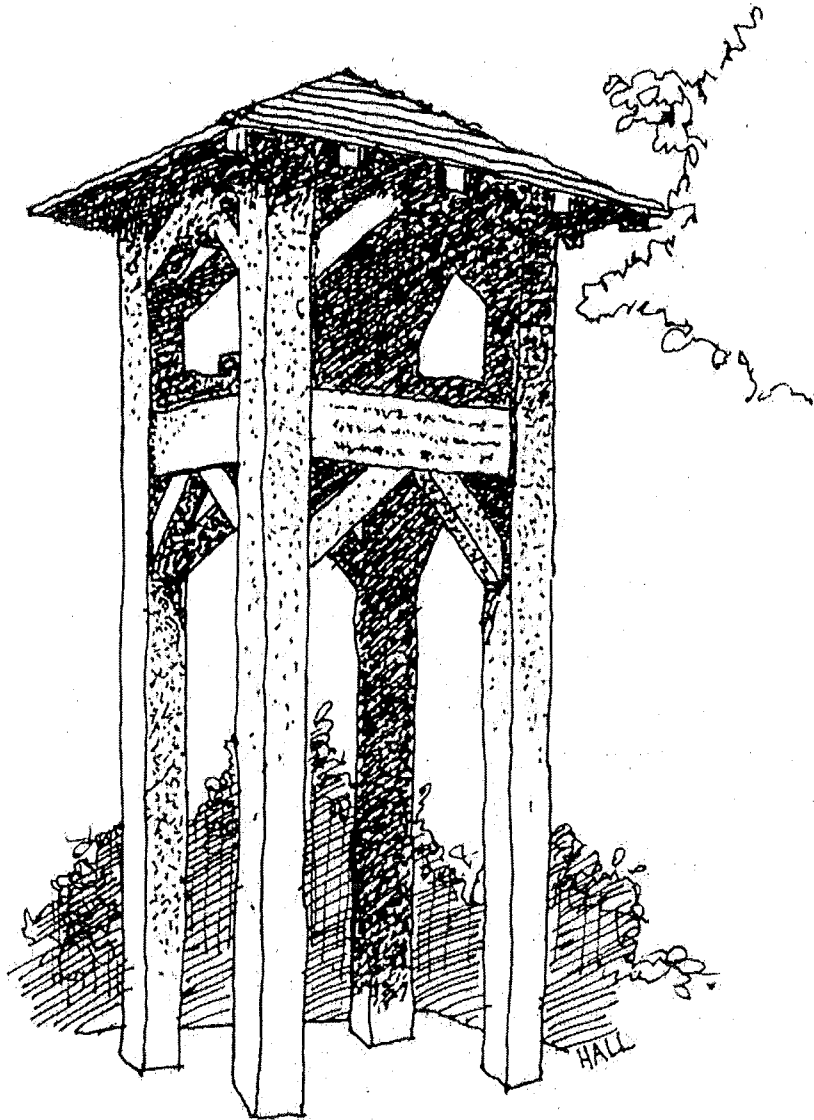


THE BELLTOWER



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
YAWGOOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

'SPRING 2009'



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Dear Fellow Alumni:

In a scant three months Yawgoog will once again be open for summer business. As usual everyone is busy preparing for the new season. The Alumni Association has already broken ground on refurbishing the Three Point Amphitheater. Gone are the old benches. New grading as well as a new stage and benches will soon be up – weather permitting! We are excited to get this project moving and are fortunate to be able to keep giving back to Yawgoog, even in these difficult economic times. Just like all other organizations, the Alumni Association's endowment fund is feeling the strain of the economic crisis. While we are still on solid footing, we do not have the luxury of tapping built up gains in the portfolio for projects. As such, we need to rely on current project donations to complete the Three Point Amphitheater. So I urge you to help out by making a project donation this year to ensure the Scouts' opening campfire provides a lifetime of memories. The camaraderie of songs and skits together with the inspiration of a Scoutmaster's minute are important parts of a Scout's development. I sure you all have your favorite memories!

I'm pleased to announce four new members have joined the Executive Committee since the summer reunion. Can you pick them out from the sidebar? They are Scott Breguet, Peter Guastini, Patrick McCue and Bill Mokowski. Welcome aboard and I look forward to your many contributions to the Association and Yawgoog! It has been exciting seeing them pitch right in and provide new ideas and energy to the committee.

The Council has also refurbished its website and our Staff Advisor and Yawgoog's Reservation Director Tom Sisson has done yeoman's work on Yawgoog's portion of the website. You can get to it through the Narragansett Council's website or more directly through www.yawgoog.org. Click on the Alumni tab at the top to see what's happening with the Alumni Association or browse the rest of the site to check out the programs currently available at Yawgoog.

Mark your calendars for August 1, 2009 for our Annual Reunion at Yawgoog. Hope to see you there to renew old friendships and make new ones. Last year we had a great turnout of the 1990's camp staff and hope to ferret out the 1980's staff this year to build upon that success.

Thank you all once again for your support of Yawgoog. Keep spreading the word. Remember we need your help to keep the Yawgoog Spirit alive!

Stephen F. Dolan
Chairman

YAWGOOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

	YEAR TO DATE	
REVENUE:		
Dues	\$	12,385.84
Scholarships		4,065.00
Memorials		0.00
Reunion - BBQ		1,185.00
Project Donations		2,916.66
Project - Boats		0.00
Interest income		0.00
Investment income		17,988.00
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)		(134,402.00)
Total Revenue	\$	(95,861.50)
EXPENSES:		
Postage & Printing	\$	1,500.76
Newsletters		1,460.90
Reunion		508.90
Other Operational		576.89
Scholarship		3,000.00
Projects - Maintenance		2,112.00
Project - Boats		2,388.00
Projects - New		17,928.77
Total Expenses	\$	29,476.22
Net Revenue over Expenses	\$	(125,337.72)

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

RESTRICTED: Memberships & Memorials	\$	300,520.85
Scholarships		15,892.20
UNRESTRICTED:		
Project - Amphitheatres	\$	(2,341.60)
Project - Canoes		(2,388.00)
Fund Balance		38,206.90
Total Unrestricted		33,477.30
GRAND TOTAL	\$	349,890.35
PROOF:		
Cash - Citizens	\$	9,984.08
Savings - Citizens		0.00
Investment - Citizens Union		339,946.27
Total Cash	\$	349,930.35

**YAWGOOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION SET FOR AUGUST 1, 2009
YAWGOOG STAFF & ALUMNI REUNITE**

Reserve August 1st, on your calendar and join us for the 29th Alumni Reunion. We're expecting this reunion to be one of the largest attended in recent years. The theme for this year's reunion is "Yawgoog Staffs & Leaders Reunite". Not only are we inviting our loyal alumni, we are seeking out current scout leaders and Yawgoog staff members from the 1980's and inviting them also. All indicators tell us we will have near record-breaking attendance.

Activities and programs for the day are being revitalized. There will be opportunity to renew friendships, socialize, and receive updates on what's happening at Yawgoog. Donald North Court will be the center for activities with static displays that tell an important Yawgoog story. Bus tours, decade photos, the famous Larry Jette BBQ, and YAA camp meeting will continue to be a part of the program. Additional activities for scout leaders and returning Yawgoog staff members include a welcome gathering at Donald North Court, lunch, visit to their home camp, pictures at each camp, and a session with the YAA leadership. Throw in all the other activities and everyone will have a busy and fun-filled day.

Membership is an issue with the YAA and your participation and attendance at the reunion is important. Our founder, H. Cushman "Gus" Anthony led and guided us for years followed by Joe Herbold and Steve Dolan. It is now time for the next generation to take charge and insure that the YAA continues to be a strong voice in carrying out the work and dedication of our founder.

Mark your calendar and let's make the 29th YAA reunion the best ever. Contact a friend who camped at Yawgoog and bring him along. Reach out to former Yawgoog staff members. Sign up for the "world class" Larry Jette BBQ now. We need you to attend. Mark your calendar for **August 1st**, and we'll welcome you at camp.

JIM LANZI
REUNION CHAIRMAN

1st ANNUAL YAA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AUGUST 1st 2009

Join us on the day of the reunion for a charity golf tournament to benefit the Yawgoog Alumni Association. The tournament is an excellent way to kick off your reunion experience. Join us later on the DNC for the chicken BBQ.

- Beaver River Golf Club in Richmond RI
- Tee times starting @ 10:00 am
- 4 person Scramble format
- Prizes for best team score, closest to the pin, longest drive, and more
- \$125.00 per person (Includes Greens fees, cart , gift bag, and chicken BBQ)

Contact YAAgolf@hotmail.com for more information. Space is limited so sign up early.

2009 Yawgoog Alumni Association Projects

Membership Renewal

Enroll me as a
2009 CY Alumni Member:



Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
Email: _____

**Thank you for your
past support!**

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Scholarship Support

Camp Yawgoog
"Staff Scholarship" Fund:



Since 1993 the Alumni Association has awarded College Scholarships to Yawgoog Camp Staff.

In 2008 four deserving Camp Staff members were awarded \$1,000 each in scholarships. The funds for these scholarships are drawn from the Alumni Association's annual budget.

In order to secure the future of the Scholarship Program, and provide for its expansion in the years to come, we have established a separate "Staff Scholarship" Endowment Fund.



1. My dues: These are payable one time by check or credit card or you may decide to be billed:

\$25 (Bronze CY) \$50 (Gold CY) \$75 (Silver CY) \$500 (Lifetime Member CY)

2. Staff Scholarship Endowment Fund: \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 Other-\$ _____

3. Project Support - To Refurbish our Three Point Amphitheatre:

\$1,000 "Center Stage" \$750 "Stage Right" \$500 "Stage Left"
 \$250 "Footlights" \$100 Friend My own Gift level: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED Payable to: Narragansett Council - BSA: \$ _____ or _____

Payment method: Check Bill me: _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Annually in _____

Credit Card: MC VISA Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Three number security code _____ Signature: _____

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GUS'S GOSSIP

As written by: Judy Ferrante

A Yawgoog Story by Doug Sherburne, Yawgoog Alumnus

As is always the case, I looked over the latest issue of the *Belltower* with lots of interest....looking for familiar names and refreshing myself on the many good memories I have of Yawgoog, Narragansett Council and my experience with Scouting in Rhode Island. I noted with sadness the passing of Ross McKanna. At the same time, I recalled a Scout adventure that I shared with Ross in the summer of 1958.

That summer, I was scheduled to enter Navy OCS in Newport, which did not permit me time to work at camp as I had for the previous 5-6 summers. At that time, Yawgoog had decided to significantly expand its off-reservation backwoods camping program and one of the ideas which needed evaluation was a canoeing adventure in the 'wilds' of the Maine woods. In preparation, it was decided to send a four man reconnaissance mission to Maine to evaluate the option. As I recall, Al Poirier, the Providence Scout Executive led the trip along with Ross, who was then Executive in Newport, myself and one other Scouter, whose name I cannot now recall.

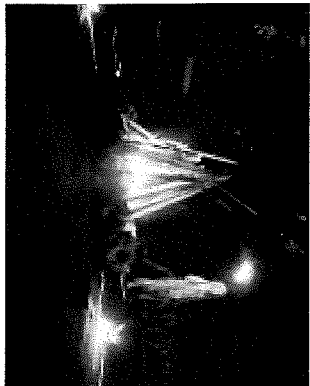
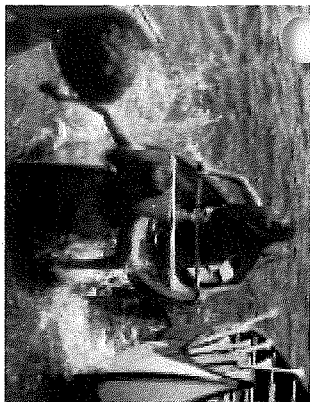
We took one "old" Old Town canvas canoe (the green and very heavy model) and one (at that time 'new') Grumman aluminum canoe along and put them into the East Branch of the Penobscot River west of Patten, Maine, in the shadow of Mt. Katahdin. I recall we were on the river for about 5 days and never saw another human being the entire time. We made several portages and shot several rapids with no memorable dunkings or 'accidents' that I can recall. All of us were reasonably experienced and I do not believe that we encountered any parts of the river that we were not able to handle in one way or the other. The worst part of the trip was the 'millions' of black flies, which ate us up no matter what we tried on them. At the end, we exited the river in East Millinocket. We asked a storeowner there what worked on the black flies and without a word, he reached under the counter, produced a piece of wooden lathing and, with a smile, banged it on the counter.

Many years later I read an article in the *Belltower* about the present-day white water canoeing trips still carried out on that same river by older Scouts under the leadership of Bruce Ingham and was pleased that this program was still in existence. At the YAA reunion, I looked up Bruce, introduced myself and told him my story about the initial 1958 expedition. We traded 'sea stories' about the experience and to my surprise, he invited me to join in on one of them....I think he was actually serious! But at then age 60 ++, I figured that my backwoods camping and riding the rapids days were past me.

In a few weeks after that canoe trip, I was off to Newport and what turned out to be a 29-year career in the U.S. Navy. But the memory of that Maine experience and being able to relive it many, many years later with a new generation of Scouters will forever stick in my mind along with the many other wonderful and character-building experiences I had at Yawgoog and as a Scout in Narragansett Council.

More Yawgoog stories from E. Everett Brunckow.....

It was during the summer of 1941, I think, that I was on the staff after camping with Don Dewing's Troop 82 Providence for the previous 4 years. My chief duty was driver of the Pie Wagon, loading and delivering food supplies to the three dining halls. One of my side responsibilities was to convert the Pie Wagon to a Fire Truck in the event of an emergency.



Tell us about yourself!
News about me and my family (for possible inclusion into *The Belltower*):

My Camp Affiliation:
 Three Point Sandy Beach
 Medicine Bow All Three

Send to:
Narragansett Council
Boy Scouts of America
Yawgoog Alumni Association
P.O. Box 14777
East Providence, RI 02914-0777
Attention: YAA

My first year at Yawgoog was: _____ with

(401) 351-8700 Fax: (401) 351-5515

Troop _____

from: _____

I'm an Eagle Scout: Yes No
Honors and recognitions received (both in Scouting and community):



PERSONALS

Well, as fate would have it, we had one, a brush fire that was getting out of hand. I quickly drove to the storage area and loaded the hoses, couplings, nozzles, pumps, I suppose, and whatever other equipment was available and drove to the sight. Jack McGreen might have been another 'fireman' along with me to help out. Arriving at the scene, I jumped out and grabbed two hose ends to couple together noticing from the corner of my eyes that Chief Williams was there with a small 'movie' camera recording the chaos. Well, imagine my embarrassment when I found, that in my rush, I had grabbed both ends of the same hose and joined them together into a big loop, and Chief Williams had it safely recorded on film. I wonder if it still exists...I hope not!

Another of my jobs involved the firing of a cannon that used to be mounted on a boulder outside Bucklin. I don't think the cannon is still there, probably hasn't been for about 30 years, although I imagine the boulder is. The cannon was to be fired at just the right moment during evening retreat ceremonies. Again, someone (not the Chief this time) was filming the event for posterity with me, at the rock with cannon lanyard in hand in the foreground. At exactly the right time, I gave a big yank and – nothing happened! With the camera grinding away, I turned to it, gave a snap of my fingers and held my arms out with a disgusting expression on my face making it very clear to the camera that something had gone wrong. With no 'sound' to the camera, it is very likely that the movie viewer wouldn't know that the cannon hadn't fired except that my silly gestures made that fact quite evident. I sort of hope that somehow that film got destroyed too. I have never claimed to be a 'movie star'.

The next tale, one that I'm not proud of, shows what foolish things immature young men will do – at least this one. Fortunately, It turned out that no harm was done except to my excessive cockiness. As I recall, the camp had four vehicles at that time (maybe more); my Pie Wagon, the Camp Truck (a larger, more modern stake body), Gus's Model A (or was it T?), and I think Inky had a pick up. I believe it was Evie Westcott that was the Camp Truck driver that year. He and I met at Sandy Beach and got into a friendly argument over which one of us could drive back to the Bucklin Lodge in the shortest time; he taking the 'outside' road and I taking the 'inside' (through the camps) road. Well, the race was on!! Even though my old (1929, I think – I remember having trouble learning how to use the 'spark') Ford had lots of 'play' in the steering and relatively poor brakes I floored the throttle and barreled through the camps at probably about 18 mph and raised clouds of dust that could be seen for miles around – including Gus's office. As I neared the lodge, he was out there waving his arms and shaking his fists at me and indicating that I should STOP!. For a while there I thought my Pie Wagon job was over and that I, disgraced, would have to return home. He reamed my behind, fair and rightly so, but he didn't fire me. When Gus stomped away, my cockiness had gone and at that moment I became a safer driver and Gus had given another young man a very good lesson. As I recall I never 'ratted' on Evie Westcott and I think he got off scott free. I can't remember how he drove in through the gate to the lodge without Gus catching on to the 'game' but I'm pretty sure that he learned a good lesson too just knowing how Gus blasted me. Years later (the 70's) when I was serving on the Council Board of Directors, I reminded Gus of my foolishness at Yawgoog in 1941 and he was kind enough to say he didn't remember that but preferred to think of me as the manufacturer and supplier of custom made stainless steel urinals for the various campsites. Maybe they are still in use???

Thanks Doug and Ev.....the stories are great!

Judy

BELOTZ, Alfred O. (Daly City, CA) 1942 – Just finished my 69th year as a member of the Boy Scouts of America. From Narragansett Council to S.F. Bay Area Council. *(Well, Al, quite the resume of awards: Scouters Award, Scoutmaster Key, Silver Beaver, District Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, City of Daly City, Past President Rotary – you were busy in your 69 years of Scouting! Congratulations! Judy)*

BOWKER, Alan (North Attleboro, MA) 1965 – Life is good. My twins have graduated from college. My wife and I have our health, so life is good!

CHATELL, Roger A. (Norwich, CT) 1983 – First attended as a Webelos and then a Scout in former Troop 2 Arctic in West Warwick, later serving as an adult volunteer and a staff member in 1995. I am a District Director in my fourth year in the Connecticut Rivers Council, since completing 3 ½ years on the Narragansett Council Staff. I serve the eastern third of Connecticut and I often get the opportunity to visit some of my troops at summer camp at Yawgoog. My older son, Ricky, is a Bear Cub Scout and camped at Cub World the last couple of summers. My younger son, Jason, will be a Wolf Cub this summer and will go to Cub World for the first time. My beautiful daughter, Alexandra, is nearly 2 years old. My wife Cheryl and I celebrated our tenth wedding anniversary this year and are both volunteers in our sons' Pack 19 Baltic here in CT. I completed my Wood Badge ticket last year and was on staff at the world Jamboree in England in 2007. Went to Philmont last summer and Florida Sea Base in winter. All great experiences that started with the Spirit of Yawgoog instilled in me as a boy at Camp Medicine Bow.

CORRIVEAU, Robert (North Scituate, RI) 1960 – *Bob was a Troop 2 Central Falls Scout back in 1960. As a Scout he received the Scout of the Year Award; he is an Eagle Scout with Silver Palm; was Scoutmaster of the Year; and, is the proud recipient of the Silver Beaver. Bob was also on the NC Executive Board in the late 80's, early 90's serving as the Council Training Committee Chair. See, Bob, I remember way back when!* Judy

CONLEY JR., MAJ. GEN. Phil (Santa Barbara, CA) 1939 – *Phil attended Yawgoog with Troop 1 Arctic and camped at Three Point. He is an Eagle Scout and did you know that Phil is in the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame? Nice job, Phil!* Judy

DWYER, William (Fallsington, PA) – Janet and I are both fully retired and enjoying life and our 9 grandchildren. Three are in college: one at Albright in Reading, PA in fashion design and will graduate this spring; another is at Penn State main campus in Happy Valley, PA, a freshman; and a grandson at Notre Dame in South Bend, IN, studying Aerospace Engineering. I hope to get to the reunion this year!

EGAN, George W. (Woonsocket, RI) *Everyone knows George! 'Mr. Yawgoog' held many positions: DE of Outpost, Waterfront Director, Camp Director, Business Manager, Assistant Reservation Director.....hope to see you at this year's reunion George!!* Judy

FOISY, SR., Frank E. (Deerfield, NH) 1958 – Last summer was my 15th year as a leader and my last. I'll be back for a visit this summer. It will seem strange not taking a troop to camp after all those years!

GADBOIS, Richard D. (Cumberland, RI) 1941 – 80 years old come May! I still miss Chief, Brad, Gus, Inkey, Al Gunther, Zook, etc. Best years of my youth!

HULTING, Richard A. (Pensacola, FL) 1943 – Still oscillating between RI (summer) and Key West (winter) in our motorhome...."Camping Extended", I suppose. I'll try to make the YAA Reunion this year for inclusion in the 40's group!!!

JOHNSON JR., Charles W. (Cheektowaga, NY) 1927 – Look forward to the Belltower. Yawgoog is always in my heart even now in my 94th year. Miss reunions because of health. (*Hi Charlie, we miss you too! Judy*)

JOHNSON, Philip (Bristol, RI) – Philip has been one busy Eagle Scout! He received the Bronze Congressional Award from Senator Kennedy, the Silver Congressional Award from Senator Reed and he opened the Boy Scout Centenary Celebration in London, England, with Peter Duncan, the world's Chief Scout. And, to boot, Philip, a senior at Mt. Hope High School, is one of the youngest master educators (of Leave No Trace) in the country to complete this rigorous training at Trails University at Bear Mountain in New York. His dad, Steven Johnson, also an Eagle Scout, is also a 'master educator' of Leave No Trace.

LONG, Louis (Lincoln, RI) 1961 – Still at Zep Sales & Service - its only been 21 years. My wife, Valerie, married almost 21 years, a DCYF Supervisor going on 5 years. My daughter, Devorah is doing well at S&W Equine Business in Providence. See you all at the next reunion. Maybe I will play 'When the Saints Go Marching In' on the guitar!

MASELLI, Christopher A. (New Rochelle, NY) 1992 – Work for the local FD (Fire Dispatcher/EMT) City of Mt. Vernon and am blessed to come back every year with a new generation of boys who get to experience Yawgoog as ASM of Troop Forty, Mt. Vernon, NY. We camp at Medicine Bow, Week 7. Yawgoog is truly the greatest place on earth!! And remember.....Medicine Bow's the Heart of Yawgoog....Chris.

MAZANETZ, Gwen (Menomonee Falls, WI) – Gus' great grandson – Tanner Anthony Mazanetz. Hopefully he'll keep the Eagle tradition going!

PERREGAUX, Paul A. (Hernando, FL) 1937 – Married 50 years 12/28/08, 3 Eagle Scout sons, 11 Grandchildren (5 boys), three in Scouting. Retired 40 year banking career – CT, MA & NH.

PIERSON, Ronald (Vineland, NJ) 1966 – Ron was on the Professional Staff (BSA) from 1966 to 1974. He is an Eagle Scout, James E. West Fellow, OA Vigil Member and a Paul Harris Fellow (3) Rotary International.

RIEBE, Warren K. (Foster, RI) 933 – Widowed after two wives died. Traveled throughout the country before my second wife died.

SCHOLLIN, Donald D. (Southington, CT) 1966 – February 8, 2009 was the 25th Anniversary of Q-S Technologies, Inc., a company I started in 1984. We manufacture insulated wire and cable products. Son, Brian, is a senior at Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL and daughter, Jennifer is a freshman at Goucher College in Baltimore, MD. Will try to make this year's reunion.

SHERBURNE, Doug (Springfield, VA) 1949 – Enjoying retirement and 5 (soon to be 6!) grandchildren!

TAYLOR, Norman C. (Woodbury, CT) I received a nice note and photo from Norm regarding his grandson's Eagle Court of Honor. Norm said: "*I am of the era of J. Harold Williams, Gus Anthony and Donald Dewing. My Yawgoog experience compassed several years ending up as the Waterfront Director in the late 30's and early 40's at Medicine Bow under Brad Field.*" Norm's grandson, Kevin D. Taylor, earned his Eagle Badge on January 10th in San Carlos, CA. Kevin, his father Daniel and his grandfather Norm, represent three generations of Taylors who are Eagle Scouts.

WASSER, M.D., Marvin (Cranston, RI) 1960 – I've been married for 30 years and have been practicing Pediatric Medicine for 28 years in Cranston. My 3 children are all grown up and have moved away and we're expecting grandchild #1 in April!

UPDATE ON THE THREE POINT AMPHITHEATER

The 2009 YAA Project to refurbish the Three Point Amphitheatre is well on its way to being completed. Ray Fish is hard at work getting the Amphitheatre ready for the opening of the 2009 Summer Camp Season. The newly refurbished Amphitheatre will have a seating capacity for 450 Scouts and leaders.

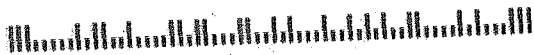
The Three Point Amphitheatre will be dedicated at the August 1st Reunion! Mark your calendars for August 1st and plan to be at our Reunion.

Tom Sisson
Reservation Director/Director of Camping

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AND FAMILY MEMBERS**

JOHN J. CROWLEY (Cranston, RI) 2008

HENRY W. GUZEIKA, SR. (Warwick, RI) – March 13, 2009

MICHAEL MARRA (Providence, RI) – March 31, 2009

EDWARD F. RICHARD (Warwick, RI) December 27, 2008

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2009**