

# NORTH STAR MUSEUM BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

## *Museum News*

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### *The Skunk Reunion is Just Around the Corner*

As this article goes to press, there is still snow on the ground. All the more reason you should be making plans to attend the annual Skunk Reunion. This year, the Skunk Reunion will return to the still new Fred C. Andersen Swanson Lodge. Etch Saturday, June 4, 2011 into your calendar for the event. The festivities will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Anyone who has been a Scouter for 15 years or more and is a member of the Museum is a Skunk. Thus, you may be a Skunk and not even know it! The Skunk Reunion is a terrific way to renew old acquaintances and enjoy a great setting. A number of troops are expected in camp so the event is also an opportunity to see camp program in action.

Brunch will be served at the Skunk Reunion so come hungry. Look for your invitation and registration form in the mail in late April or early May. As always, the Skunk Reunion is not an event to miss. If transportation is an issue for you, let us know when you register and we will match you up with a ride. We really want to see you!

At each Skunk Reunion, a worthy Scouter is named Skunk of the Year. Last year's double recipients were Bob Rosene and John Twohig. Right now, we are accepting nominations for the 2011 Skunk of the Year. If you know someone who would be a worthy recipient of the award, please submit a nomination form. A copy of the form is in this issue of Museum News. Just fill it out and mail it in. The nomination form is also on the Museum website at [nssm.org](http://nssm.org). Nominate a Skunk today! We look forward to seeing you at the Skunk Reunion on June 4, 2011.

**With Jim Rupert looking on, Bob Rosene and John Twohig receive their Skunk of the Year the 2010 Skunk Reunion.**





**Let's Pretend Try-It**



**Making Music Try-It**

### ***Brownies "Try-It" at the Museum***

Cadet Girl Scout Troop 50219 has met monthly at the Museum for the last four years. On February 12 the girls executed a project that they planned and prepared themselves. Their work fulfilled the service project requirement for the Silver Award.

The purpose of the project was to help the Brownies earn two "Try-Its." A Try-It is a skill building activity for Brownies that cover a variety of topics. The Girl Scouts offer fifty-seven Try-Its. A patch is awarded when the requirements for a given Try-It are met.

Their plans and preparations paid off. The four girls of Troop 50219 put on their program for twenty-three Brownies at the Museum. The girls earned the Let's Pretend and Making Music Try-Its. Hats off to the girls of Troop 50219!

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### ***From the Director***

As you read this issue of Museum News, many of you may also have in hand my letter announcing that we are in the midst of a final push to raise the \$250,000 that we need to retire our note with Ramsey County, from whom we purchased the Museum in 2005. Paying off the note gives us our property and building free and clear and frees us up to focus on providing better and better program. Paying off the building is a key component of the Museum's Celebrate the Journey campaign.

If you are able to respond to my letter and help us reach our goal, you will be in good, and appreciated, company. Our efforts were boosted substantially in March upon notification of a three-year gift totaling \$100,000 from the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of the Saint Paul Foundation. In addition, we must all extend a special thank you to Bob and Joyce Rosene, who pledged an additional \$50,000 to ensure that the building is paid off. Thanks also to our Celebrate the Journey Campaign Committee, ably led by Mike Galvin and Nancy Randall Dana, staffed by John Schwietz, and assisted by committee members Sandy Craighead, Howard Guthmann, Barb Herrmann, Ron Phillippo, Joyce Rosene, Jim Rupert, and Brad Thompson. Fund raising is never just one person's task and the Campaign Committee has put in endless hours to make sure this moment would be possible.

When I came to the Museum in 2005, I thought it would be very difficult to ask people for money. However, I have since learned that when you are asking for something you believe strongly in, it is not hard at all. Thanks for all you have done for the Museum. Please take another look at the letter you just received and help us retire our debt to Ramsey County. When that happens, we will be sure to invite you to our "mortgage burning" party. In the meantime, come visit soon, and bring a friend who has not visited. We'd love to see you, and thank you!

Claudia  
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# Skunk of the Year Nomination Form



## Nomination for Skunk of the Year due by May 8, 2011

### Section One:

**Award Criteria:** This award is presented to a person who has been affiliated with Boy or Girl Scouting or the North Star Museum for at least 15 years, and is a current member of the museum.

<b>CANDIDATE/</b> <b>Name of individual being nominated:</b> _____ <b>Current museum member? Yes / No</b> <b>Registered member of Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts? Yes / No</b> <b>Address:</b> _____ <b>City/State/Zip:</b> _____ <b>Phone number:</b> _____ <b>Email:</b> _____
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<b>Nominator's name:</b> _____ <b>Address:</b> _____ <b>City/State/Zip:</b> _____ <b>Phone number:</b> _____ <b>Email:</b> _____ <b>Best time to reach you:</b> _____
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### Section Two:

Please provide a statement of support for the individual being nominated. The statement should address the award criteria and this individual should receive this award. Include tenure with the museum, special or extraordinary things done during the year, other Boy Scout/Girl Scout activities he/she may be involved with, and the amount of time spent on museum activities. Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.

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### Section Three: (optional)

Attach a letter of recommendation supporting your nomination from a person other than yourself. This person may be a museum member, Boy Scout or Girl Scout, adult volunteer in Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting, or someone else who knows of the individual's contributions.

**Nominator's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail nominations to:

Selections Committee  
North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting  
2640 E. Seventh Avenue  
North St. Paul, MN 55109  
This form can also be downloaded from: [www.nssm.org](http://www.nssm.org)

## *Skunks Invade the Museum*

No, it is not what you think. The Museum has been invaded by Skunks of the two-legged variety. They wear red jackets too. This winter and spring, a number of Skunks have been meeting regularly at the Museum to perform important work on the collection.

Our collection is large, valuable and always in need of work. As new material is donated, it needs to be identified, tagged and cataloged. Donors need to be thanked and acknowledged. Our older materials also need attention. Some of our oldest and most significant materials have never been properly cataloged. That is where the Skunks come in.

The Museum recently received a Legacy Grant from the Minnesota Historical Society. Under the grant, our extensive collection of Boys Life and Scouting magazines will be culled of multiple copies, organized and put in acid free boxes. One set will be bound and a second set will be kept loose. The Skunks have spent many hours going



**Chuck Clausen at work with the Boys Life Collection**

through the magazines to get the collection in ship shape condition per the grant guidelines. Special thanks to the following Skunks: Paul Bartyzal; Chuck Clausen; Lloyd Dewey; Russ Edlund; Gary Gorman; Barb Herrmann; Gordon Meeker; Roy Nauertz; and, Jim Rupert. If you want to lend your hand to help the Skunks work on the Legacy Grant Project, just call Jim Rupert (651-429-3075) or Claudia Nicholson at the Museum (651-748-2880).



**Skunks Chuck Clausen, Roy Nauertz and Gordon Meeker work with the Boys Life Collection**



**This sampling from the Troop 9 collection consists of a photo album from the 1920's, a memory book, troop newsletters and a sign from the troop's 50th anniversary.**

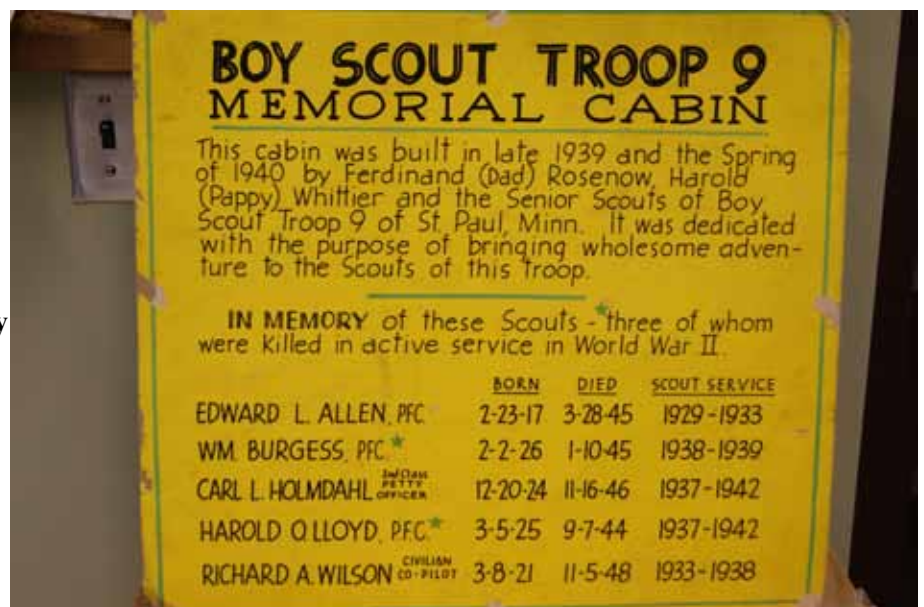
### ***Museum Receives Important Collection***

Few troops can trace their legacy to the first decade of Scouting. Fewer still maintained and preserved their contemporaneous records. Troop 9 of St. Paul falls into both of these categories. In January 2011, the invaluable Troop 9 archive was donated to the Museum.

Founded in 1917, Troop 9 has had more lives than a cat. It has had a variety of troop numbers and chartered partners. An East Side troop, the original chartered partner was the Hazel Park Commercial Club. The longest single chartered partner was the Hazel Park American Legion Post, which first chartered the troop in 1949. The current reconstituted Troop 9 is in El Sol District and the chartered partner is Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Through it all, detailed records were kept.

The collection includes all of the troop charters, rosters, weekly meeting agendas, where they went camping, photo albums (with many people identified!), and copies of the troop newsletter. Also included are ribbons, patches, troop neckerchiefs and awards. Most of the paper materials are in three-ring notebooks. The oldest photo album dates back to 1922 and is leather bound. The folks of Troop 9 truly understood the role of Troop Historian.

**Included in the Troop 9 collection is the original sign from the cabin at Beaver Valley Scout Camp, a privately operated camp in Wisconsin.**



## *Someone New Onsite*

When you visit the Museum this spring, you might see a new face. We are fortunate to have University of Wisconsin River Falls student John Buechel working with our collections for his internship. John is from Plymouth, WI. He is a self-described “super senior” who is majoring in history. John did his Scouting in Bay Lakes Council. He is an Eagle Scout and current camp staffer at L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation.



**Spring intern John Buechel working hard at the Museum**

John comes to the Museum courtesy of UWRF Professor Kurt Leichtle, a Board of Directors member and chair of the Museum’s Program Committee. John’s internship began on February 17. He is working on our backlog of accepted collections so that we can clear out some of what has been languishing in our workroom. John’s work will also allow us to get gift documents out to donors faster. His work will help us enormously in this regard. If you get a chance, come on in and welcome John.

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