



The Beagle Speaks



The Jack Kohler Campership Association

SUMMER 2007

"HELPING MAKE EVERY SCOUT A CAMPER" Since 1986



TEN MILE RIVER, 80TH ANNIVERSARY

A REPORT TO OUR MEMBERS

It was a beautiful, bright sunny day as TMR and Queens alumni dating as far back to the 1940's started showing up at headquarters for the celebration of our camps 80th anniversary. Greater New York Councils and more specifically, the GNYC Camping Department made every person feel welcome and they put in time, energy and effort to make the anniversary a huge success. A special commendation should go to Cedric Bodley, Charlie Rogers and their staffs for doing a tremendous job.

The Kohler Association was well represented at the festivities. Many of our members from the tri-state area and around the country showed up. Some camped out on the reservation, some stayed in nearby motels and most others came up for the day. Lance DePlante came from New Hampshire, Guenther Hecht all the way from Georgia were there bright and early, along with another 'old timer' Donal McCarthy. They actually toured the camp on Friday, retracing their steps from 50+ years ago at Camp Man along the shores of Crystal Lake. The stories were flying.

Our Association had an exhibit at the midway exposition set up by the camp. We displayed photos of Jack Kohler, Association events, had memorabilia for sale and our new "I'm A Kohler Camper" award patch and certificate available for those who had earned them. Thanks to Jason and Bill Scheib for manning the table and answering inquiries from our many visitors.



At Kohler exhibit at TMR 80th: Denis Sackett, Mitch Morgenstern, Rev. Paul Lumpkin, Ed Pino and Bill Scheib

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.....



JACK KOHLER CABIN IN CAMP ALPINE TO BE OFFICIALLY NAMED ALL FRIENDS & MEMBERS INVITED

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend when the Camp Alpine B-Shelter is officially re-named the **JACK KOHLER CABIN**.

This historic event will take place on **Saturday September 8, 2007**. It will be held at the GNYC Steak-Out and Kick-off Day festivities at Alpine. Even if you do not normally come to the Steak-out, we ask that you at least attend this portion of the event. We plan to have the dedication ceremony around **12 noon** at the cabin itself. Refreshments will be served.



The Kohler Cabin is centrally located across from the Camp Alpine dining hall in the Cub World section of camp. It is steps away from the new ball field, and a short hike to Reeves Lodge, Laermer Activity Center, Orbach Arena, climbing wall and picnic grove. The cabin sleeps 14, has a kitchen with a stove, refrigerator and electricity. It is available for units to rent for their weekend camp-outs.

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND. LETS MAKE THIS A GREAT SHOWING FOR OUR ASSOCIATION AND THE MEMORY OF JACK KOHLER.

(Please Email us if you think you'll be attending)

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Association Member, Honorable Arthur Shack of the NY State Supreme Court, opened the celebration ceremonies as the MC. Followed by another member, Rev Paul Lumpkin, doing a moving benediction.

There was tribute paid to many in attendance, for their tenure at TMR. Present were alumni who had camped at TMR going back some 40, 50 and 60 years. Kohler member, Scoutmaster Ralph DeFalco was honored for 50 continuous years of camping at TMR. (How many mosquito bites does that equate to Ralph?)

A major part of the opening ceremonies was when Director of Camping, Charlie Rogers, called up front, Association Chairman, Mitch Morgenstern for a very special, surprise announcement. Charles Rosser and Greater New York Councils, in recognition of the dedication and work done on behalf of the camping programs by our namesake, and the work of the past twenty plus years of the Association itself in helping get scouts to camp and the promotion of scout camping, will now officially be naming the B-Shelter at Camp Alpine, the **JACK KOHLER CABIN**.



Rosser, Rogers & Morgenstern after announcement of the JACK KOHLER CABIN to be at Camp Alpine.

This is a great honor and tribute for memory of Jack Kohler and an extraordinary recognition of the entire Association's work as well. An official 'christening' will be held soon and we will advise all members of it so they may attend this great honor.

For the past several years, one of the projects we have taken on has been financial support, for the upkeep and maintenance of this specific cabin. The Kohler Association support has allowed for new windows, staining, roofing and other very needed improvements of this cabin. Units may rent this cabin, which is across from the Alpine Dining Hall, in the 'Cub World' section of camp.

One of the aspects of the ceremonies was the introduction of some past TMR directors. Steve 'Sarge' Wells, Les Loysen, Bud Hassler, Gary Laermer, Cedric Bodley, Ron Timmons Bob Madsen, Lex Jarvis as well as Charlie Rogers were all on hand. Each had a story or anecdote about their tenure at TMR.

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Madsen, Wells, Laermer, Timmons, Jarvis, Hassler, Loysen, Rogers, Shack, Bodley (kneeling)

From the ceremonies, we were invited to a fantastic feast of a lunch. Burgers, dogs, salads, corn on cob, pies, cakes, bug juice and camp stories were all part of the menu. After lunch was the TMR Museums time to shine. Again our friend and member, Dr. Gene Berman led the museum ceremony. The museum is celebrating their 10th anniversary and they were showing off, yet another extension that was erected during the off-season. They had the Donut Farm's very own, original donut machine up and running serving donuts by the dozens. What, no chicken sandwiches or ice cream?!

The Museums Wall of Fame had its new inductee's presentation next. Proudly, the Jack Kohler Campership Association has had a tile put on the wall and Chairman Morgenstern made a few remarks during this portion of the event. It is a full 12 x 12 tile with our association name and logo on it.



Morgenstern, Berman & Kohler Wall of Fame Tile. Henry Joerz Jr. & Berman with Henry Sr. Tile

Also, a true gentleman and friend of ours, the late Henry Joerz Sr. an original association member, was honored by his friends and family with a beautiful memorial tile on the wall. His son, Henry Jr. was on hand to say a few words on behalf of the family. It was quite touching to say the least.

Later in the afternoon, attendees were free to tour the individual camps, go up to Indian Cliffs, hike the trails, swim the lakes, and take part in any of the camp activities. Swimming in a TMR lake has been and always will be one of the most refreshing activities a person can do...and many alumni took full advantage of the opportunity on this day.

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In the evening, Alumni were invited to dinner in the Keowa Dining Hall. The meal was considerably better than many had remembered the food tasting.

One of the biggest highlights of the anniversary celebration was the Alumni Campfire held at Camp Aquehonga that evening. It was conducted in the state of the Art, Bowman Amphitheater. Our own Anthony Zalak, on staff at Aquehonga opened the fire and association member, Guenther Hecht led us in a Camp Man favorite song, 'This Scouting Light of Mine' as part of the campfire program. The campfire closed with traditional vespers and taps, which left more than a few alumni with lumps in their throats and a tear in their eye.



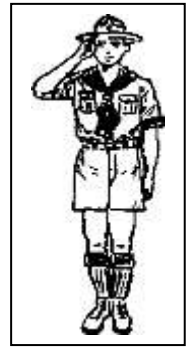
At TMR 80th: Donal McCarthy, Guenther Hecht
Mitch Morgenstern and Lance DePlante

We very much want to thank each and every person involved in making this event such a memorable one. It brought old friends together, allowed some alumni to meet for the first time, let people have a great time, hiking down memory trail and let the bonds of brotherhood rope them all in. To each Kohler Association member who was in attendance, we hope you enjoyed it and can appreciate how much the scouts we help go to camp, get out of it. We should be proud of the job we have done over 21 seasons. If you were not up at TMR for this event, you truly missed a wonderful time and should plan to be at the next milestone anniversary.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Henry Zalak
- Anthony Zalak
- Jesus Marinez
- Louis Winter
- Rein Olvet
- Norman Russakoff
- Sal Ciampo
- Mark Rabson
- Mark Kovler



GOOD & WELFARE

- Congratulations to Lifetime Association member **Larry Schiffer** who will be receiving the Humanitarian Award at the MDA's Wings Over Wall Street on Thursday, September 20, 2007.
- **Michele Bergsohn**, Best of luck to your son Harris as he heads off for Univ of Hartford.
- **Howard & Louise Frelich**, Mazel Tov on the engagement of their daughter Rebecca.

Please let us know of your Birthday, Anniversary and other important events, so we can share them with all of our members



SPECIAL OCCASSION DONATIONS

We gratefully appreciate and acknowledge the following donations that recently were made:

- **Donal McCarthy**: in recognition of 80 years of TMR.
- **Lance DePlante**: In honor of Jack Kohler.
- **Guenther Hecht**: in tribute to Camp Man and Lakeside.
- **Arthur Lorentz**: Congratulations on 20 plus years of helping Scouts.
- **Ed Pino**: Thank you to my old Scoutmaster.
- **Gae Dittamo**: Remembering great times at camp with Jack Kohler.
- **Pierre Thyvaert**: Good luck 'helping make every scout a camper'.
- **Cheryl Ringelheim**: Continued success and thanks for helping Scouts.





HERITAGE SOCIETY



We are thrilled to announce the 4 newest members of our **HERITAGE SOCIETY**, who were inducted this past Memorial Day Weekend. Their names have been added to the honor roll:

Ernst Pino: Scoutmaster Troop 109

Robert Prokesch: District Camp Staff

Guenther H. Hectht: Suanhacky Lodge Chief 1949-50

Dan Ursimanno: "It has to be Fun" Troop 80 S.I.

The original plaque with the brass nameplates hangs at the camp office at **Alpine**, a replica plaque, now on display at the **Ten Mile River Museum**. We appreciate the Museum allowing this to be displayed there, which allows many more people to see our honor roll of Society members. **Have you thought about adding a name, maybe even your own, to this worthy plaque?** Contact us for details.



FATHER BARRY REMEMBERED

The Kohler Association had a special presentation and reception at TMR Headquarters on Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend to pay honor to our friend and Kohler Board of Director member, **Father Barry Frazzitta**. We had his name added to the Ten Mile River Scout Camps Memorial Wall in

Headquarters. The Kohler Association conducted a ceremony to unveil the addition of Father Barry's name plaque to this wall. Fr. Barry was an Associate Advisor of Suanhacky Lodge, TMR Chaplain, with a great sense of humor among other things. Those in attendance also spoke about Father and how he affected them in their lives. We miss our friend and hope this is in some small way a show of our love and respect. **Fr. Barry** joins **Jack Kohler** and **John Williamson** as others the Association has had enshrined on the memorial wall.



Please remember our new mailing address for any additional information, please feel free to contact us at our email:

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or visit our website: **www.JackKohlerCampership.org**

Please remember our new mailing address to purchase any of our sale items, become a member, pay dues or just to write to us:

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I'M A KOHLER CAMPER AWARD

At the TMR 80th Anniversary, we had on display and for presentation to those on hand who had earned it, our "I'm A Kohler Camper" certificate and patch.



In an effort to help further promote Scout Camping and increase our name recognition, we have reinstated the *I'm A Kohler Camper* Award program. Every Boy Scout in Queens will be able to participate in this and earn a **certificate and patch** from our Association. To earn the award over a 12-month period, a Scout must:

- 1-Attend at least 2 troop overnight campouts,
- 2-Attend district camp-o-ree, (or similar event)
- 3-Participate in a campfire program,
- 4-Attend a minimum 1 week at TMR.

Scoutmasters are encouraged to visit our web site or contact the association to get the application so all the boys in the unit can earn and be presented with this award.



KOHLER KON III



COMING AT YOU!!!

On **Saturday September 29, 2007**, the Kohler-Kon Collectibles Show will once again be held at the Cork Hall in Long Island City, under the direction of Tom and Monica Evans. Yes...**KOHLER-KON III**, because twice wasn't enough!

This year, Tom Evans, Lord High Executioner of Kohler Kon has changed the process. All vendors will receive the first table free of charge and any additional tables for \$20 each. In return, vendors will agree to donate 10% of their sales to the association. The last two Kohler-Kons netted our association hundreds of dollars towards the campership fund and to help finance other activities as well. There will be TV & movie memorabilia, science fiction items, music records, cd's, videos, DVD's and all sorts of odds and ends, including Scouting items. Tables are given/sold on first reserve/come first serve basis. If you are interested and would like to reserve your table, contact Tom Evans ASAP at: 718-937-2958.

