

# TROOP 72, WESTFIELD

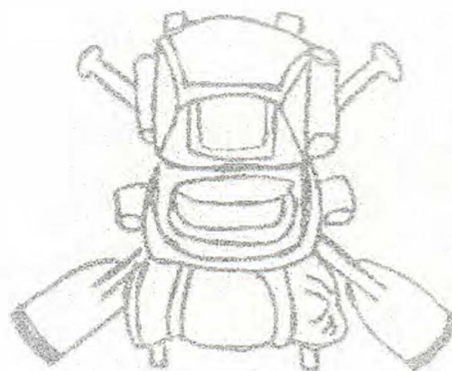


80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION  
February 7, 2003

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Welcome to the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion of Troop 72 of the Boy Scouts of America. Sponsored by the Questors of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Please take your time before the Program begins to visit all of the interactive stations set up along the perimeter of the room. Enjoy the Troop band conducted by Sr. Patrol Leader, Ryan Leonard. All Silent Auction proceeds will go to the Troop, bidding closes at 10:00PM.

Memorabilia table  
Canada video  
Historical photos identification  
2003 Time Capsule  
Scrapbook  
Silent Auction



80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion  
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PROGRAM

Flag Ceremony – Eric and Greg Whitman, Sean Young, Pat Daurio

Welcome and opening remarks - Masters of Ceremonies,  
Scoutmasters Ralph Maines and Dave Leiz

Prayer – Troop Chaplain, Mike Lombard

A Current Perspective - Committee Chair, Steve Daurio

A View from the Past - 1996 Scoutmaster, Fred Roberts and  
scout from 1958 and 1992 Scoutmaster, Bill Treut

Congratulations to the Troop from Questors -  
Leader Nancy Smith

Presentation of 80 year plaque to Presbyterian Church

Congratulations from Patriots' Path Council –  
Executive Director, Art Lobdell

Invitation to the Scoutmasters, Group Photo

Award Silent Auction prizes

Retire the Colors

Scoutmasters' Benediction - 1988 Scoutmaster Doug DuBois

## To the Parents and the Scouts of Troop 72,

I thoroughly enjoyed working on this project with all of you. Finding the alumni scouts and scoutmasters was of particular interest to me because I found them to be of the same special caliber of folks that are currently on our roster. That we have some people tonight who came from California and Missouri is testimony to the dedication that this Troop inspired in them in the past and that this Troop continues to inspire in us. We are a unit, a special group of parents and boys that work together as a team that is clearly evident by the success of this reunion tonight. We want to thank all of the dedicated parents and scouts from the past who helped make this troop what it is and all of the parents who help the scouts daily to run this troop smoothly now.

Diana Kazazis, Reunion Chair, Committee Roy Mandelbaum and Neil Sheflin  
Scoutmasters Ralph Maines, David Leiz and Troop Chair, Steve Daurio

Specifically, thank you to those folks that made this evening possible:

History – Neil Sheflin

Program Reproduction – Ralph Maines

Memorabilia – Roy Mandelbaum, Cynthia Scharf, Bud Pierce, Stan Lipson

Canada video - Mark Whitman

Powerpoint shots - Peter Patel-Schneider

Identification pictures – MotoPhoto

Scrapbook pictures – MotoPhoto

Photographers – Greg Gradel/Frank Mascarich

Current year time capsule – Neil Sheflin

Band - Ryan Leonard

Flag ceremony – Eric and Greg Whitman, Pat Daurio and Sean Young

Chaplain - Mike Lombard

Speakers - Steve Daurio/Fred Roberts/ Nancy Smith/Art Lobdell/Doug DuBois  
Ralph Maines/Dave Leiz

Congratulatory letters - Virginia Prevosto

Design invitations - Frank Mascarich/Kathleen Young

Address invitations/collection - Kathleen Young

Design, purchase plaque - Doug Miller

Name tags/attendee list - Kathleen Young

Door check-in - Virginia Prevosto

Centerpieces - Mary Tortorello/Anna Daurio

Silent Auction - Pat Haran, Eileen Leonard, Cynthia Scharf, Anna Daurio

Westwood setup – Roy Mandelbaum

Scheduling – Cynthia Scharf

Photo reproduction – Rob Blau

Treasurer – Gordon Specht

Display equipment – The Leader Store in Westfield

Discount on food items – Trader Joe's

## Band Members:

Conducted by Sr. Patrol Leader, Ryan Leonard

Brian Bayne	Eric Whitman	Jim McCabe	*James Kelly
Eric Hagstrom	James Kazazis	Pat McCabe	*John McGrory
Matt Leonard	Adric Quackenbush	Eric Blau	*Greg Greifeld
Ryan Gradel	Chris Miller	Matt Bogen	
Jarret Petrillo			

\* A special thank you to those boys who are not scouts of the Troop but who have generously contributed their time and efforts to the band.

## 2003 Official Troop 72 Leaders

Steve Daurio, Committee Chair	Reid Leonard, Asst. Scoutmaster and Senior Scout Advisor
Ralph Maines, Scoutmaster	Bob Leong, Asst. Scoutmaster
David Leiz, Scoutmaster	Jim McCabe, Asst. Scoutmaster
Ryan Leonard, Sr. Patrol Leader	Fred Roberts, Asst. Scoutmaster
Scott Anderson, Asst. Scoutmaster	Gordan Specht, Asst. Scoutmaster and Treasurer
Dave DuBois, Asst. Scoutmaster	M.G. Subhas, Asst. Scoutmaster
Doug DuBois, Asst. Scoutmaster	Andrea Woods, Advancement Chair
Dale Hagstrom, Asst. Scoutmaster	
Bob Haldeman, Asst. Scoutmaster	
Michael Hart, Asst. Scoutmaster	

## DONATIONS

Cash contributions:      Contributions to the Silent Auction:

Michael Hart	Stan Lipson	Anna Daurio
Dale Hagstrom	John Kazazis	Mark Whitman
Bud Pierce	Peter Sideris	Catherine Yaeger
Joseph Boylan	Dale Hagstrom	Welles Sumner
Fred Roberts	Glenn DeBrueys	Bruce Rachman
Robert Cunliffe	Gaither Shaw	Kevin Devaney
Bill Whalen	Greg Gradel	Joe Young
Dave Owens	Kirk Fleming	Dave Leiz
Ted Jacob		
Stan Lipson		
Marvin Bayne		

## SILENT AUCTION LIST

Item #	<u>Description</u>	Opening Bid
1	An ocean fishing trip from LBI aboard a 21 ft. SeaPro fishing boat with skipper John Kazazis. For two dads and two sons. Donor to sign off on fishing merit badge requirements demonstrated. A prepared scout should be able to complete the merit badge. Date and time to be determined. Donated by John Kazazis. (valued at \$150)	\$50.00
2	A plane ride in a T-28B, WWII naval training war bird with pilot Peter Sideris flying out of Toms River airport. Offer contingent on availability of plane and clement weather. For one person. Donated by Peter Sideris. (valued at \$250)	\$50.00
3	By appointment, portrait session and one 11" x 14" portrait print. Choose your unique look with a variety of props, backgrounds, lighting and pose techniques. A portrait you will treasure forever! Donated by Greg Gradel, MotoPhoto. (valued at \$149)	\$50.00
4	A day sail on a 22 foot sailboat on Barnegat Bay for a scout, his Dad and Mom. If the scout has no sailing experience, he will be sailing the boat within half an hour. If scout is working on his sailing merit badge, donor will sign off on the requirements that he demonstrates. Donated by A.W. Sumner. (valued at \$150)	\$50.00
5	Avoiding thinking about life insurance (or not understanding the insurance you have) can easily cost you thousands of dollars in premiums and/or hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes. A life insurance consulting actuary, Dale Hagstrom, will give you a behind-the-scenes understanding of life insurance, annuities, pensions, long term care insurance, disability income insurance, or health insurance in a private discussion running up to two hours. Dale is not a salesman, agent nor broker, and "no salesman will call" because you cannot buy any insurance from Dale. Donated by Dale Hagstrom. (valued at \$150)	\$30.00
6	Fleece blanket in navy color with the National Eagle Scout Assoc. emblem. Monogrammed with Troop 72, Westfield and 80 Years - 2003. (valued at "priceless")	\$20.00

7	Golf outing for three others with member at beautiful Echo Lake Country Club. Date and time to be determined. Donated by Questors Glenn De Brueys and Gaither Shaw. (valued at \$250)	\$75.00
8	An American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) course. This is a comprehensive program that teaches the signs and symptoms of a heart attack, how to call for help, the basic techniques of adult CPR, clearing a foreign body airway obstruction, and the use of an AED. The participant will receive the Heartsaver/AED textbook and will receive a course completion card. The course length is 4 hours and will be held at the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad. Date and time is negotiable to fit the schedule of the participant.(s) Donated by Kirk Fleming. (valued at \$40)	\$25.00
9	TRADER JOE'S SNACK BASKET – Also includes a reproduction of the scout first aid kit with stationery.	\$25.00
10	Fleece blanket in royal blue color with Eagle emblem. Monogrammed with Troop 72, Westfield and 80 Years – 2003. (valued at “priceless”)	\$20.00
11	VERMONT MEMORIES basket. Includes a Killington Vt. Black Diamonds shirt, 2003 size Large; Vermont maple syrup, salad dressing; pine-scented candle with holder; and a unique Vermont recipe book having pictorial and recipe contributions from the President Coolidge family, the “Coolidge-Country” Cookbook. Also, Vermont Recreation Handbook on 180 hikes, bikes and paddles.	\$25.00
12	Position (or two)* as "rail meat" on a 40 ft sailboat for Wednesday night sailboat race this coming summer or fall. Enjoy a fun and sometimes frantic evening on the now clean waters of Raritan Bay racing against some of the best sailors in NJ. *Child 12 and up (accompanied by adult of course) allowed to participate. Donated by Catherine Yeager. (valued at \$50)	\$25.00
13	Norman Rockwell print, “Men of Tomorrow” painted in 1948 commemorating Scouting’s 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Shoulder patch illustrating a Troop 72 scout. Mounted and framed, 11” x 16”.	\$20.00

14	One free lesson for 2 people, which will include an introduction to the sport of Olympic, fencing with instruction in the use of Foil, Sabre and Epee weapons. The basic hand and foot work attacks and defense. The lesson will also include fencing with electric scoring equipment and fencing a real bout with each weapon. All fencing equipment will be provided, and all protective gear is included. Lessons will be held at the All Saints Church in Scotch Plains. Donated by Bruce Rachman.	\$20.00
15	MUSICAL INTERLUDE basket. Includes wooden, stringed instrument with accompanying music, for all ages with extra classical sheet music; highlighting 1930s antique sheet music "Boy Scouts on Parade" from the Boston Music Co. (valued at \$50)	\$25.00
16	Autographed copy of CD "A Guide to Boy Scout Postcards in the United States" plus a pre-publication copy of "United States Boy Scout Covers, Cachets, Corners and Postal Markings: The First Fifty Years". Donated by Stan Lipson. Plus some scout memorabilia.	\$15.00
17	1948 Norman Rockwell Boy Scout Calendar, - Image of eight Boy Scouts from Troop 72 in full uniform portaging green canoes for the 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of scouting. Excellent condition. Donated by Stan Lipson.	\$75.00
18	Floral arrangement for any occasion, designed and created by Anna Daurio. Please request two weeks prior to date required. Donated by Anna Daurio. (valued at \$50)	\$20.00
19	TRADER JOE'S CHOCOLATE BASKET - Also includes a boy scout emblem mug.	\$25.00
20	Autographed copy of book, "Westfield in the Golden Age of Postcards." Donated by Stan Lipson.	\$10.00
21	Fleece blanket in dark pine color with Universal emblem. Monogrammed with Troop 72, Westfield. 80 Years - 2003. (valued at "priceless")	\$20.00
22	Fleece pullover in navy color, size large. Monogrammed with Troop 72, Wstfld and 80 years - 2003.	\$20.00



23	Print of firefighters erecting flag on Twin Towers rubble from 9/11. Commemorative stamp of occasion included. Mounted and framed, 11" x 16".	\$20.00
24	SCOUTING MEMORIES – THE videotape of Canada, produced by Mark Whitman, plus additional scouting memorabilia including a Camp Winnebago neckerchief, scout handbook and 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative comic book.	\$30.00
25	Fleece vest in gray color, size large. Monogrammed with Troop 72, Wstfld and 80 Years – 2003.	\$20.00
26	Mercerized pique shirt in swamp color, size large. Monogrammed with Troop 72 and 80 Years – 2003.	\$20.00
27	Super Caravelle rubber boat. Three person, 7'10" boat with oars, pump and repair kit. Fittings to accept a small motor. Donated by Dale Hagstrom. (valued at \$90)	\$25.00
28	TRADER JOE'S BISCUIT BASKET – Also includes a boy scout emblem mug.	\$25.00
29	Baby-sitting on a Saturday night by 15 year old scout, Kevin Devaney. Date and time to be determined. Donated by Kevin Devaney.	\$10.00
30	TRADER JOE'S TRAIL BASKET – Also includes a reproduction of the 1911 handbook.	\$25.00
31	HOSTESS SET – Beautiful white porcelain, oven to table ware. Set of 4 various size casserole dishes with tops, set of 4 7" oval dishes and large bowl. Donated by Joe Young.	\$30.00
32	SEAFOOD BASKET – Enjoy a bottle of wine with your seafood from Westfield Seafood! Donated by Dave Leiz.	\$30.00

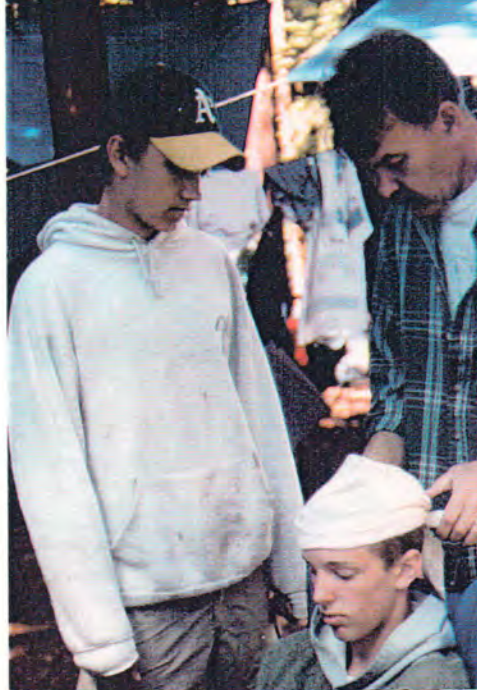
\*please note, all donations not specifically listing a donor are those purchased by the generous cash contributions of those listed.

\*\*also, some silent auction items include a commemorative patch of the evening.



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# THE SECOND FORTY YEARS OF BOY SCOUT

## TROOP 72

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WESTFIELD NJ

1963-2003

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February 2003 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 72, based at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield New Jersey. Over these eighty years, there have been changes in politics, science, technology, industry, customs, and values beyond the imagination of anyone alive eighty years ago. Yet Troop 72, its scouts, its leaders, its involved families, continues and thrives.

The first forty years of the Troop's history was compiled by Rogers K. Dearing in 1963 in "A Fortieth Anniversary History Of The Troop" and condensed in the Commemorative History of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. The first 25 years history was recounted by former Scoutmaster John H. Van der Veer ("Vandy") in a talk given at the Troop's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 1948 at the Presbyterian Church (recounted in Mr. Dearing's text). Now we review developments from 1963 through 2003.

After a brief summary of the Troop from 1923-1963, based on Mr. Dearing's earlier history, we examine the next forty years through the present. This history is based on notes, letters, Troop documents, and interviews with current and past members of the Troop and others. This is a preliminary draft and subject to revision, correction, and extension. Comments, corrections, and suggestions for additions, and deletions are welcome.

### THE FIRST FORTY YEARS - 1923-1963

Troop 72 evolved from Troop 2, which started in 1917 at the Presbyterian Church. It was formed one year after Troop 1 in Westfield, and only six years after the start of Scouting in America. Troop 2 disbanded in or shortly after 1922 and was reformed in May of 1923, when it met at the old American Legion Headquarters, and later at the Lincoln School. The Troop returned to the Church in 1925 under the sponsorship of the Men's Triangle Bible Class, where it remained (in the late 1990's, the

sponsorship transferred to the Questor's of the Presbyterian Church). In 1932, Troop 2 became 72 as the Council added the prefix 7 to all Troops in the district.

The first Scoutmaster of Troop 2 was M.A. Harris, followed by Myrton Glover. Harold Brooks became leader of the reformed Troop 2 in 1923, and John A. Dennis was the first leader of the Troop under its new, and lasting, number -"72" (see the Scoutmaster below).

Until the late 1930's the Troop often camped in the "forest" at what is now Wells Street and St. Marks Avenue. In the 1940's, John Van der Veer began a monthly schedule of camping trips, despite the difficulties imposed by WW II. After some decline, the Troop was revitalized in the 1950's, under Stacey Bender (1950-52), Bill Holt (1953-1957), and Rogers Dearing (1958-62). Doug DuBois joined the troop around 1945, a second generation scout as his father was active at the District level. Doug's son later earned his Eagle in the troop in the 70's. Camping outings increased and the Troop participated in National Jamborees in Valley Forge in 1957 organized by Bill Holt, and Colorado Spring in 1960, under Rogers Dearing.

Monroe Macpherson, former Scoutmaster of another Westfield Troop, recalls that Bill Holt, along with others, started the Klondike Derby which was held in Westfield around where Barchester Way is now, between Prospect and Lawrence. Bill's daughter remembered riding her horse and watching the scouts 'hunt for gold nuggets'. In 1958 William Treut (a scout in the Troop from 1958-64, and a scout parent and scoutmaster of Troop 72 from 1990-98) recalls that there were 11 scout Troops in Westfield, with Troops 72 and 172 (Franklin School) the largest. Troop 72 had 72-100 scouts. They went canoeing and camping in the Pine Barrens, took a trip to Gettysburg, camped at Jockey Hollow. The full Troop spent two weeks at Camp Watchung in the summer, at a cost of \$22 per week, per member. The Troop raised funds, since 1951, through an annual Christmas wrapping paper sale.

The 1960 National Boy Scout Jamboree was held in Colorado Springs with 56,000 scouts and scouters in attendance to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of scouting in the U.S. Bill Holt was the Council organizer. Bill Treut relates that 259 scouts and 31 adults from the Council, including 26 scouts and several leaders from Troop 72, traveled cross-country in a fleet of seven buses and spent a week at the jamboree. Along the way, they stopped in Indianapolis to see the Speedway, Springfield Illinois to see the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, and Hannibal Missouri (Mark Twain's home), Independence, Missouri where they met former President Harry S. Truman, as well as

Dodge City, Taos, Cody, and Pueblo Colorado. At the Jamboree, there were real phone booths (high-tech for the day), and President Eisenhower visited the site. The three weeks cost \$211 per person (in 1961 the Council printed a pamphlet by Bill Holt describing the trip and the arrangements, entitled "America, The Beautiful").

In the late 50's and early 60's, the Troop was spending a week each summer at Lake George, under Bill Holt. They had some problems, apparently, and this led to the search for an alternative location, and eventually, Erincliff.

By 1962, Mr. Dearing estimated that approximately 2000 boys had been involved with the Troop over the 4 decades, with 50-60 receiving the Eagle Award. The Troop averaged 85 about scouts and 20 registered adults in the late 1950's. In 1962 and 1963 the number of scouts jumped to more than 120.

#### THE SECOND FORTY YEARS - 1962-2003

Now, as in 1963, the Troop is one of the oldest, largest and most active in New Jersey, and no doubt the U.S. It has continued many of the same activities and traditions as earlier. Of course, with new scouts and new leaders, there have been changes as well. The most important, was the adoption of Erincliff Island in Canada as the Troops summer adventure camp.

#### 1960-1969

In the early 1960's Bill Foote, a Canadian, took over as Scoutmaster. In 1962, he arranged for the Troop to use Erincliff Island, then owned by a Canadian power company, for a week in the summer,. Bill later started an Explorer unit associated with the Troop. Chester Brown and then Ted Jacob followed him as scoutmasters in the late 1960's

The Troop was quite large in early part of the decade, with more than 120 scouts. It declined steadily from 1965 through 1969, when there were only 40 scouts according to the council records. By the early 1970's, there was a recovery to more than 80 scouts.

Ted Jacob had two sons in the Troop, Gary and Robert. Both went on to earn their Eagle Badges. Ted's grandsons (Stefan and Paul) became Eagle scouts as well. Ted remembers his first overnight with the Troop when "be prepared" paid off. The Troop had split up, with younger scouts staying at the base camp while he and the older scouts took a hike. Earlier severe flooding had washed out the trails and they were unable to



make it back, and were forced to camp along the trail. With the heavy rains, all the wood and kindling was soaked, as were the scouts and leaders. But Ted had packed dry kindling and wood in his pack, and was able to start the campfire, to the cheers of all.

Fund raising continued to involve the Christmas wrapping paper sale. There were Father/Son scout dinners each Fall.

May 1967 saw the first great Delaware canoe race between troops in the district, organized by Bill Holt. It was apparently a cold, rainy day, and scouts beached their canoes all along the Delaware trying to get warm. All 37 canoes finished. This race was held annually for more than a quarter of a century.

The Troop started going to Erincliff Island in Canada, perhaps beginning in 1962. Attendance was apparently limited to first class scouts and above. Gary Jacob, may have been among the first group of scouts on Erincliff. They camped out on the way there and back, as it took two days to get there before the completion of the interstate highway. Ted Jacob went a year or two later and recalls they traveled light. No motorboats, canoes only, and they parked at, and paddled to the island from Snug Harbor. He remembers some water-skiing behind an inflatable motorized boat. The clothes pin system for tracking scouts and fathers activities, was started. At some point, the Troop met Mr. Platt, an Canadian Eagle scout himself, and arranged to gain access to Erincliff from his property. Mrs. Bogert, his daughter, recalls seeing scouts heading off to the island when she was a girl. The Bogert's continue to graciously allow the troop to park on their property, obtain water, and use their beach for access to Erincliff.

#### 1970-1979

Bill Holt, Joseph Boylan, Ted Reiner and Jay Rochlin were scoutmasters in the 70's, while. John Brumbaugh, Richard Fleming, Richard Zultner, Carter Childs, Walter Blumenscheid, and Richard Freeman were the Troop committee chairmen. Earle Stokes was one of the senior Patrol Leaders during this period. David DuBois became the third generation in his family, to be involved with the Troop.

Joe Boylan was a long-time pediatrician in Westfield and a longer-time scout, with an Eagle and a world scout jamboree in his background. He says the Troop was the "experience of lifetime." The scouts printed a regular newsletter - the "Pack, Paddle and Pedal" with articles on "18 Miles on the AT" and "Lisa's Stew Recipe."

The Troop had annual February Father and Son Campouts at Wharton and at a Hunting Lodge in the Pine Barrens, during which they set up rifle and shotgun ranges,

worked on merit badges hiked and had a campfire. Leaders were Mr. Hilsinger, Mr Miller, Mr. Ackley and others.

The Troop was involved in Klondike derbies, as well as in one national and two international jamborees, in Idaho (1969), Japan (1971) and Norway (1975). Scouts and leaders went to Philmont(73, 74), and there was a "Rim to Rim" Grand Canyon trip and hike in 1974. In 1971, 12 scouts received their Eagles at the same court of honor.

Summers at Erincliff continued, and the Troop apparently made a good impression on its Canadian hosts, as indicated in a stanza from a poem signed by Don and Mona Phelan and Alan and Judy Ainsworth of the Snug Harbor Resort:

...

*Americans should be proud  
Of these youthful ambassadors  
As honorary Canadians  
They're most welcome  
To this land of ours.*

#### 1980-1989

Jay Rochlin was succeeded by Stan Lipson, Howard Hall ,Welles Sumner, Doug Dubois, and Peter Bredlau as scoutmasters. By the mid 1980's there were only 4 Troops in town. By 1983, the troop had fallen to just over 40 members, from more than 100 in 1977. After an increase to more than 50 in 1985, membership fell to just 20 in 1990. Robert Moomjy was senior patrol leader in 1980. Doug DuBois was an Assistant Scoutmaster

Chris Dalton, a scout from 1978-83, remembers Canada and camping on the Shenandoah for a week. Most of all, he remembers setting up flags and having cheeseburgers and cokes for breakfast afterwards, at the White Diamond on North Avenue. Erich Heinbach was one of the senior patrol leaders (1981-82). The Troop hiked the entire Maryland section of the Appalachian Trail, canoed the Shenandoah, Delaware and Oswego rivers, and attended the national jamboree at Fort AP Hill in Virginia. On Feb 20, 1982 the Troop held a 'birthday party' dinner celebrating its 60 year anniversary at Camp Watchung,. Bill Holt sent a letter thanking the Troop for inviting him.

The February Father and Son Campouts in Blairstown continued. There was a four-day Fall, 152 mile bike trip in southern New Jersey. A monthly paper drive for

recycling was added to the fundraisers. Beginner campouts in June were started to acclimate new scouts and fathers. The Troop 72 sled team, with JR Young, had the 3rd best time ever in the Klondike. Gordon Specht recalls "A Canoe Trip to Remember" in Fall in the late 1980's. After a light mist in the morning, the rains came, canoes capsized and wet and exhausted scouts and leaders faced the prospect of a wet night. Happily, scoutmaster Pete Bredlau was prepared, having a summer home nearby and all enjoyed a roaring fire and skits.

The Troop newsletter, continued to be printed and distributed quarterly, but it lost the "Pedal" at some point, and became just the "Pack and Paddle", with the motto "All the news that's fit to print plus a little that isn't". It reported that Doug Dubois received the Westfield Chamber of Commerce "Faith in Westfield" Certificate in 1988.

The Daly's, Charles (father) and sons Matt, Greg and Jimmy, started a decade-long involvement with the Troop. Jimmy may have been one of the first scouts to advance from the just-formed Tiger Cubs through Eagle Scout.

Erincliff continued strong. In the mid 1980's, Ted Ferante, a Canadian architect and former Eagle scout himself, apparently received Erincliff in lieu of a fee for some work for the power company that owned the island. He allowed the Troop to continue to use the island for a week each summer.

Gordon Specht came to Erincliff for the first time, perhaps in 1987. He traveled light, and stories relate that he would disappear into his tiny pup tent at night, emerging the next morning showered, shaved, and impeccably dressed. Mark Fleder was (unofficially) awarded the L.L. Bean 'gizmo' award, for owning, and bringing, every bit of camping apparatus known to man. His motto, according to his camp mates, was "when in doubt, buy everthing". Warren Hanscom was said to have set up his tent like an office to catch up on business. It was rumored that he had a portable fax machine inside, and it was certain that he had a renowned Swedish cot.

Charlie Daly recalls a visit by a Canadian girl scout Troop staying on Strawberry Island, with much ensuing excitement among the boy scouts, but little communication as apparently the girl scouts spoke only French. He also remembers a massive thunderstorm (as does every generation of Erincliff visitors).

Flammer's hollow, the site of pioneering merit badge activities, was named after Doug Flammer who attended for many years and taught pioneering. The suitability of the bathing beach for that purpose, was apparently discovered by scout Robert Moomjy, and it was christened Moomjy's cove in his honor. At age 11, Greg Daly may have been

youngest scout to do the mile swim. Mark and/or Rich Kostro is/are rumored to have been the builder(s) of the 'box' (toilet seats). Dr. Beals frequently cooked.

#### 1990-1999

Scoutmasters Peter Bredlau, William Treut and Fred Roberts handled the decade well, with Bruce Phillips, William Treut, Tom Phelan and Steve Daurio serving as able committee chairs. Bill Treut was a scout in the Troop himself from 1958-68. Scouts in leadership positions included the Kostro brothers (remember the box), the Philips brothers, P.J. Bredlau, Mark Gregory, Dave Roberts. Dave Illes and Kieran Miller, among others. Richard Heffner became one of the most decorated Eagle scouts, with several gold and silver palms. The Troop lost two scouts--Ben Arnold passed away in 1992 and Kevin Whalen in 1995. Kevin Whalen's name can still be found carved on a tree in Tent City on Erincliff Island. In the late 1990's, the sponsorship of the Troop was transferred to the Questors.

In 1990, the Troop had only 20 scouts, matched by the same number of adults, according to council records. Gordon Specht had a key role in the reorganization and management of the Troop, and Bill Holt played an important role too. Bruce Phillips, the Dalys, the Owens, the Albinos, the Gregories, the Leizs, the Maines, the Tortorellos, the Millers, the Patel Schneiders, the Whitmans, the Sheflins, the Hagmans, the Woods, the Leonards, the Lombards, the Quackenbushes, the Mandelbaums, the Kieczkowskis, the Kazazis, the Brautigams, the Youngs, the Perlmans, the Leongs, and the Flemings, among others, became involved in the Troop, and there was heavy recruiting and a resurgence in membership. It grew steadily over the 90's, peaking at more than 80 scouts in 1999. The adult leadership kept pace, with more than 60 registered adults in 1999, and with adult members actually exceeding the number of scouts in 2000. It was estimated that the Troop graduated 35-40 Eagles during 1990's..

At some point, the wrapping paper sales and paper recycling drives ended as the means of supporting the Troop, to be replaced by an annual winter poinsettia sale. Scouts took orders for poinsettias from neighbors and friends, and on a designated day, the church would be filled with hundreds of just-delivered poinsettias. Families with multiple scouts, often found their entire houses filled with poinsettias until they could be delivered to the ultimate buyers. In some cases, poinsettias lingered in scout homes until the next batch was due.

Under Fred Roberts, the beginner backpacking trips and winter campouts resumed. Ski trips were started, and later expanded into elaborate ski weekends in Killington by Mark Whitman. Fred introduced the Spring and Fall cookout competitions at Tamaques park. The "stalking game" from Fred's old days as a Scout, was introduced at Troop meetings. The Troop adopted the end-of-year candle ceremony (one candle for each point of the scout law).

Fred recalls his first winter camping trip at Winnebago, at which a few scouts and fathers slept outdoors while most slept in a cabin. Mr. "D" provided so much wood and stoked the fire so well, that it was soon so hot in the cabin that most were sleeping on top of their sleeping bags and after awhile, a whole group had to run outside in their underwear and jump into the snow to cool off. At a Fall backpacking trip at Stokes, Dave Owens' wrenched knee resulted in a "rescue party", including senior patrol leader Dave Roberts and Kirk Fleming, walking about 14 miles that day to get him out and connect with the rest of the Troop. On a beginner's backpacking trip in late October, near the Bald Rocks shelter in Harriman State Park, "interesting" stream crossings turned into Indiana-Jones like adventures crossing rain swollen rivers.

Dave Leiz became active in the Troop, and proved a master hiker, backpacker, and leader. Dave always traveled light, and once, on a late fall Harriman overnight with the Troop, he brought no tent, planning to sleep in a wonderful shelter he knew of. Of course, the shelter was occupied (long-term, it appeared) and Dave and his son spent a close night in his son's one-man backpacking tent. Peter Patel Schneider joined the Troop with Matt and later Andrew, and was a coordinator of Canada for years, and an organizer of numerous canoe trips. Doug Miller and his three sons, Kieran, Ryan, and Chris became involved and Doug too, became an important Canada organizer. Doug remembers several birding trips led by Jim Springer and Bill Holt. Doug also relates a strong tradition of the card game hearts among adults on overnights and in Canada. Kirk Fleming acted as first aid coordinator for the troop for many years, and taught courses on CPR and emergency wilderness medicine, as well as dealing with scrapes, cuts, burns, and broken limbs on camping and Canada trips. Jonathan Sheflin in the summer of 2002 at Canada was the beneficiary of Kirk's medical judgment, as a wild hammock threw him onto his wrist, resulting in pain but no obvious injury. Kirk's advice to head home and see the doctor, got the subtly broken arm splinted before more damage resulted.

Canada was becoming so popular that by 1993-94 the Troop had to resort to a lottery to allocate space. A committee could find no satisfactory substitute location for the troop's summer camp, and this led to the formation of Erincliff Inc., a private, non-profit corporation which ultimately purchased the island in 1996 from Ted Ferrante, the owner, who was moving his family to a distant farm. Thanks to the efforts of Mark Fleder, Warren Hanscom, Tom Phelan, Gordon Specht, and others, the troop was able to accommodate a growing membership by offering two one week sessions on the island.

In 1992, Kathleen Young became the first mother to go to Erincliff with her oldest son, JR. Kathleen has gone many more times with sons, Tim and Sean. Gordon Specht recalls one summer, during the traditional adult canoe race held as part of the Water Carnival near the end of Erincliff, a team consisting of the "deadly-duo" of Gordon Specht and chef Dr. Doug Beals trounced their competition – fathers in their 30s and 40's, by several lengths, to the amazement of all.

Gerard Kieczkowski related a Canadian DWE (driving while eating) episode. After his son Adam, was cut rather badly, Gerard and Adam were driven to the hospital in Kingston by Mark Fleder. On the way back, they stopped and bought several pints of ice cream. Back in the car, they all began to eat the ice cream with both hands. For the driver, Mark Fleder, this caused some non-linear road behavior that was observed by Canadian police, who pulled them over. After being assured that the driving was not alcohol related, the police let them off with a warning about the dangers of ice cream and driving.

### 2000-2003

David Leiz and Ralph Maines became joint scoutmasters at the turn of the century, with Steve Daurio continuing ably as Troop committee chairperson. Ralph was an Eagle scout himself and saw Ryan earn his Eagle, and assist him with style, as senior patrol leader. Dave Leiz designed and built a replacement Eagle board with space for names of the next forty years of Eagles. Ralph and David assisted scouts with the refurbishing of the canoe trailer.

Bob Leong remained active as his youngest son, Matt, neared completion of his Eagle, joining his two brothers, Alex and James. Scott Anderson and his sons Derek and Kevin, became active and introduced climbing wall activities, an Eco challenge outdoor competition, and a summer trek in New Hampshire for senior scouts. Scott later started a Venture Scout post. Mark Whitman started an on-going tradition of Martin Luther

King Ski weekends at Killington, with a chauffeured bus and full lodge for 70-80 scouts and families. Reid Leonard took over as Eagle coordinator.

Bill Holt's son passed away in 2000, and Bill followed in 2002.

Ryan Maines was senior patrol leader, followed by Ryan Leonard. Michael Sheflin almost won the "fall through the ice twice" award at a Winnebago winter campout.

Erincliff continued as a central aspect of the Troop, and a highlight of the scouting year. Renewed efforts were made to obtain mainland access and by January 2003, Erincliff Inc. was close to finalizing the purchase of a property which would provide that, as well as some mainland camping and activity space.

Erincliff adventures continued. The two-story barn in Snug Harbor in which the Troop stored equipment over the winters, became a one-story barn after a storm. Another storm knocked down one of the crucial support trees for the dining fly. Ralph Maines designed an impressive flying butressed, wooden framed, weather proof fly. In strong winds it also functions as a sail, which has moved Erincliff several points to leeward, while keeping scouts and fathers dry and, on windy days, entertained. Under Ralph's guidance, his pioneering merit badge class designed and executed an emergency replacement dock for Erincliff, with interesting stability properties, as several wet scouts discovered. Scouts continued to entertain on the island as well, Kevin Johnson's all-night singing while on a wilderness survival overnight on Strawberry island, entertained much of the Troop all night. And the 2001 parent skit, led by Bob Leong, brought scout rap to a new high (or low). The great swami continued to send shoes off the heights, and senior scouts continued in the own campsite at the far end of the island, living on little sleep and much mysteriously appearing junk food.

Church renovations in 2002 made life interesting as the Troop shared facilities with everyone from a reading center to AA.

## THE FUTURE

As the troop continues in its second century, it is looking forward to the 80th anniversary celebration scheduled for February 7, organized by Diana Kazazis. More than 130 present and former scouts, leaders, and parents will be attending. The Troop remains strong and vibrant. In the last year or two, there has been an influx of younger scouts and younger leaders. Now, as when it was founded, the Troop has "...train(ed) boys for citizenship by inculcation from within the boy the qualities of character, health,

strength, handicraft, skill and service to others.” (Rogers K. Dearing, A Fortieth Anniversary History of the Troop, 1963). As William Treut, who, has known the troop for almost fifty years, noted recently, “Attitudes and preferences have changed, but the thirst for “meaning in life” – activity and advancement—in young men if anything, has deepened.” (letter, April 2002). With approximately 80 scouts and almost as many involved parents, the Troop is looking forward to the next forty years and beyond.

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## LIST OF EAGLE SCOUTS FROM 1960 to 2002

James G. Foster	1960	David Boston	1970
Mark Brumbaugh	1960	Jeffrey D. Boylan	1970
James Burns	1960	Craig M. Brumbaugh	1970
Roger Holt	1960	Glenn Grambo	1970
David Van Desande	1960	Christopher Pratt	1970
Frank Wilkerson	1960	Chris Showber	1970
		Richard Zulner	1970
		Robert S Jenks	1970
Ralph Stallbaum Jr	1961		
Richard A. Bangs	1961	James J. Barta	1971
		William W Russell	1971
Stephen Smith	1962		
Charles F. Tiedeman	1962	John W. Ansbro	1972
Douglas J. Madea	1962		
Jan L. Wouties	1962	Mark L. Daugherty	1973
Paul Meierdierck	1962	Scott Daugherty	1973
Jeffery Ciuman	1962	Matthew J. Miller	1973
George Harris	1962	Philip J. Walbert	1973
Peter Brumbaugh	1963	Robert Blumensheid	1974
Frank Rugg Jr.	1963	John Boshier	1974
Richard Pepper	1963	Jeffery Craig	1974
Fred Anthony	1963	Bruce Daugherty	1974
R. Marshall Austin	1963	Wyatt Malcolm	1974
Phil Davison	1963	Jonathan Mayo	1974
		Mark Myers	1974
John Duabenspeck	1964	Clay Reiner	1974
Craig Towers	1964	David Reiner	1974
William Little	1964	Theodore Reiner	1974
Robert Beadle	1964	Robert Roff	1974
Richard Schaaf	1964	James Smeaton	1974
Bradford Brown	1964	Eric Syvertsen	1974
Thomas Hallstien	1964	James Whitmoyer	1974
Dave Sime	1964		
William Cutrer	1964	Frederick Hoffmeyer	1975
		Alexander Moomjy	1975
Gary Jacob	1965	Michael J. Numziata	1975
John P. Parkinson	1965	Clayton D. Pritchett	1975
Harry N. Parkinson	1965	Peter C. Walts	1975
		Kevin R. Wegryn	1975
Robert Kampe	1966	Richard W. Akerly	1975
Scott Kampe	1966		
Edward Force	1966	David DuBois	1976
		Douglas Milford	1976
Robert Jacob	1968	George (Bud) Pierce	1976
Timothy Tracey	1968		
Joseph (Jay) A. Boylan	1969		
Jeffrey S Golden	1969		
Mark S. Miler	1969		
Randolph W. Hills	1969		

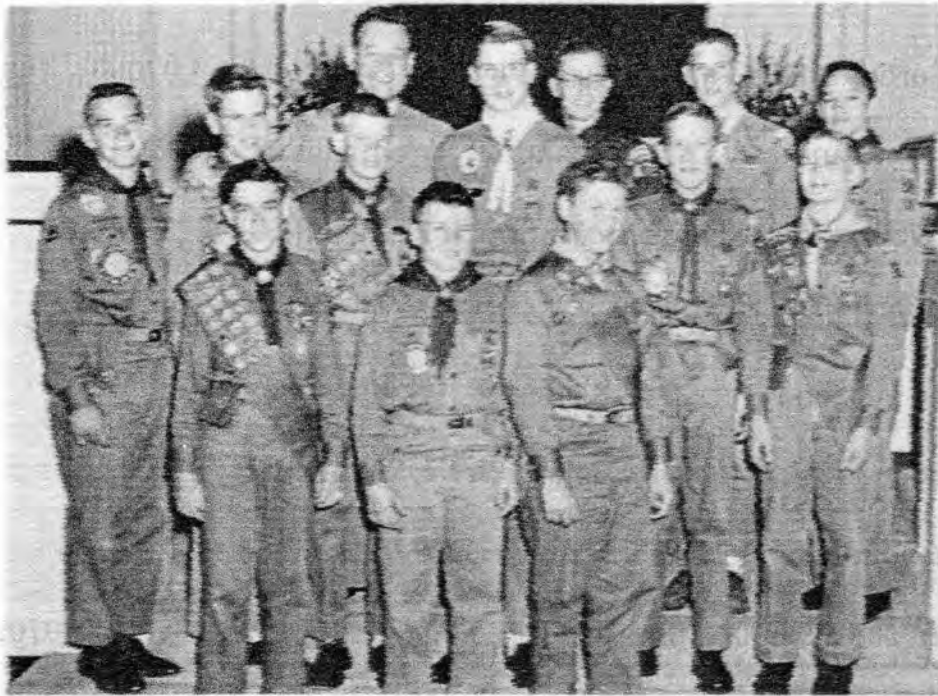
Mark McGovern	1977	Richard Kostro	1993
Dick Blumensheid	1977	Todd Phillips	1993
Randy Craig	1977		
Jonathan R Freeman	1977	Anthony Boscia	1994
John A. Gable	1977	Mark Cicero	1994
Gregg E. Smith	1977	Marc A. Phillips	1994
Earle B. Stokes	1977	David Treut	1994
John T. Dalton	1977	Joseph R. A. Young	1994
Peter E. Jacobs	1977		
		Mark A. Gregory	1995
Marcus A. Halluin	1978	Michael J. Liggera	1995
Michael Scacifero	1978	Daniel P. Mullaney	1995
David Ouderkirk	1979	Matthew N. Hanas	1996
Paul Scheuermann	1979	Richard D. Heffner	1996
Scott Pollack	1979	Sandeep M. Satwalekar	1996
Jon Pollack	1979		
Tom Roff	1979	Matthew D. McCool	1997
Tad Wood	1979	Christopher M. Owens	1997
Chris Dalton	1980	Craig Long	1998
Glenn Kolker	1980	Kieran Miller	1998
Andy Adams	1980	Thomas B. O'Connell	1998
Tom Andrews	1980	Christopher T. Phelan	1998
Randy Rochlin	1980	Steve Treut	1998
Eric Heinbach	1982	Robert Albino	1999
Mark Via	1982	John Paul Kazazis	1999
		Matthew Leiz	1999
Patrick Duggan	1983	Alexander Leong	1999
Russell Halluin	1983	David Roberts	1999
Daniel Wright	1983	Charles Tortorello	1999
David Lipson	1983	Samuel Fleder	1999
		Paul Kolterjahn	1999
Joe Quirk	1984	David M. Illes	1999
Kevin Culligan	1984	James Daly	1999
David Wright	1984	Timothy Kevin	
Chris Forton	1984	Armstrong Young	1999
Howard Lynd	1984		
Leon Senus	1984	Adam Kieczkowski	2000
		Edward Winsor	2000
Matthew Quirk	1985	Ryan Miller	2000
		Clifford Haldeman	2000
Paul Nazzaro	1986	Kevin Johnson	2000
Carter G. Booth	1988	Jonathan Lau	2001
Jeffery Sumner	1988	James Leong	2001
		James Fleming	2001
Peter Bredlau	1990	Robert Daurio	2001
Nicholas C. Pierpan	1990		
		Michael Kazazis	2002
James F. Ball	1991	Richard Brautigam	2002
Daniel D. Black	1991	Ryan Maines	2002
Mark Kostro	1991	Christopher Quackenbush	2002

## TROOP LEADERSHIP

Year	Scoutmaster	Committee Chairman	#Adults Reg.	#Scouts Rg.
1918	M.A. Harris			
1919	M.A. Harris			
1920	Myrton E. Glover			
1921	Myrton E. Glover			
1922	Xxxxx			
1923	Harold L. Brooks			
1924	Harold L. Brooks			
1925	James K. Rocky			
1926	William J. Savoye			
1927	John A. Dennis Jr.			
1928	John A. Dennis Jr.			
1929	Thomas H. Young			
1930	Thomas H. Young			
1931	Thomas H. Young			
1932	Ray Hyers			
1933	Ray Hyers			
1934	F.E.Hanson			
1935	Walter Taylor			
1936	Walter Taylor			
1937	Ray Hyers			
1938	Ray Hyers			
1939	Ray Hyers			
1940	John H. Van Der Veer			
1941	John H. Van Der Veer			
1942	John H. Van Der Veer			
1943	John H. Van Der Veer			
1944	John H. Van Der Veer			
1945	John H. Van Der Veer			
1946	John L. Williams			
1947	John L. Williams			
1948	Albert F. Chadwick			
1949	Albert F. Chadwick			
1950	Stacy Bender			
1951	Stacy Bender			
1952	Stacy Bender			
1953	William P. Holt			
1954	William P. Holt			
1955	William P. Holt	J. Corbett Jones Jr.	18	89
1956	William P. Holt	Alva Charles Sapp	13	86
1957	William P. Holt	C.R. Moyne	13	87
1958	Rogers K. Dearing	Robert Bangs	18	95
1959	Rogers K. Dearing	Ralph Stalbaum	15	89
1960	Rogers K. Dearing	Fred Madea	19	87
1961	Rogers K. Dearing	John Brumbaugh	24	109
1962	William A. Foote	John Brumbaugh	21	125
1963	William A. Foote	John Brumbaugh	22	125
1964	William A. Foote	John Brumbaugh	23	125
1965	Chester Brown	Robert Force	14	120

1966	Chester Brown	Robert Force	9	108
1967	Chester Brown	Samuel Robeson	11	73
1968	Ted Jacob	Samuel Robeson	37	44
1969	Ted Jacob	Samuel Robeson	17	40
1970				
1971	William Holt	John Brumbaugh	25	95
1972	William Holt	Richard Fleming	30	92
1973	Joseph Boylan	Richard Zultner	29	86
1974	Joseph Boylan	Carter Childs	32	67
1975	Joseph Boylan	Carter Childs	41	88
1976	Ted Reiner	Walter Blumenscheid	44	107
1977	Jay Rochlin	Walter Blumenscheid	38	101
1978	Jay Rochlin	Walter Blumenscheid	39	94
1979	Jay Rochlin	Richard Freeman	52	89
1980	Jay Rochlin	Robert Smith	33	93
1981	Stanley Lipson	William Holt	33	80
1982	Stanley Lipson	Stanley Moun	26	56
1983	Stanley Lipson	John Dalton	33	44
1984	Howard Hall	Brendon Culligan	27	56
1985	Welles Sumner	Alfred Moskal	41	65
1986	Welles Sumner	Alfred Moskal	18	52
1987	Howard Hall	Alfred Moskal	28	42
1988	Douglas Dubois	Gordon Specht	20	25
1989	Peter Bredlau	Bruce Phillips	25	22
1990	Peter Bredlau	Bruce Phillips	25	20
1991	Peter Bredlau	Bruce Phillips	30	40
1992	Peter Bredlau	Bruce Phillips	26	45
1993	Peter Bredlau	William Treut	41	53
1994	William Treut	Thomas Phelan	45	60
1995	William Treut	Thomas Phelan	55	61
1996	Fred Roberts	Thomas Phelan	50	70
1997	Fred Roberts	Thomas Phelan	50	71
1998	Fred Roberts	Thomas Phelan	60	76
1999	Fred Roberts	Stephen Daurio	68	82
2000	Ralph Maines/David Leiz	Stephen Daurio	66	62
2001	Ralph Maines/David Leiz	Stephen Daurio	65	76
2002	Ralph Maines/David Leiz	Stephen Daurio	60	73

Information compiled from Rogers Dearing notes prior to 1955 and Council headquarters registration forms from 1955 on.



*Troop 72 Scouts who received the God and Country Award*



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