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The View From the Top —

Jim Fellet, President, Tahosa Alumni Association

Hope this finds all of our members enjoying summer that finally came. We kind of jumped from cold winter weather to monsoons. Now we are back to the long hot days of summer.

I think we had one of the best displays at Scout Show that we have seen in years (*see photos starting on Page 6*). A lot of interest was generated in upcoming events at Camp and the planning of our Museum.

We have purchased new display cases for the museum (*see Museum article starting on Page 3*). Our target of June first was rather ambitious. We didn't realize how much of the collection we really had to sort and inventory. In talking with John Meeker we should be ready to open very shortly. Our final steps are purchasing bookshelves to display reference material. They should be in place very shortly. We will send out a blast email about our grand opening and we hope to be doing some promotions and marketing. We encourage all our members to stop by at the opening and bring a Scouting friend.

I was glad to see so many members at the June picnic reunion (*see photos starting on Page 10*). It was unfortunate that more of you could not attend. We had good food and lots of fun.

Your alumni dollars are hard at work for the camp. They have purchased new gates for Camp, which will be installed in the next few weeks, along with installing a drainage barrier behind the dining hall to divert water away from the building.



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Work days are in the planning stages, so please plan on participating when you can; “Many hands make light work”. Watch the website or your email for an email blast to announce the dates, so you can join us.

We looked forward to the opening of camp after meeting the new staff, when Frank Lindsey, Dorothea Lindsey, Barb Fellet, and I went to meet them, give them some encouragement, and an idea of what the Tahosa Alumni Association is all about. They seem very energetic, have very positive attitudes about Tahosa, and seem to already have a team effort going.

We are working on plans to re-stock the lake and, hopefully, co-sponsor this project with Council. We have two experts who are giving us great input as to what fish would be the best possible choice for the lake, how many, when, etc., so keep watch for a report on this project.

As always, please feel free to contact me or any of the Board Members via email or phone with any questions or concerns. We look forward to your involvement.

In Memoriam: Derryl D. Stagg, Former TAA President —

We lost Derryl, 72 years old, May 8, 2014, at his home. Born January 14, 1942, in Sacramento, CA, he received his Bachelors from East Texas Baptist University (1972), his Masters from Sam Houston State University (1974), and his PhD from Mississippi State University (1977), all in Chemistry.

He served in the U.S. Army medical corps in Vietnam. In August 1972 he married the former Rita Jane Michael, to whom he was married for 42 years, and has four children, Elissa, Jennifer, Christopher, and Michael.

He was active in Boy Scouts for 55 years as an avid camper, hiker, counselor, and leader. In his church he served as an Elder, member of Christian education teams, and a Sunday School teacher. Later in life he became interested in genealogy, digging out fascinating tidbits of family history.



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A memorial service was conducted for Derryl on June 9 in Denver. In lieu of flowers, memorials were to be made to the Tahosa Alumni Association, to ensure its mission as a High Adventure Base.

Thanks to all members who contribute to the *Tahosa Totem*. The next articles and photos for the Winter issue deadline is Friday, August 15, 2014. All members are encouraged to contribute. Please send all material to Libby Schultz at ***Totem@tahosa.org***.

Scout Heritage Room: Approaching the Opening Stage —

John Meeker, Museum Director of History/Museum, Tahosa Alumni Association



Thanks to the efforts of many TAA members, Bob and Aileen Munger, the DAC staff, and interested members, we are about 85% complete on our Heritage Room setup. Beginning in January of 2014 many people have lavished their efforts on what is shaping up to be a very, very good display for our approaching opening. The DAC assisted with the acquisition of six very nicely designed display cases that lend a common thread to the appearance of the Heritage Room. The display cases now tell stories of Scouting in the Denver area through presentations of all brands of official Scout memorabilia, plus some homemade articles that add color and some personal interest to the days gone by.

We still have work to do in the Resource Learning area that will require one more burst of energy and we will have a great opening product that I believe people will enjoy.

QUICKLY APPROACHING TARGETS

Two closely connected activities are all that remain to complete our first stage of assembling a good Heritage Room, before we refocus on specific displays to further refine our presentation. One activity is to remove all items from our south storage room and place the items either into the Resource Learning area, the second activity, or into long-term storage at Graebel Moving and Storage (hopefully by early July).

In order for the Resource Learning Center to materialize, we need to purchase three tall bookshelves (30 to 36 inches wide and 6 to 7 feet tall) and one low bookshelf (3' wide by 4' tall) and to make one 3' by 7' vision shield to smooth out the appearance of the bookcase installation. If you would please view the drawing on the next page, showing the placement of the bookshelves along the west wall and close to the closet, you will notice that we will form a U-shaped recess with the bookcases that will partially surround a table and three chairs. Backing up to the south bookshelf (backing to the closet doors) will be three file cabinets, covered on the room side by a painted, vision-blocking board. The board will have shelves that will display copies of Boy's Life and other large-format printed pieces.

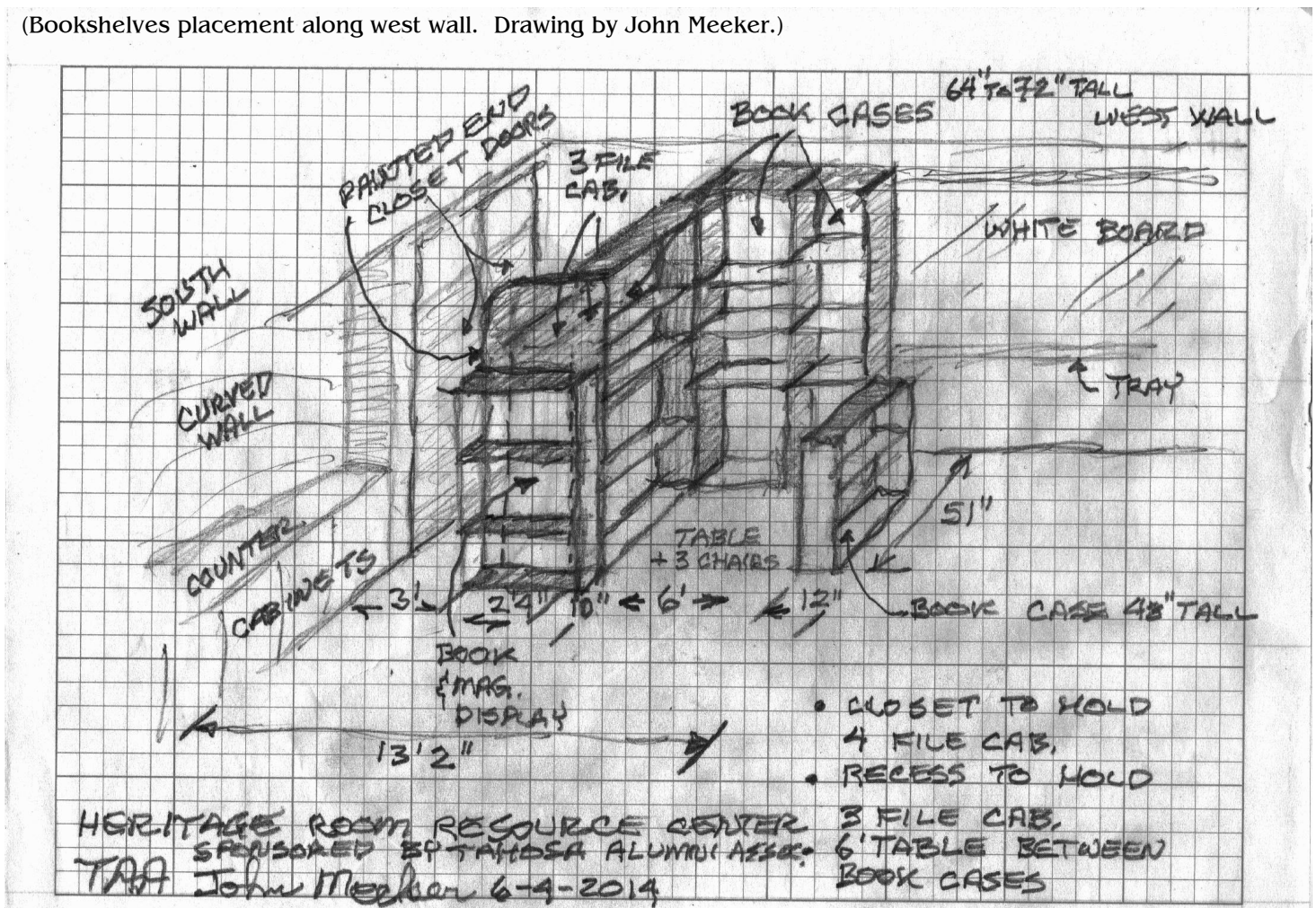
Currently, since we need to have a location in the room to store the best magazines and books, it is logical to place three file cabinets in the area between the closet doors and the back of the south bookshelf. Also, due to the fact we have 23 file cabinets yet to really sort through, we can place four more cabinets in the closet itself, bringing our total to seven cabinets as resources.

As we have no office or open area being made available to us that will allow us to not only show Scouts hardcopy, but to continue to sort the vast Munger collection of books,

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(Bookshelves placement along west wall. Drawing by John Meeker.)



magazines, etc., we can use the small desk for sorting, as long as there are no visitors in the Heritage Room. As we empty or consolidate the file cabinets, we have the option of repurposing them or even selling them to raise monies for further changes in the Heritage Room.

This design will, of course, have to be approved by Nicole at the DAC. The estimated cost of the four white or gray bookshelves from Office Depot is about \$480, with the finished painted wood costing the TAA about an additional \$65, for a total cost to the TAA of about \$545. I am sure we can shop the shelves and save of this estimate.

Once we get the shelves in place, we can unload many boxes of books and magazines that will not have to be moved into long-term storage. And we can clean out the contents of the south storage room by moving its boxes into storage or, in some cases, onto the shelves of the bookcases for viewing by Scouts and visitors.

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Scout Heritage Room — (continued from page 4)***MEDIUM RANGE REFINEMENTS***

Immediately after the Resource Center is assembled, we will continue with other updates. These being:

1. Obtain new mannequins to replace those that are now in use. The DAC has requested that the replacements be "headless." We will have to size the new pieces to better fit the clothing that is on display and to add new Scout clothing displays. Currently, we have identified need for 2 torso versions, size adult male medium; 2 women's full length, size adult small; and 4 youth full length (about 5'6") and 2 youth full length (about 5'0"). Budget has not been estimated as of this date.
2. While number 1 is in progress, we are planning to build two 5-foot square floor displays and one 4-foot square floor display, all with 4-foot high glass sides. These will replace the two metal grid racks currently in the center floor area and will be nicely constructed and greatly upgrade our presentation. These will be similar to the type of floor displays currently used by the Littleton Museum, a Smithsonian Associate, who kindly provided us with construction drawings. We are still gathering prices for these three items.
3. Reconstructing wall-hung frames, holding art, photos, awards collections, camp shirts, and images, will be undertaken to raise the quality of everyone's experience in the Heritage Room. Where appropriate, we will upgrade or create new mattes; construct display columns for neckerchiefs and hats; and better display flags, banners, and signs. Prices will be researched soon.

LONG-RANGE MODIFICATIONS

After the above enhancements have been completed, or are well underway, we will redesign the east, north, and west perimeters of the Heritage Room, using design and display methods very similar to those used by the Buffalo Bill Cody Museum located on Lookout Mountain in Golden. This museum was awarded the Most Outstanding Small Museum in the United States in 2013. If you get a chance to stroll through this museum, you will get an idea of some of the display methods we would like to use for the Heritage Room as it becomes the well displayed experience we all want it to be.

SUMMATION

We have had a few stumbles as we have unfolded our decades-old dream of having a museum for Camp Tahosa, the Denver Area Council, and the BSA. Our journey is well underway, with more items coming in every week, as we create this wonderful room. As we complete the tasks listed above, we will offer our community a very, very good "first experience" with even more and better presentations coming in the future!

Thanks to all who have helped us make this dream come true! — John Meeker, Dana Seymour, Stan Paprocki, Frank and Dorothea Lindsey — members of your Tahosa History Committee.



Scout Show 2014 —

Photos and captions by Libby Schultz



Friday afternoon: Stan Paprocki (left) and Frank Lindsay set up the Tahosa sign for the booth.



Brett Chaponot (left) and Carla Johnson (above), Tahosa co-Camp Directors, set up Tahosa High Adventure displays.



Barb Fellett (back) helps Tahosa Ranger Marc Lyman with OKPIK display.



Barb Fellett setting up TAA area, with the traveling display cases from the Scout Museum in the background.



One of the several Scout Museum traveling displays brought to Scout Show.



Saturday morning of the Scout Show, Keith Kennedy (Membership) and Dorothea Lindsay (Treasurer) are set up for the business of membership and dues-paying.



Jenny Joyce (Tahosa COPE Course staff) chats with Brett Chaponot.

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Six-year-old Thad Nikodyn (left) and his four-year-old brother Axel (helped by dad Lou), cross the Slack Line Challenge. Very popular item that day.



Dick Beach (Secretary and Campmaster Organizer) and Brian Payne (Promotions) comparing notes.



Jim Fellett (left) and Don Seymour (Historian and Emeritus Board member) having a nice chat.



And so it was at the 2014 Scout Show entry table.

Communications —

Barbara Fellet, Director of Communications

The new website is up and running!! Please be sure to email me at webmaster@tahosa.org if you see things that need to be addressed, and be patient with us. We sometimes wait to make changes until there are several to do at once. We will continue to upgrade the site as we go. Hopefully the Campmaster sign-up will be an easier thing to do now.

The next thing I would like to do is add sign-up for events to the website, so that you will be able to pay on-line. We are a work in progress. Please bear with us. We are getting there.

Did you know that the Tahosa Alumni Association is on Facebook? If you are on Facebook, go online and become a TAA friend — you can share your camp stories there too! Like us on Facebook!!



Ranger's Roost —

Marc Lyman, Camp Tahosa Ranger



Summer is in full swing at Camp Tahosa. It seemed as if it would not happen this year. Right on the heels of a very snowy winter, Tahosa was hit with a final burst (24 inches of snow) on Mother's Day weekend in mid-May. However, a week later, the snow was mostly melted and things started growing. Camp preparations began for the summer season.

The National Youth Leadership Training program (Big Horn) kicked off and the summer camp staff started arriving at Tahosa. There was a lot of training and preparations made in the various program areas, and a day after our first campers arrived, our visitation team also arrived to certify Tahosa as a fully accredited and functional Boy Scout High Adventure Base. The team found our camp with no flaws and signed off on documentation to license Tahosa as a BSA summer facility. Dave Whitner and Jim Machamer were present to oversee the accreditation process.

The camp staff this year is great. We have doubled the number of staff from last year in an effort to make the summer experience more enjoyable for staff, as well as for our campers. Brett Chaponot and Carla Johnson, the co-Camp Directors, were responsible for filling most of the staff positions.

At the end of the staff training week, some of the Tahosa Alumni Association Board members arrived, during the banquet luncheon, to talk to this year's staff. Jim and Barb Fellet (President and Communications Director, respectively), as well as Frank and Dorthea Lindsay (Facilities Coordinator and Treasurer, respectively), discussed the history and involvement that the Association has with Camp Tahosa. The primary goal of this visit was to encourage the staff to get involved and to treasure the days they spend as staff at Tahosa. The hope is to perpetuate the growth of the Alumni Association, especially younger members who have a vested interest Camp Tahosa.

Incidentally, certain individuals of the Alumni Association are again sponsoring the wages for the Assistant Ranger position at Tahosa. This helps preserve the camp budget and allows for support in other areas of maintenance.

On a final note, campers and staff alike have enjoyed the quality (and quantity) of fishing this season at Tumbleson Lake. The lake water is still dark from fall flooding, but the fish are not deterred. One camper reported catching 8 fish in an hour; 2 of those were a 15-inch Brook Trout and a 19-inch Rainbow Trout. They were both released! Another fisherman caught 18 fish of various sizes in one-and-a-half hours. Obviously time of day, type of bait/lure/fly, and fishing technique all play a major role in this kind of success. Overall, the lake is healthy and providing campers with a multitude of activities.

The busiest weeks are still to come and Tahosa continues to make many great memories for campers, young and old alike.

Come home to Tahosa!

Hooked on Tahosa Fly Fishing Merit Badge—

Bruce Brown, Co-Program Director, Hooked on Tahosa Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program

***The Fish Liked May***

Two full-participant programs were held the first couple weekends in May. Scouts came from the metro Denver area, as well as Colorado Springs. Approximately one-third of the participants came to Camp Tahosa for the first time, which is pretty typical. It is special, not only to introduce Scouts to fly fishing, but the experience of our wonderful camp.

The winds were a bit of a challenge the first weekend, but calmed down by the second weekend, which was a day-only program. This worked out well, as rain began Saturday evening, turning to a very wet snow overnight. By the time we left camp at about 10 a.m. Sunday, 6 inches of snow lay on the ground. The drive down Left Hand

Canyon was through a few inches of slush, until we got to lower altitude. If I remember, this storm left close to 20 inches by the time it was over.

The great news was fish were caught! Not everybody caught fish, but a few were taken both weekends. Thanks again to members of the High Plains Drifters International Federation of Fly Fishers fishing club and the Cherry Creek Anglers Trout Unlimited Chapter, who helped with the more technical aspects of the merit badge requirements. We look forward to another great year next year.

All Things Tahosa! —***Schedule of Major 2014 Tahosa Events and Closures:***

COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience): August 1-3, August 8-10, August 22-24 (*Camp Closed*), September 5-7 (*Camp Closed*), September 19-21 (*Camp Closed*), September 26-28.

"Big Horn Training: July 13-19.

Scout Camp Sessions: June 13 to July 27.

OA Cony Party #3: August 15-17.

Powder Horn: August 22-24.

Conservation: August 22-24.

Wood Badge: September 4-6, September 18-20.

OA Fall Fellowship: September 12-14.

Camp Tahosa 2014 Work Days:

Saturday, August 16: With Order of the Arrow Cony party (to be determined).

Saturday, October: Day to be determined.

Be sure to check the Tahosa.org calendar for Campmaster weekend availabilities.



Camp Tahosa Reunion Picnic 2014 —

Story and photos by Libby Schultz

Our annual reunion had a great turnout. From fellowship, to baggiping, to a delicious lunch, the weather was great, and we all had a really good time. TAA VP Stan Paprocki was the Master of Ceremonies for the event, including baggiping us into lunch. The cook crew were Frank and Dorothea Lindsay and Fred and Naway Nibling. Lunch was chicken breasts, three-bean salad (with Frank's Special Dressing), green salad with dressings, rolls and butter, and several soft beverage options. Ellen Paul brought cupcakes for dessert (which were a big hit)

The Jim Scott Memorial recipients for 2014 were Kent Harris, Tom Cycyota, Dennis Crock, Gregory Robinson, and Mike Fellet (only recipient in attendance).

TAA Historian and Emeritus member Don Seymour also celebrated his 80th birthday and 70 years in Scouting during June. We all wished him birthday salutations.



Gathered outside the Dining Hall, everyone enjoyed the lovely June weather.



(left to right) Gary Elder, Jim Smith, Lwana Elder, and Mark Schultz.



Don and Ellen Paul (Council Liaison Properties and Administration, respectively).



Three generations of Camp Tahosa Rangers: Marc Lyman (forefront), Lauren "Smitty" Smith, and Bill McMahon.

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Stan Paprocki first serenaded us on the Dining Hall porch with the lovely and contemporary bagpipe tune, “Highland Cathedral”. And like a Pied Piper, we followed him single file into and around the Dining Hall, followed by Fr. Kenny Lane offering grace before we dined.



Kirk Fitzner (left), son of a former Tahosa Ranger of the 1960s, and Brett Chaponot (Camp co-Director) had a nice visit during lunch.

LET'S EAT!!!

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Jack Schooley (left) and Stan Paprocki (right) present Mike Fellet with the Jim Scott Memorial award for his service to Camp Tahosa.



All attending was Ted Kimmes, Jr., another former Camp Tahosa Ranger.

The hills of Camp Tahosa are calling me to stay, come back along those Scouting trails, their voices seem to say. I dream of woodland valleys and pathways that I knew, and as for Camp Tahosa, I'm coming back for you!

— Camp Tahosa song, sung to the tune of "Springtime in the Rockies"

**Becoming a Member of Tahosa Alumni Association —**

Any adult or youth interested in the history, programs and welfare of Camp Tahosa is welcome to show that interest by becoming a member of the Tahosa Alumni Association.



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- One year basic membership is \$15.00.
- Life Membership is \$150.00 (Note: Life Members pay a \$5 annual maintenance fee).
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Send a check with name, address & phone number to:

Tahosa Alumni Association
PO Box 102938
Denver, Colorado
80250-2938

Website: www.Tahosa.org



Jim Scott Memorial Nomination Form
Tahosa Alumni Association
P.O. Box 102938, Denver, CO 80250-2938

The primary requirement is that this individual being nominated has been registered with the Boy Scouts of America in the past and has made contributions to Scouting at Tahosa.

(Please submit this nomination by April 15 to Jack Schooley at the above address or via email at jlschooley@comcast.net.)

The following individual has shown spirit above and beyond in the Scouting program. This individual has repeatedly shown the points of the Scout Oath and Law to be a viable part of their daily life. Therefore, I nominate:

Name: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Approximate years registered in Scouting: _____

Special contributions to Camp Tahosa:

Other pertinent information about this person:

Person making this nomination: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

For a full listing of previous Jim Scott Memorial Recipients, please visit our website at www.tahosa.org.

This year's recipients will be announced during the Tahosa Reunion Picnic in June.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*TAA Work Day: August 16 (in
conjunction with Order of the
Arrow Cony Party #3)*

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BOARD MEETINGS are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 1455 Newland Street (just off Colfax, east of Wadsworth). All TAA members in good standing are welcome to attend. See the website for more details on dates. No Board meetings in June, November, nor December.