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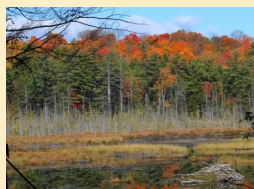
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends of Camp Read,

It hard to believe that more than three years have passed since the 2014 Reunion and the beginning of my term as President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Board members for their support and hard work in continuing our mission of service to Camp Read. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve and my hope is that the Association will continue to thrive for the rest of my term and beyond. Before you know it, the 2019 Reunion will be upon us which marks the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Camp Read. We are already in the preliminary planning stages for the event and will have more information to pass along as it becomes available.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the "Friends of Read" campaign and to those who participated in the June Eager Beaver work weekend. Because of your generosity we donated \$1500 towards the much-needed health and safety improvements in Camp. During the Eager Beaver weekend, the Association work crew took on the major task of rebuilding the front porch of the Farmhouse. Our efforts and financial backing are much appreciated by the Camp Administration as we are making a difference for the many Scouts and Leaders that attend Camp. Please consider coming up next June and lending a hand. Please look on page 7 for photos and a recap of the work weekend.

Soon after Camp came to the close of a very successful summer season, the Association held our annual hike weekend on September 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. We had the largest participation ever for that event, thanks in no small way to Jim Smith's efforts in "rounding up the troops." Unfortunately, due to Hurricane Irma, Jim could not make it himself but was certainly there in spirit. Association members came from as far away as Colorado and many eras were represented. It was good to see that the "Old Camp Read" spirit was alive and well! Check out the write up and photos on pages 4-5 of this newsletter.

Our next event will be the Staff Appreciation Dinner, held on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at the Council Service Center. This annual event is funded and run by the Association and allows the 2017 Read Staff to get together for some fun and fellowship. This is an excellent opportunity for our membership to get to know some of the current Staff and would encourage you to help if you can. This event is very important to the Association as our future does depend on attracting the next generation to our ranks.

In 2018, we will be holding the annual Spring dinner, supporting the camp at the Eager Beaver weekend in June and hosting the next Fall hike event. We will send out updates for those events as soon we have more information. It would be great if you attend our events, and please contribute as generously as you can to our "Friends of Read" campaign. Your support is much needed and greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.

Yours in Scouting,  
 Bill Daley, CRA President

**Current Camp Read Staff Recognition Dinner - 12/27/17**

## Friends of Read 2017

One of the primary missions of the Camp Read Association, as stated in our Charter, is to assist with camp promotion, staff development, program and financial support, and facility maintenance/development. In order to live up to this commitment your financial support is greatly needed.

Because of the generosity many of our members, the Association was able to make contributions towards a variety of projects and ongoing programs that have and continue to benefit the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation in the areas of infrastructure, program, and staff support. The following are examples of how the Association provided this much needed support over the years: replacement of the roof on the Pearlman Building, major renovations of Boland Lodge (thanks to Peter Oberdorf for his most generous contribution), construction of the two lentos (in memory of Ken Haddermann and Chris Fearon), construction/renovation of the many camp signs throughout the Reservation, much needed program equipment, the annual Staff appreciation dinner, and Staff recognition awards.

To continue our commitment of service to the camp, the Association's assistance will be needed for the following upcoming projects: rebuilding the stone wall at the camp entrance, a new Summit Activities Center, construction of a lean-to for use by the Buckskin Camp Director, financial support towards the renovation Camp Waubeeka Office and program support for new activities such as mountain biking.

If you haven't joined this elite group of dedicated Scouters please give some thought to making a contribution. If you have donated in the past, our sincerest thanks and please consider renewing your support for 2017. Contributions to the Camp Read Association can be considered as a tax deduction. Another way to support camp is to send in a one-time donation either as a tribute to, or in memory of, an individual you would like to recognize.

Forms for donating to the Memorials & Tributes Fund or for The Friends of Read donations can be found in this Newsletter and on our website at CampRead.org.

*The Camp Read Association wishes to extend a sincere thanks to the following members who have made a contribution to the Association for 2017. Your financial support is greatly appreciated by all the scouts and leaders who attend Camp Read and benefit from your generosity.*

Charles Agro  
Richard Borner  
Richard Bosio  
Matt Brauner  
**Peter Ciacchi**  
**Ralph Colotti**  
Kent Cooper  
John M. Coughlin  
**Dedrick Damato**  
Ed D'Apice  
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Bruce Fusillo  
Doug Gamble

Jacob Gerstein  
Frank Graessle  
**Ron & Kathy Green**  
**Tim Haag**  
John Hradsky  
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Richard Lutomski  
**Albert Massimi**  
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**David Morris**  
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**Bill Tracey**  
**Richard Trier**  
**John Tripodi**  
Michael Tripodi  
Michael Venuti  
David Wallick  
Don Walsh  
**Gary Wiesendanger**  
**Ron Yaskovic**

*Shown in bold above are those who have given most generously*

*Special thanks to Dedrick Damato and David Terrible for their very generous donations*  
**THANK YOU!**

All donations to the Camp Read Association are tax-deductible

## FAKE NEWS or ALT VIEWS of HISTORY? WHO KNOWS ?

By: Tom Dietz, Ed D'Apice, Jim Smith, with introductory commentary and artful compilation by Peter Oberdorf, Curmudgeon-in-Chief

In today's world one never knows whether something is Fake News or just an Alternate View of History. However, in the halcyon days of our youth, there was certainly only one TRUTH, and it was unvarnished and immutable! Or was it?

Let us consider the case of the naming of Rose Drive at the Read Reservation, formerly known as Camp Read, to us old timers at Brant Lake, NY.

So, what is the TRUE story of the naming of Rose Drive? For those who cannot remember, Rose Drive is the first left turnoff from the main camp road, just past the Ranger's House and the Garage. It goes up to some of the Waubeeka sites, and also to the New Farm House (which is now called just the "Farm House," because the Old Farm House is more correctly called Boland Lodge).

Well, it turns out there are at least three versions of the etymology (*Editor: clearly not the right word. Hmmm, ok what about etymology? Editor: better but not it! How about: etiology? Editor: Yes, that is it...spot on!*) of the naming of Rose Drive. These three TRUE versions are presented below. The Editor gladly opens the floor here for some "Letters to the Editor" to engender any further comments, critiques, corrections, dissenting opinions or versions.

*First up is a presentation by the erstwhile curmudgeon Sir James Joseph Smith, originally from Blackfoot and North Tarrytown (now called Sleepy Hollow), and who is happily ensconced in the sunny state of Florida.*

In the 1950s, Frank Teal was on the Professional Staff of the Council, (then known as the Washington Irving Council, BSA.) Frank was also the Business Manager for Camp Read. To say the least, he was not the most popular member of the camp staff, as he carried out his function of watching over the fiscal needs of camp often focusing on cutting costs (and corners) and denying requests for items as being "unbudgeted" or "over budget."

Frank and his family lived in one of the trailers located behind Boland Lodge. The family consisted of Frank, his wife Rose, their son Tom, and their daughter. Frank's nickname for some reason was FROG! I am not sure if he was aware of that moniker. The large rock (a fair-sized Adirondack Erratic Boulder) on the camp road at the turn-off to the trailers and Boland Lodge was painted "GORF" in honor of this nickname. It was painted and repainted over the years by some of the staff who were not too enamored with Frank. That became a running staff joke.

But, I digress. Back to the Rose Drive story. When Bob Newton became the Camp Ranger, he raised a couple of pigs and kept them up on the very road we are discussing. At that time, it led over towards a Farm House on the Bent Lee Farm, the estate of Mr. Heller who was the Chairman of National Distilleries.



Again, some of the camp staff who were not too happy with Frank, put up a sign at the road to where Bob had kept his pigs, and the sign said "Rose Drive". And it became a tongue in cheek joke from then on as to whether it was named for Bob's pig, named Rose, or Frank's wife, also named Rose. It was one of those things that gets lost in time, after those involved have long since gone from the Camp Staff. Yet it is fondly remembered by those of us who have become involved with the Camp Read (Alumni) Association.

One of the ironies of all this is that Frank's son Tom went on to become one of Camp Read's most valued and loyal staff members. He served for years on the honorable Maintenance Crew with Art Boland, and was very popular with all those who knew and worked with him. Tom became one of the early Camp Read Association's best and most active members. He served diligently as Secretary of the Association for many years.

*Story Continued on page 7 ➡*

### BITS AND PIECES

#### ➤ UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual Current Camp Summer Staff Reunion Dinner at Council Headquarters - **12/27/2017**
- Camp Read Association Annual Potluck - All welcome! - Early spring - TBA
- "Eager Beaver" worker's weekend. Come up and help get Camp ready for the summer- **June 8-10, 2018**
- Annual Fall Hike Weekend 2018 - Great time always! (see recap 2017) Details TBA
- Anyone wishing to contribute Newsletter articles, anecdotes, pictures, event postings, or general Camp or Scouting info should please send any correspondence to: Tom Hunter - [hunteto@gmail.com](mailto:hunteto@gmail.com)

➤ The Association web site is [campread.org](http://campread.org). Please visit our site for the latest information..

➤ This issue was sent to anyone who gave to the Friends of Read. If you want to continue to receive copies of the Newsletter, please send in your contribution

## Annual Hike Weekend - Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

**Thursday 9/14: Early Bird Special:** Start at the Farley Trail Register, take bike trail around the back side of Rogers Lake, continue to Lester Lake, side hike up to OA Induction Ceremonial site, hike thru Summit (old Tomahawk) Mountain View, Wyandotte to the Race Track, Pawnee Field, Blackfoot, down the Trans-Siberian Railroad to Newton Hall.

Hikers: Bill Daley, Rich Lutomski, Tom Dietz. Estimated 4 mile loop.

**Friday 9/15: Spring Hill Pond via New Hague Road.** Steady uphill climb up Ellis Mountain then down 200' foot decent to a very picturesque Adirondack Pond. Hikers: Ron Green, Bill Daley, Tom Hunter, Reid Reynolds, Bob Neeley, Tom Dietz. Estimated 9 miles round trip.

**Friday Evening: Pizza Reception @ Peter Oberdorf's Boat House on Majestic Schroon Lake.** Thank You Peter for your most gracious hospitality.

**Saturday 9/16: Pharaoh Lake Site A:** Two Patrols:

**Gap Patrol:** Hike through Farleys Gap to Apachedotte Pond, Whortleberry Pond with Lunch at Site C, and on to Pharaoh A. Hikers: Tim Haag, Ron Green, Bob Neeley, Rich Lutomski, Bill Daley, Tom Dietz, Dedrick Damato.

**Road Patrol:** You guessed it, the group that hiked the Pharaoh Road to Site A. Hikers: Peter Oberdorf, Reid Reynolds, Rusty Borner, Doug Gamble, Mickey Venuti, Ron Phillips.

Both Patrols returned via the road and received a free Foot Bath at the end. A few of the more adventurous members of the Gap patrol decided to take the new state trail from the road to Apachedotte and back through the Gap to Camp. Estimated 9 miles round trip.

**Saturday Evening: BBQ @ Buckskin Trading Post:** Special Guests: Bob & Gert Newton. Thanks to Will Shanahan, Jeremy Hughes and Denis Pisanello for their support and participation. Also thanks to Dick Trier with assistance from the "Massaweepee/Read" song book, Rich Lutomski and Bill Brucker in leading our "camp fire" sing along after dinner. All joined in and many lead their favorite songs! It was amazing to see Camp Staff members spanning four, maybe five decades who could sing the same songs, and remember most if not all of the words. Timeless!

**Special Thanks** to Jim Smith for beating the bushes and getting most of the attendees to join us. Unfortunately, Mother Nature (Hurricane Irma) prevented Jim from attending and enjoying first hand all the troops he had rounded up. Jim's spirit was with us for the entire weekend.



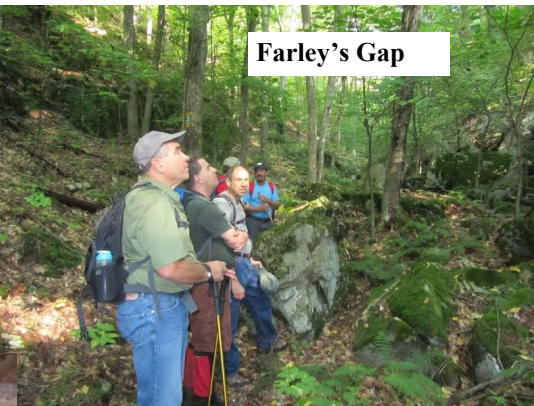
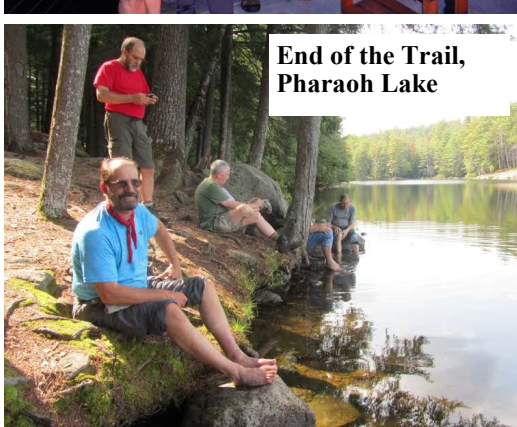
**Thanks to all the Attendees,** for without YOU there is no event! Your job for next year, and especially for the Reunion in 2019, is to reach out and bring additional Camp Read buddies! We want to share the joys of reliving "old tails" and hiking the "old trails." Thanks to all the 2017 Attendees for making "new tails" while hiking those "old trails" once again!

*The Fall Hike Committee*

**Top Row L to R:** Ron Philips, Bill Brucker, Bob Neeley

**Middle Row L to R:** Tim Haag, Denis Pisanello, Russ Borner, Mike Venuti, Ed D'Apice, Reid Reynolds, Denise Bolland, Doug Gamble, Peter Oberdorf, Dick Trier

**Front Row L to R:** Ron Green, Gert Newton, Bob Newton, Rich Lutomski, Tom Dietz, Bill Daley

**Bob & Gert Newton****Assorted pics of the weekend. A lot of Happy Campers!****Springhill Pond****Farley's Gap****End of the Trail,  
Pharaoh Lake****Peter Oberdorf  
...chilling****Songfest**

## Memorials And Tributes

### In Memory of Ken and June Smith

*"Great Champions and Stewarts  
of Camp Read"*

Ed Mills

### In Honor of Peter Oberdorf

*"A Devoted Scouter and  
Friend of Many Years"*

Mike Venuti

If you would like to make a donation to the Camp Read Association or to the Camp Read Improvement Fund for a memorial or tribute to an individual please fill out the form below. The tribute or honor can be for recognition of birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, awards, or in memory of a departed relative or friend. Acknowledgement letters will be sent to you and to the person being recognized or to the family (if the donation is in memoriam).

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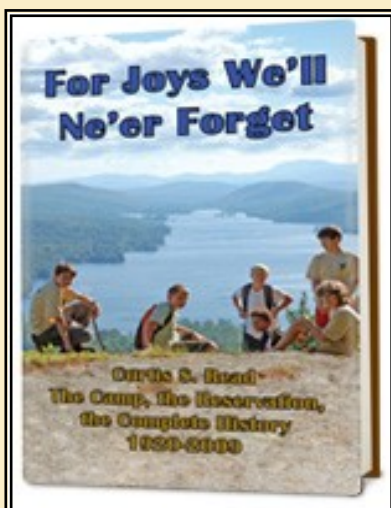
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Name of individual or group being remembered or recognizes: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address acknowledgement should be sent to: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your check payable to Camp Read Assoc. Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA.  
Mail it to Bill Daley, 3220 Mohegan Ave., Mohegan Lake, NY 10547.*



**"For Joys We'll Ne'er Forget"**, relates the story of the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation from its opening day in 1920 to the present. For the most part, "For Joys...." was written by staff who were in camp. Chapters features two legendary Camp Rangers, the launching of Camp Waubeeka, the impact of Read on professional Scouting, profiles of outstanding camp leaders, the story of the Oder of the Arrow in camp, history of the Camp Read Association, and much more.

Travel through time as this nearly one hundred year old camp grew from its beginnings on 33 acres and 20 campers on Long Pond, in Mahopac, New York to a 1000 acre scout reservation in the Adirondack Mountains. Today the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation is made up of three camps, one traditional scout camp, one patrol cooking camp, and a High Adventure Base.

"For Joys We'll Ne'er Forget" was commissioned by the Camp Read Association to preserve the history of this very special place. If you were ever a camper or staff member at a Scout camp, you'll find yourself right at home in the pages of this book. It is a story worth telling and one worth reading!

**To Order: Go to [www.CampRead-ForJoys.com](http://www.CampRead-ForJoys.com)**

*Copies also available at the Council Service Center*

**All proceeds from "For Joys We'll Ne'er Forget" will go to the betterment of the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation, Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA**

### *Rose Drive - Story Continued from page 3:*

*Now we move on to the version submitted by **Ed D'Apice**, renowned chronicler of the historical (and hysterical) memorials and tributes at Camp Read, and official co-author and publisher of the Camp Read Historical Guidebook that describes them all:*

Shortly after Council acquired a parcel of land adjacent to Camp Read (a part of the aforesaid Heller Estate), the then ranger, Bob Newton, began building a new road from the camp Garage to the Farmhouse on that property. One day, after work, Bob was going out with the boys. He showered before going out and inadvertently got a little over-zealous with his cologne. The boys got together in town that night and someone commented about how Bob "smelled pretty as a rose" and began calling him Rose as a nickname and as a tease. It was then that Bob thought it would be appropriate to name his road under construction "Rose Drive". Hence the name.

*And now, not to be outdone by the aforesaid gentlemen, our **FIRST PRESIDENT** and a key founder of the Camp Read Association, **Thomas Dietz**, has weighed in on this crucial bit of Camp Read history and lore.*

I can't remember who told this story to me, but let it be told that Rose Drive got its name this way: The local towns people gave Bob Newton the nickname of Rose because he would always come out of any situation smelling like a rose. When they needed a name for the road through Waubeeka to the newly acquired Farm House on the former Heller Estate, they called it Rose Drive, after Bob's locally inspired nickname.

**Thus, it has been written. Let the immutable truth be discerned from the aforesaid with all due candor, honor and vicissitude. Fake News? I don't think so!!**

## EAGER BEAVER WORK WEEKEND 2017 RECAP

The annual "Eager Beaver" work weekend at Read was attended by about 50 people including Association members, Council volunteers and current staff members. Thanks to all who participate in this work weekend that directly benefits so many who come to Camp.

The Association work crew took on the project of rebuilding front porch of the Farmhouse. Working together were a combination of skilled craftsman and "helpers". The project was completed by the end of weekend, exemplifying our "many hands make light work" mantra.

Another work crew comprised mostly of P&M Committee volunteers were tasked with completing the renovations of the heath lodge, improving the health and safety of that facility.



The "CRA crew" rebuilding the front porch of the Farmhouse

Many of the other participants work on maintenance items such as painting buildings, rebuilding tent platforms, refinishing patrol boxes and other "Ten Minute" jobs.

Will Shanahan (2017 Summer Camp Food Service Manager) volunteered to do the cooking, helped out by some of the current staff members. Thanks to Will and his crew as he did a great job.

Please consider helping out next year as we always have a good time and the Camp really does benefit from our efforts.

*Bill Daley*



John Hradsky rebuilding tent platforms

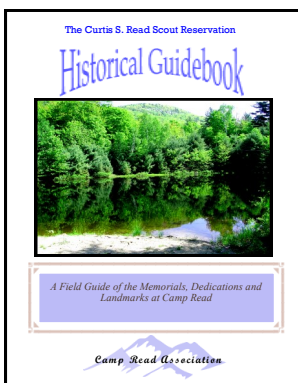


Refinishing patrol boxes at Waubeeka

### **HISTORICAL GUIDEBOOK**

The Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation Field Guide contains seventy pages of Memorials, Dedications and Landmarks found at Camp Read. The 2014 edition of the Guidebook is now in its sixth printing and has all the recent additions. This unique Field Guide, Published by the Camp Read Association, can be purchased for \$24.00 which includes \$3.00 postage and handling. All proceeds from the sale of the Guidebook will go to the benefit of Camp Read. If you would like one or more copies please visit our website at [campread.org](http://campread.org) or contact :

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**Dues Policy:**

Annual dues are requested by the end of March each year (We will however gladly accept dues anytime throughout the year). **For those that supported the Association in past years, our most sincere thanks. Members who enjoy this publication, and wish to continue to hear from us, your financial support is needed.** The Board of Directors feels strongly that membership in the Association NOT be tied to dues payment. However, those not making an annual contribution will only receive major mailings for reunions etc. The only qualification for membership is your dedicated interest in Camp Read. As such, dues may be considered a tax-deductible contribution.

**Dues 2017/18 Change of Address Form**

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**Contribution:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

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