



## President's Message

At the New Jersey Scout Museum, we are always working to justify our mission statement:

### OUR MISSION

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

We are looking for your support of our efforts, by spreading word of our museum and asking your friends to join the NJSM.

One way we're expanding our presence, is with a membership on the Celebrate NJ – Points of Interest website; where you can search for interesting travel, arts, cultural, historical and educational sites throughout the Garden State. Checkout ([www.NJpoi.com](http://www.NJpoi.com)) right now, we're the only "Scouting" location on the site.

And you can always visit us at our webpage [www.NJSM.org](http://www.NJSM.org) or give us a call at (732) 862-1282.

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## Life Members

By Fred Pachman

At the 2008 Monmouth Council Awards Dinner, it was my distinct honor to recognize five individuals who have played a unique role in the founding of the New Jersey Scout Museum.

These members are all well-known for their contributions to the Monmouth Council and the brotherhood of Scouting. Their role in building our museum and its collections will also be recognized with a plaque to be placed on display.

On behalf of our membership, I handed them a certificate acknowledging their status as Life Members of our museum, and presented each a jacket, as token of our appreciation for their role in promoting the New Jersey Scout Museum.



(left to right) Charlie Spitz, Frank Wolverton, Margaret Wolverton, Steven Buckley, Spencer Morasch

## **Membership News Update!**

**By Spencer Morasch**

For those members who have NOT renewed their membership since 2007, this will be the LAST NJSM Newsletter that you will receive. Memberships are renewed on an annual (calendar) basis, so that those who renewed their membership in 2008, are good till the end of 2009.

Please check the address label, which indicates the most recent year of your NJSM Membership renewal. Those whose memberships are dated 2007 or older need to renew their memberships in order to continue to receive current NJSM Newsletters, along with other membership benefits.

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

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

Spencer Morasch - NJSM Membership Chair

E-Mail (best way): [membership@njsm.org](mailto:membership@njsm.org)  
Or by Phone: 732-862-1282

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

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

## **NJSM 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scout Week Program**

**By David Crow**

On Friday February 1st, 2008 an eager crowd of Scouts and Scouters gathered in the Monmouth Council Service Center to celebrate the 98th Birthday of the

Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the USA's 96th Birthday.

The Theme was Scouting's 100th Birthday - report from the 21st World Jamboree at Hylands Park, Essex, United Kingdom.

Presentations were made by three "groups" of attendees and memorabilia shown by a fourth who could not be present.

Laurie McClellan, former Monmouth Council Commissioner served on the International Service Team as part of the BSA Staff assigned to the World Jamboree. She gave a fascinating insight to the people she met, activities from the adult perspective and gave each Scout present a very special and hard to get Jamboree patch.



Matthew and Randy Smith, along with Mrs. Smith and Matthew's sister, visited the United Kingdom during the Jamboree and were able to spend a day on the Jamboree site. Matthew gave an excellent report of what he saw and experienced.

Robert Presley and Michael Rubens from Troop 145 were two of the seven Monmouth Council Scouts as part of the New Jersey Contingent in the Northeast Region BSA Contingent to this World Jamboree. They gave an enthusiastic review of their experiences, the friends they made and how it changed their World View.



Randy Holden displayed four beautiful wooden frames of Sam Fairchild's 21st World Jamboree memorabilia. Sam was on another overseas trip and could not join us but graciously loaned the frames for our enjoyment.

## **Website Redesign**

**By Matthew Kaufman**

Currently in the works and being released very soon is a complete website redesign. The redesigned site will not only look and feel new but will also feature lots of new content. Some of the new features we are adding are online membership renewal / sign-up, an online store, photo and patch galleries, and much more.

We are also looking for feedback from you on what you like and don't like about the new site, and what features you would like us to add to the site.

Feel free to send any comments or suggestions to me:

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## **Curators Corner**

**Steven Buckley, Curator NJSM**

Well it's been five years since we opened in the spring of 2004 and I have now been the Curator for about two years. This is your museum not ours and as Curator I want

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

The next new change at the museum, in the not too distant future, is the task of removing from our museum all the items we have that are currently not on display so that we can expand and recapture some of our present floor space that is used for storage and convert it to display area. We plan on acquiring an off site storage site to house that portion of our collection that is presently not on display. The task of cataloging what we have and then to provide suitable displays that would educate the public about Scouting in our state is always an on going project.

Since the last news letter we have received a donation of about seven book cases from a member of our operating committee. We now have on display many categories of both Scouting and related books of general interest.

No month goes by without being notified of someone's collection both large and small which might be given to us in time. The Museum's Collection is growing all the time. If I were to estimate right now we are in the process acquiring about four to five significant collections. Small gifts also arrive every month.

Please remember that the museum is open on most Wednesday evenings from mid September through mid June. If you are coming any distance at all I would ask you to call us in advance at (732) 862-1282 to confirm that the museum will be open to avoid any disappointments. Our docents are



all volunteers and some nights we just can't find someone to be there. We can try and arrange visits at other times on request.

We are still trying to make connections, or in some cases better connections, with the various Boy & Girl Scout Councils around the state. We believe that we have all their correct address and we send them this newsletter.

I encourage giving your Scouting Memorabilia to the NJ Scout Museum. I would be very happy to discuss Donations and Loans to our collection. We also will provide a service of assistance with the selling of memorabilia for income if that is needed. Many people ask "What is needed by the Museum?" The answer simply stated is "Anything related to the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts that will help tell the story of Scouting in New Jersey, and to a lesser extent Scouting in general", is of interest to us.

Please consider how you might fit into our efforts it's a lot of work but also it's a lot of fun.

## **Girl Scout Corner**

**By Randall Holden**

While we are getting ready to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, let us not forget that the Girl Scouts are nearing their 100th as well (in 1912). Juliette Low started their movement here in Savannah, Ga.

Having spent most of my life working with the history and memorabilia generated by the Boy Scouts, I am now interested in picking up where my three daughters left off in their quest for the same in Girl Scouts.

I have identified a lot of the communities that existed before the councils were formed here in New Jersey. As I write this column, I am waiting for the four relatively new councils (down from 13 not too long ago) to get organized and hope to sit down with their historian /

archivists to finish tracing their roots. I am also hoping to finish the camp history too as I have uncovered many camps that have existed for the last 96 years. It still amazes me that so many of New Jersey's scouts, both girls and boys, started camping at the present Harriman State Park/Bear Mountain/Palisades Interstate Park. Imagine 10,000 youths using trains, boats, and buses to reach nearby accessible points and then hiking into their respective camps. More amazing is the logistics involved in getting all the gear and food to these camps to provide the facilities and meals each week all summer



long.

If any of our readers have anything they would like to share with the museum, please feel free to contact me at [historian@njsm.org](mailto:historian@njsm.org) or send the information directly to:

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