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Get your Racing Hat on!! Derby Night is coming soon!



Derby Night at the Museum, a FUNraiser for the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting is Saturday, November 12 at 6:00 pm. You will not want to miss this event of racing, fun, fellowship, and financial support for the Museum.

Register for Derby Night through the Museum's website at nssm.org. The pre-registration fee of \$30 per person includes two beverage coupons for wine, beer, or soft drinks, a glass with the Museum logo on it, and

one car entry. Pre-registration is best because the cost is \$35 at the door. You can race extra cars at \$10 per car. Dinner will also be available for purchase, so please come hungry.

Competitors may bring their own wooden car or purchase a Jimmy Longoria one-of-a-kind original pinewood derby car (see separate article on page 4). Racing takes place on a professionally made derby track and will be judged by an electronic computer system. Spectators are encouraged!

If you do not have a car, there is plenty of time to build one. Kits are available on Amazon or at your local Scout shop. The Museum shop may have some

cars for sale but supplies are limited.

The third annual Derby Hat Contest adds a new tradition to the evening's festivities, so wear your fanciest racing hat or bonnet. All attendees are invited to don an appropriate chapeaux and enter into the fun.

See you November 12 for the Derby Night at the Museum!



Get Ready for Some Exciting Programs and Activities

The Museum's Program Committee has been busy providing and planning interesting and educational programs. Over the past several months a number of Scout and Girl Scout groups have enjoyed tours of the Museum. We also

have two overnights planned with groups. Read on to find out about other opportunities. Of course, what you see here is in addition to our excellent exhibits and our merit badge workshop program.

Clean-up Day

The end of the year is here and that means we need to get the Museum ready for winter. Our annual Fall Clean Up Day will be Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 (Continued on Page 2)

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p.m. We will be cleaning the premises inside and out. For assistance, we are looking for troops, groups, and individuals to help rake up leaves and several other tasks. Lunch will be provided for those helping. Please bring your own rakes, gloves, and work attire. What a great service opportunity!

Holiday Hop

Once again, the Museum will again be participating in the North St. Paul Holiday Hop. This year, the event takes place on Saturday December 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Things

will be hopping in North St. Paul and the Museum will be no exception. There will be hot cocoa, crafts, and a Girl Scout Boutique. Please stop by to support these troops. If your group would like to have a table call the Museum for more information. The North St. Paul Snowman and Santa also will make an appearance during the day. Get your holiday season off to a good start with a visit to the Holiday Hop at the Museum.

The Escape Room Returns

In January and February, we mark the return of the Escape

Room. After a successful debut last spring, our Escape Room with its Egyptian theme may be a perfect activity for the groups you work with. You could sign up just for the Escape Room or you could package your trip to the Museum with a badge or tour and a visit to the Escape Room. The cost for the Escape Room is \$15 per person. Call the Museum for more information about scheduling a time at 651-748-2880 or email Carissa Meyer at

carissa.meyer@nssm.org.

Welcome Carissa Meyer!

The Museum has a new administrative assistant and bookkeeper. Carissa Meyer joined us in September. She replaces Joleen Rudeen, who decided to move on. Thank you Joleen!

Carissa reports, "I am loving the Museum. The people, history, and inner workings. I feel blessed to have been chosen to work here." Carissa brings a wonderful and diverse background to the Museum. Her hobbies include gardening, cooking/baking, reading, foraging, fishing, traveling, and her Jeep! Yes, she likes to restore and refurbish vehicles. She has also volunteered with non-profits, such as the Jaycees and Habitat for Humanity. She served as president of the Brainerd Jaycees in 2015. Professionally, Carissa has over eleven years in the banking in-

dustry. She has a background in compliance and she is proficient in a variety of computer platforms such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, PointSec, PeopleSoft and social media sites. She also has a background in sales, which means that Carissa is a people person, which is perfect for her position at the Museum. Even better, Carissa describes herself as a positive person, always seeing the silver lining.

Carissa has a great educational background. In 2016, she received her A.A.S in Business Management at Central Lakes College in Brainerd, MN 2016, graduating with honors. That same year, she received her entrepreneurial diploma from Central Lakes College, also with honors.



Carissa Meyer

Carissa looks forward to meeting all of our volunteers and supporters. Whether you call, email, or drop in for a visit, please introduce yourself to Carissa Meyer. Carissa's email address is:

carissa.meyer@nssm.org.

Welcome!

In Memoriam: Tim Jopek

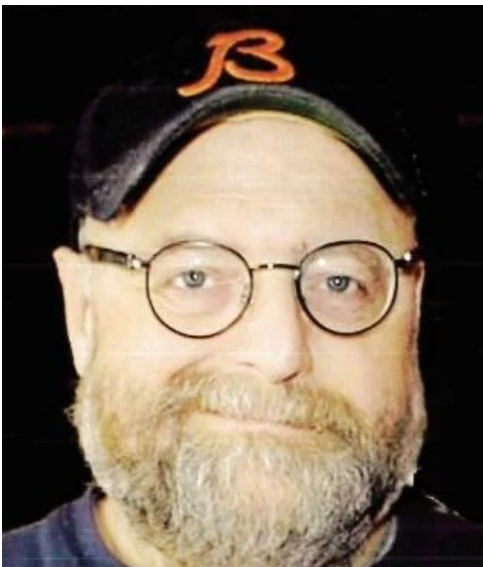
The Museum lost a long-time friend and supporter when Tim Jopek passed away after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer on August 31, 2022. What follows is an excerpt from Tim's official obituary.

Timothy Mark Jopek was born Dec. 20, 1959, in Joliet, Illinois, to Joseph and Peggy (Mason) Jopek. He attended elementary school in Illinois and Michigan before the family moved to Antigo, WI in 1972. Tim attended Antigo High School where he performed in school muscials. He graduated in 1978. Thereafter, he attended UW-Eau Claire, graduating in 1984 with a theater arts degree.

After moving to Minneapolis, Tim performed in several theater productions and during one of these productions, he met his future wife, Helen Donnay. They were married April 4, 1987. Tim was employed in managerial positions of computer service firms in the Twin Cities area.

Tim remained active in theatre during his adult life, co-founding the Cromulent Shakespeare Theater group. The group performed plays in area parks during many summer seasons. Tim acted, directed, and mentored young actors.

Volunteering in the Boy Scouts was especially important to Tim. He served as Scoutmaster, on numerous committees at the council level, and he was active at the regional level. Tim was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.



Tim Jopek

Tim was also a volunteer with the Museum. He served on the Board of Directors. He was also an early supporter of the Museum's merit badge workshop program.

Tim was known as a kind and thoughtful person and those who knew him also enjoyed his wit, wisdom, many interests, and wealth of knowledge. Tim is survived by his wife Helen, daughter April (Corey Baldrige), son Joseph (Kim), and grandsons Brayden Jopek and Odin Baldrige, all of Minneapolis, parents Joseph and Peggy Jopek of Antigo; brothers Brian of Minocqua, and Matthew (Addanne) Jopek of Phoenix, Arizona; niece Jessica (Clinton) Holmgren of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota; nephew Steven (Olivia) Jopek of Rhinelander; great-nephews Ryan, Walter, Gordon and Miles; and great-niece Caroline. Tim, we will miss you.

MUSEUM HOURS

*Monday - Friday
by appointment only*

*Wednesday & Saturday
10 am - 2 pm*

*Know of anyone
interested in joining?
Join online at nssm.org*

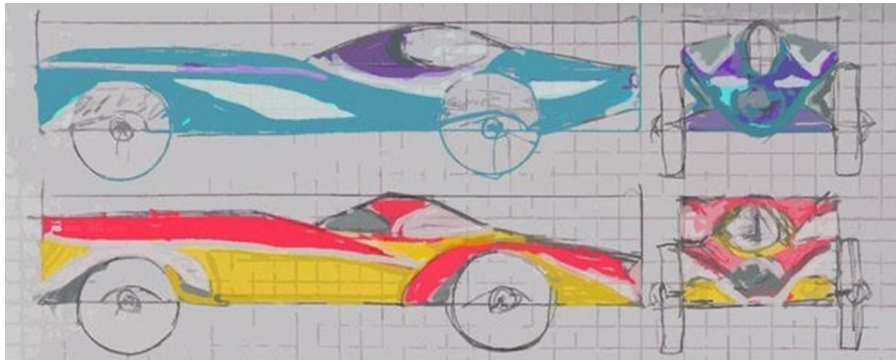
You Could Race a Special Jimmy Longoria Car at Derby Night

The Museum is very fortunate to have developed a relationship with Jimmy Longoria. Now, Jimmy is excited to support Derby Night with his unique artistic talent. He has designed and is building five Pinewood Derby race cars that racers can purchase and race at Derby Night on November 12. All proceeds benefit the Museum. The car designs accompany this article. With these cars, no one has an excuse for not participating. If you do not know how to build your own car, why not purchase an iconic and highly collectible Jimmy Longoria car right before the race on November 12 and enter it in the Derby? These special cars will be available at the silent auction starting with a minimum \$100 bid. The car auction will close before the com-

petition begins so you can race yours if you choose. Bid early and bid often!

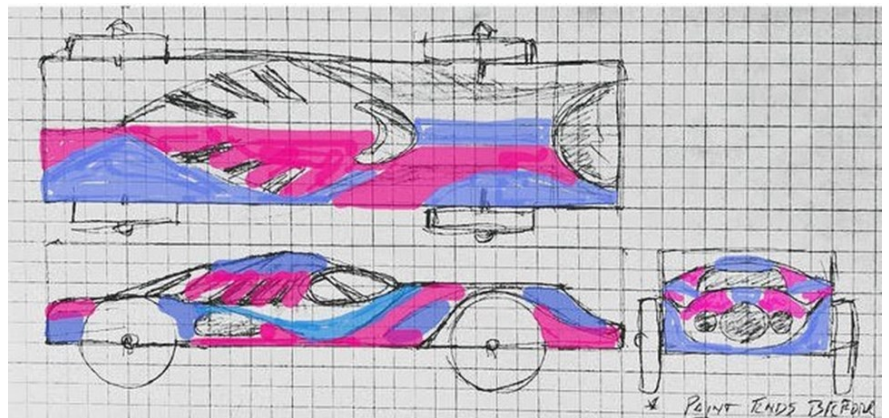
Racing a Jimmy Longoria-designed car offers a special opportunity for us all. Jimmy Longoria is a nationally recognized Chicano artist who now lives and works in Minnesota. He was born and raised on a farm in South Texas and studied at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Pitzer College in Claremont, California. Among Jimmy's many distinctions, he is the only Chicano to be awarded a Bush Foundation Fine Artist Fellowship, and the only Minnesotan to have art on permanent display in Chicago's National Museum of Mexican Art.

Jimmy's art hangs in the office of United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, in the Minnesota State Capitol Building, 3M, and Target. One of his recent projects was to design a T-shirt for the Minnesota Twins, and previously for the Minnesota Timberwolves. Jimmy was honored by the Twins at their game on September 13! He is a creative thinker and helped the Museum develop their objectives for 2022 and 2023. He was a Cub Scout Den Leader, and is a strong supporter of the Girl Scouts. The cars he designed will add a new level of competition and fun to Derby Night on November 12.



Pictured at the left are two of the cars designed by renowned artist Jimmy Longoria for Derby Night. If you are the winning buyer, one of these could be yours.

Here is another car designed by Jimmy Longoria. Derby Night is your chance to purchase a collector's edition Pinewood Derby car.



Behind the Scenes ... The Collection

During the pandemic, many people decided to do some house cleaning and reduce the number of stored items they were saving. For us, this literally meant that folks delivered boxes and boxes of Boy Scout and Girl Scout material to the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting—possible treasures waiting to be found. The Museum leased warehouse space for the collection in 2020 and the review and cataloging of these new items were added to the “to-do” list for the volunteers at the Museum and the warehouse. So, in late 2021, we decided to upgrade our Past Perfect software from a stand-alone computer to an online version. That alone was no easy task. The existing data needed to be prepared for transfer to the online version. It took many hours of painstakingly tough detail work to get the job done.

With Past Perfect in place, the work to get caught up has begun. Thanks to a long list of wonderful committed volunteers, we are making more than a dent. Since November 2021, over 1,061 hours have been logged by this group. They are on their way to completing a huge cataloging task, which will mean that we can electronically find and physically locate every one of the 150,000 or more items in the collection. Our next step will be to make the collection searchable by anyone wanting to learn about the history of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who put in those 1,061 hours. Thank you:

Paul Bartyzal	Kurt Leichtle
Charles Clausen	Michael Lund
Judy Clausen	David Novy
Russ Edhlund	Cole Petersen
Rebecca Emmons	Robert Pettit
Gary Gorman	Beth Voermans
Bob Hannah	Joshua Wickert

Our crew of volunteers could use more helpers. So, if you have some curiosity, computer skill, and time to share, please contact us so we can add you to the team. Just contact our administrative assistant, Carissa Meyer (carissa.meyer@nssm.org), to join the team.



Pictured here are Gary Gorman (left) and Russ Edhlund working on accessions.



Earn your amateur radio license and the above Merit badges!

Come and join in on the fun of amateur radio. This ten week class will give you the information you need to pass the FCC license exam. Boy Scouts can also earn three merit badges.

Amateur Radio, also known as Ham Radio, is an exciting hobby with many opportunities. Talk with friends across town or around the world. Enter contests to make as many contacts as possible in one weekend. Serve your community by becoming a severe weather spotter or by providing communications during special events. Build your own radio equipment and put it on the air. There is much that can be done with amateur radio, but first you must earn your license.

The Minnesota Youth Amateur Radio Council will offer a Technician Class License preparation course. The Technician class license is the entry level amateur radio license. Our ten week course is tailored to suit both youth and adults. Boy Scouts can also earn their Electricity, Electronics, and Radio merit badges as part of our class.

Class Details

When: 10AM to 12PM Saturday starting January 7th, 2023 for 11 weeks

Where: North Star Museum (nssm.org)

Cost: \$10. Class manual is approx. \$30.00 USD

Call: 612-741-9307 **Tim Arimond**

Email: petitnoel47@gmail.com

Test session offered at end of class. Test fee is \$15. _____

Museum Image to be Published in the 2023 Minnesota Digital Library Calendar

The Museum has long participated in the work of the Minnesota Digital Library (“MDL”). MDL was started in 2003 with the goal of collecting and preserving digital content for use in a free and searchable online database. Nearly 200 organizations contribute content to MDL, including the Museum. To date, MDL has digitized more than 55,000 photographs, postcards, maps, documents, letters, and oral histories. MDL also provides education and training opportunities concerning digitization best practices, metadata for digital collections, and digital preservation. Each year MDL creates a wall

calendar highlighting a selection of items shared by its contributors. The calendars are then given away for free at conferences and other events to promote MDL and its online digital collection. Late in September, MDL notified the Museum that its 2023 calendar includes an image from the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting. The image, likely from the 1950’s, depicts a Scoutmaster and a group of Boy Scouts enjoying a spaghetti dinner. The troop was from Viking Council Troop 195, chartered to Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Here is a link to the photo:

<https://collection.mndigital.org/catalog/nsm:142#c=&m=&s=&cv=&xywh=-353%2C0%2C5221%2C3068>.

We hope to acquire a few copies of the calendar once they are distributed. The MDL calendar is obviously a great way for people to find out about the Museum. Through our participation in the MDL, the Museum has greater visibility and more resources. Once we get a copy of the calendar, we will put it in public view at the Museum so you can see it. In the meantime, if you wish to check out the MDL, just go to www.mndigital.org.

Include the Museum in Your Year-End Giving Plans

As we enter the last quarter of 2022, many of us are starting to think about our year-end giving and income tax reduction plans. Making a monetary gift to the Museum means that we can continue to catalog the collection and provide education programs to youth and adults (the Escape Rooms, Merit Badge Workshops, overnights for troops and special museum tours). There are many ways you can help the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting financially at year’s end:

- Go to the website www.nssm.org and make a gift.
- Sign up for the Derby Night at the Museum’s—our November 12 event—and have fun while you’re making a donation. Watch your email for the invite or go to the website to register ... then start getting your winning derby car ready for the competition
- Participate in the state-wide fund-raiser Give to the Max Day, November 17 and designate money to the Museum. Help us reach our giving goal.
- Use your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to make a tax free donation to the Museum. Your investment firm will have to make the check payable to the Museum (or any of your favorite charities) for that amount to be tax free...but the gift will save you from having to pay taxes on that portion of your RMD.
- Respond to our year-end giving letter by sending a check in the reply envelope.
- Finally, think about including the Museum in your estate plan or will. The Museum has benefited from estate gifts in the past and they are an important part of our financial bedrock.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**We're on the web
www.nssm.org**

Sign Up to Earn a Year-End Merit Badge at the Museum

Once again, Scouts will have a chance to earn one or more merit badges at the Museum during the year-end holidays. Watch the Museum's website at nssm.org to check out merit badge offerings. Despite inflation everywhere else, the Museum's registration fee remains unchanged: \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. We are currently planning a citizenship focus. Look for sessions of Citizenship in Society, Citizenship in the World, and Citizenship in the Nation during the weekend after Thanksgiving and during the week between Christmas and New Years'.

Once a Scout signs up for a merit badge, the counselor will send an information/instruction sheet to the registrants. Since the Scout motto is "Be Prepared," the counselors expect the Scouts to read the sheet and prepare accordingly. Advancement is a great way to end 2022!



Citizenship in Society Merit Badge

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