



### Memorials:

During 2005 we lost two of our members - George Wagner & Harvey Bruecks. Both guys were devoted to their families, friends, respective troops, and community service. Harvey & George were both individuals that we willing to pitch in anywhere or any place during a WES weekend. Both individuals are great examples of cheerful service. George & Harvey were both Silver Beaver recipients.



We want to express our condolences to the Cantagallo Family on the passing of Avis Cantagallo on January 28, 2006. Ambrose & Avis were married 61 years.

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### 2005 COMPLETED or IN PROGRESS projects by the WES

Here are some of the projects completed or started by the WES during the 2005 season. Great job by all...

East TP Upgrade Project-completed

Admin Bldg. Rehab Project-completed

Chapel Seating-completed

Cabin 4 Upgrade Project-completed

Start-up of Camp wide Sailboat & Rowboat repair program

Continued on Staff Bungalow Rehabs at E & W Staff rows

Installation of the W. Fire bowl Lighting-completed

Boone & Iroquios Shelter roofs replaced with metal roofs.

Cabin 5 Upgrade project completed

Cabin 7 upgrade continued & operational

Ranch Electrical Upgrade completed

Completed many misc. electrical jobs around camp

Completed various plumbing projects around camp

Started Lower barn cleanup & reorganization

E. EcoCon benches installed

Bannard Cabin back roof repair job-completed

West Camp Shower- Disconnect-completed

Started Cabin 2 Rehab project

Started on E. Mess hall Lakeside door entrance

Country Store Shower Rehab in progress

Joe Fay Building panel installation in progress

Bannard Cabin shelves-completed

Completed numerous painting projects

Completed various village & camp wide post camp

inspection projects



**SOME OF THE PROPOSED or IN  
PROGRESS 2006 WES PROJECTS**

- 1) **Country Store Shower Rehab**
- 2) **Cabin 2 Upgrade Project in Family Camp**
- 3) **Repair Village Latrine Roof's in East & West Village**
- 4) **Build a new Shelter for Bridger in West Camp**
- 5) **Village Latrine Screening Proj for E & W Shooting Sports**
- 6) **Install new front entrance door & vestibule for the East Camp Dining Hall**
- 7) **Start up repair & replace bench seats for East & West camp dining halls**
- 8) **Repair or replace E. Staff Shower roof**
- 9) **Continue on Staff Bungalow rehabs in East & West Staff rows**
- 10) **Continue on electrical upgrades on designated buildings**
- 11) **Continue on completing Post Camp inspection projects**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**New Life Member of the Ma-ka-ja-Wan Staff**

**Award:**

**Mike Conlin-2005**

**2005 WES Recognition Award Receiptents:**

**Mike Moon**

**Wally Sawyer**

**Mike Brown**

**Matt Horbal**

**Silver Beaver Award:**

**Dave Bruecks**

**80 Years of Service:**

**Ambrose Cantagallo**



**A Note From The Reservation Director**

I was recently reminded that I've now spent 25 summers at MaKaJaWan. To some, that may seem like a lot—to others, it reflects a mere fraction of their time at camp. Regardless, for me it was a significant milestone and set me to thinking about what draws me back year after year. Of course, there are many aspects of camp I enjoy—great friends, the Northwoods setting, the Scouts, and the sheer adventure of it all. However, only one thing stands out as the key element—a desire to give back.

I've never lived in one place for more than five years: in a very real sense, MaKaJaWan has been one of the few constants in my life. More importantly, I consider the wonders, joys, hardships, adventure, and excitement of summer camp a crucial formative experience for me; much of who I am and what I believe was and is strongly influenced by people met and experiences had at MaKaJaWan. I wish nothing more than to know that future Scouts will have the opportunity for the same positive summer camp experience that I had (and continue to have).

While everyone's personal connection to MaKaJaWan is different, I believe all in the Wilderness Engineering Society share this common desire: to give a little of themselves to a worthy cause. In my twenty years on staff, I've seen WES do amazing things that have transformed and greatly improved nearly every facility in camp. I can honestly say the camp could not function without the work and dedication of this group. From "routine" maintenance to program enhancement, the WES is an integral part of ensuring the future of MaKaJaWan.

WES Weekends at camp are great experiences. There's plenty of friends, a great natural setting (sometimes complete with good weather), good food, and there's certainly lots of interesting work to do and challenges to overcome. However, I enjoy these weekends most because they give me a chance to see I'm not alone—there are many others who share my desire to give back. Perhaps you've felt the same thing...

Looking forward to the next 25 years,  
Keven Hansen  
Reservation Director





Mike Conlin- 2005 Life member of  
MSR Staff

### Cabin 2 Rehab-



Rick Nation hangs T 1-11 in a bedroom

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Scott Smith cutting up at Cabin 2

Last November, a group of WES'ers spent a weekend at camp working on rehabbing Cabin 2. We accomplished a lot, hanging most of the new walls. Working while it was snowing at times brought back memories of work weekends when they were held earlier in the spring!

Many thanks to the WES crew that prepped this cabin by tearing out the old walls and installing new plumbing and electrical earlier in the fall!

Dave Bruecks





**Ambrose receives recognition from Matt Ackerman for 80 Years Of Service!**



**Dave Bruecks receives the Silver Beaver Award**



**John and WES'ers enjoy a nice evening at the Council Dinner**

## East Trading Post Rehab

This year the Wilderness Engineering Society (WES), following in the footsteps of its innovative renovation of the West Camp Trading Post (TP), set its sights on the TP in East Camp. Designed by Brady Mark and constructed on May WES and OA, and June WES work weekends by crews headed up by Scott Sander & Chuck Ivey, the new TP layout eliminated the under-utilized open area between the TP and Quartermaster (QM), filling it with more floorspace, and ultimately space for merchandise inside the TP itself.



**Ron Curtis, Scott Sander and Tom Reitmeyer work on the E. Trading Post**

Elimination of the open area between TP and QM allows the TP manager immediate access to QM supplies, eliminating the need for a dedicated QM manager or office staff member and allowing the TP manager to keep the QM in working order.

Other than simply allowing more space for merchandise and a more organized QM, the renovation effort created better lighting, ventilation and room for the TP manager in the facility. Conor Desmond, East Camp's TP manager for 2005 raved "I've even got room for my tuba behind the counter."

More merchandise, less darkness, better ventilation and room behind the counter for a sousaphone, it sounds like thanks to the WES the days of a crazed TP manager in East Camp just might be over.

Joe.

**2006 WES weekends**

May 19-21, 2006, June 2-4, 2006



**The Remembrance Area Project.  
Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation.**

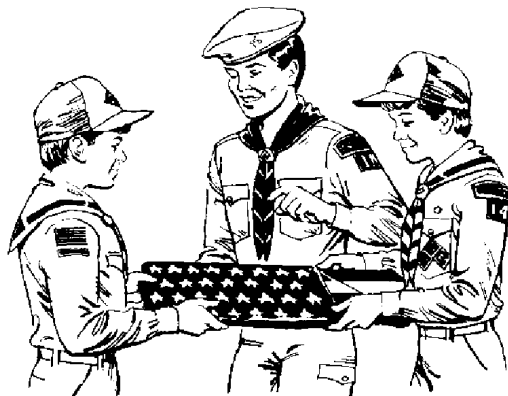
Over two years ago the Remembrance Area at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation was completed and dedicated. Since, then it has become an integral part of the program at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation. It serves as place to honor those of the scouting family who have departed.

On the other hand, the Remembrance Area Project has also generated some significant bi-products. It has built relationships with family members of the honorees, strengthened the relationship between Ainsworth Township and Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation due to the fact we have included the names of local residents who served on the staff or made contributions to the camp, as well as having an impact on volunteerism and financial contributions to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation and the Northeast Illinois Council.

Finally, the Remembrance Area will continue to be a place of honor at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation. Those names that are added to the Remembrance Area may have departed but will never be forgotten.

Respectively submitted,

Ian Hopkins, Chairman  
Remembrance Area Committee



**List of Remembrance Area  
Honorees for 2005:**

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Steve Applebaum         | Theora Bazille     |
| Art Bergman             | Joe Berol          |
| William Campbell        | George Christensen |
| Dudley Clausing         | JohnConnors        |
| Al Corzine              | Woody Coughenour   |
| R. Taylor Drake         | George R. Fabie    |
| Jim Ferris              | Raymond D. Fini    |
| Matt Garrett            | Lee Getschow       |
| Jerry Gibson            | Frank Goffo        |
| Milton H. Gray          | Ottarvay Greene    |
| Anna Gureski            | James M. Hopkins   |
| Philip J. Hoza, Jr.     | Rudy Jereb         |
| Jared L. Johnson        | Karl David King    |
| Karl David King, Jr.    | John Kuhn          |
| Jim Llewellyn           | Sean Maher         |
| Michael Metzger         | Pat Metzger        |
| Roy William Michel, Jr. | Ed Olson           |
| Frank Olson             | John S. Pennell    |
| Lizzie Prince           | GeorgePutnam       |
| Bill Reitmeyer          | Stephen Reitmeyer  |
| John Reitmeyer          | Edwin A. Schwechel |
| Burnam Skidmore         | Wirt W. Stafford   |
| Bob Tilley              | Don Thompson       |
| Robert Townley          | Elmer Turecek      |
| Jacob Wing              | Charlie Yells      |



**The Remembrance Area**



**Thanks for making it happen:**

**Brian McIlwee company donation of new doors & windows for the Admin Bldg., E TP Rehab project, numerous lock sets, & front door for the E. Dining Hall front door entrance.**

**Joe Weiler finding & trucking up tiles & glue for the Admin projects. Plus future projects.**

**Tom Moore, thanks for new counter for the E. TP rehab project.**

**Will Kehoe for all the carpentry/construction materials & big window that is in Cabin 2.**

**Luke Fejes using his company truck for a MSR winter truck run from Mitsubishi. Thanks to Steve Silca, Bud McBain, Trent, Mark Hobson, & Mike Conlin with the unloading at camp.**

**Chuck Baum company's Mitsubishi donation of furniture, metal cabinets, & shelving for the camp.**

**Thanks to Trent getting another T1-11 donation for camp.**

**Thanks to Mark Dunn, John Lillstorm, Matt Horbal & many others working on the sailboat & rowboat long term maintenance program. During the off season they organized, obtained monetary donations & materials to make this project a long -term success.**

**Thanks to John Ivey's crew that went to in October to install dura rock panels & other tasks in the Country Store Shower Rehab project. Helps set us up in 2006.**

**Thanks to Mike Conlin Cabin 4- construction crew during early spring & late fall weekends of Mark Hobson,**

**Peter Nielsen, Dan Wagner, Mike Moon, & Bob Boutin. Another great job in upgrading Family Cabins.**

**Thanks to Dave's Bruecks crew (Rick Nation, Scott Smith, & crew) in the late, late Fall weekend installing T1-11panells in the interior of Cabin 2.**

**Thanks to Jon Shabica & Matt Horbal work on the WES web site.**

**Special Thanks to Claudia, Connie, Allison, & Alana doing all work in the kitchen & cookie runs...**





**New sliding glass doors in Admin Building**



**John Shabica and Greg Kennicott work on Cabin 7**



**The Tack House at the Ranch after new roof and walls**



**Larry Neuman installs a new outside light at Cabin 4**

