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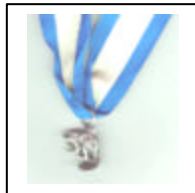
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Congratulations!

At the Council dinner, March 7th, Barry Aronson and Harvey Bruecks received the 'Silver Beaver' award for life achievement to Scouting. This honor is only bestowed to a handful of Scouters, seven this year.



Barry and Harvey receive the Silver Beaver Award pictured below.



NOTES FROM THE RESERVATION DIRECTOR

The summer of 2002 was another great one for MaKaJaWan. Over 2200 scouts plus numerous leaders, cubs, and parents came to enjoy our beautiful Northwoods facility.

MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation continues year after year to attract scouts from the North Shore and all over the Midwest. Why? I believe the answer is twofold—the dedicated staff and volunteers that make camp run and our incredible physical facilities.

The Wilderness Engineering Society is obviously a big factor in both of these "keys to success." This past summer, everyone who came to camp praised the new washstands located at each dining hall, the new pitcher-filling stations, and of course the ventilation fan in the East Dining Hall. These and other projects show the high level of commitment to quality program at MaKaJaWan—yet they would be impossible to do without WES. Other, less obvious improvements, such as the new vestibules in West Camp, the work done in the staff cabins, and numerous maintenance projects, are equally vital to providing a safe and well-maintained environment for the scouts and staff. Again, WES is vital to maintaining camp facilities in peak operational condition.

On behalf of all the leaders, scouts, and staff at MaKaJaWan, I want to thank WES for its continued dedication to Scouting and to camp. From numerous discussions with directors of other camps throughout the region, I know MaKaJaWan is unusually blessed with dedicated and skilled volunteers—thanks to all for their hard work! I look forward to seeing big improvements again in 2003!

Kevin Hansen

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Pete Nielson's nephew inspects the plow at the VH Maint. Shop.

Vernon Hills dump truck 11A finds a new home!

Great news! Many thanks to the Village of Vernon Hills for the donation of the dump truck with snowplow & trailer. Thanks to Ed Laudenslager Director for the Public Works and Pete Nielsen Street Supervisor of Vernon Hills for all there help with this donation to Camp Ma-ka-ja-wan. The village board passed transfer ordinance during their Oct. 1st meeting.

After the Oct 1st village board meeting Pete Nielsen and Dave Bruecks started an estimate for materials to install steel liner in the dump of the truck. We installed the steel liner at the Brueck's Complex at Grayslake on Oct. 24th after work.

The welding crew (Oct 24th) at the Brueck's Complex: Dave Bruecks, Harvey Bruecks, Rick Gotlund, Joe Weiler, Jim Gallagher, Rick Kuzmanoff, Mick Lee, Pete Nielsen, J. Hopkins, and assorted scouts from Troop 198. The welding job was completed that night. Many thanks to everybody that helped on the welding project. Special thanks to Rick Gotlund for using his welding equipment and truck for this job.

The truck was delivered to camp on Oct 25th. The trucking crew: Greg Kennicott (Driver), Pete Nielsen, Dan Wagner, and John Hopkins. Thanks to Matt Ackerman and Jim Neubam for all their assistance with the truck transfer/title documentation and funds for the welding project. Trent reports that the new Truck 11A is doing a great job at Camp. Great job by all personnel.

John Hopkins
WES Chief Engineer 2003



A view of the trailer taken behind the shop.

Before driving the truck up to camp, some maintenance work was done to the bed.



Maintenance welding on the truck bed.

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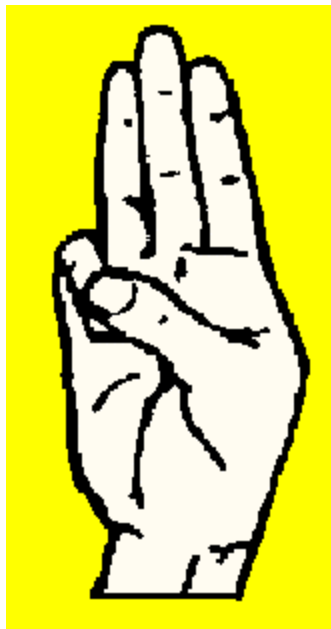
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Jim Gallagher and Mick Lee help weld in a new bed liner.



Rick Gotlund completes the new bed liner.



The properties committee is focusing on developing a long range master plan and site plan for each of the four camps the NEIC operates and the council office. The plan started about one year ago when each of the scouting programs (i.e. cub scouts, boy scouts and explorers) was sent a survey to evaluate each of our camps in regards to meeting their program needs. We received hundreds of surveys telling us what they liked and what we needed to improve. They also told us what they would like to see in the future to help improve each of their programs. We will use this feedback as one of the main drivers of our long range plan. In addition to the feedback from the programs, the properties committee is determining what improvements do we need to make in the infrastructure of each of our camps (i.e. roads, water, electrical, etc.). Along with the infrastructure improvements, we will be determining other needs of our (!) camps in regards to vehicles, tractors, and other equipment. The final element is to develop a routine preventative maintenance program and budget to maintain the equipment and facilities as well as a replacement program.

We have involved Ray Lewick and Associates, an architect from the national level. He went up to Makajawan in November and looked at the camp. He provided us drawings for a new dining hall for east camp and plans to renovate and expand the west camp dining hall. We are also looking to build a new shower house in east camp. For new structures we are determining where the best location would be for the long term needs of our camp, and will create a site master plan for each camp before any new construction begins. In addition to Makajawan and the other 3 camps we are also looking to upgrade and expand the current scout office.

Once we finish with a list of requirements for each of the 4 camps and scout office we will develop a capital plan and budget. Our plans are to complete this by the spring of 2003. At the completion of the capital plan we will start a capital fund raising program to generate the funds necessary to support the construction and maintenance of what we define in our long range plan. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I am convinced once we complete it we will make our camps even more attractive, viable and well maintained for scouting for the next several generations.

John Landgraf
NEIC Properties Division Chairperson
12/2002

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CABIN 1

OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THE IMPROVEMENTS TO CABIN 1 IN FAMILY CAMP AT MA-KA-JA-WAN. THIS PROJECT IS NEARING COMPLETION AND WE WANTED TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE HOW IT CAME ABOUT .

PETE NIELSEN HAD WANTED THE TAMARACK ORGANIZATION TO COMPLETE A PROJECT AT CAMP THAT WOULD HELP ENHANCE THE PROGRAM THERE, SPEARHEADED THE PROJECT. PETE GATHERED A GROUP OF TAMARACK MEMBERS INCLUDING DAN WAGNER, GREG KENNICOTT AND MARK HOBSON, TO NAME A FEW, AT HIS HOUSE AND DISCUSSED HOW THE ORGANIZATION COULD HELP THE CURRENT SITUATION AT CAMP. AFTER SEVERAL MEETINGS, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CABIN WOULD PROVIDE AN IDEAL PROJECT TO MEET THE DESIRED OBJECTIVE. THE PLANS WERE CREATED AND SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO ADD A YEAR ROUND PORCH, GUT AND REPLACE THE CONTENTS OF THE KITCHEN AND BATHROOM, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ELECTRICAL SERVICE, SEAL THE EXTERIOR WALLS AND IMPROVE THE GENERAL APPEARANCE OF THE CABINS INTERIOR. THE ORIGINAL PLANS CALLED FOR A TWO TO THREE YEAR PERIOD FOR ALL PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED WITH THE FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CABIN MUST REMAIN FUNCTIONAL THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT .

THROUGH THE GENEROUS LEADERSHIP OF MIKE CONLIN AND THE RECEIPT OF PRIVATE FUNDING THE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED ON TIME AND TO THE SATISFACTION OF ALL PARTICIPANTS AND THE SCOUTERS WHO CONTINUE TO USE THE CABIN FOR YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES. THE CABIN SPACE HAS PRACTICALLY DOUBLED AND IS A FAVORITE LOCATION FOR WINTER CAMPING EXPEDITIONS COMPLETED BY TROOPS OF THE NEIC.

THIS PROJECT IS A TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF THE DEDICATION OF THE WILDERNESS ENGINEERING SOCIETY AND THE TAMARACK ORGANIZATION TO HELP IMPROVE THE PROGRAM OFFERED AT MA-KA-JA-WAN. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FURTHER DETAILS OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS, PLEASE SPEAK WITH JOHN HOPKINS.



Bud and Pat discuss the day's projects.

Hello to all our friends from the WES!

This has been one of the coldest winters at Ma Ka Ja Wan in a long time.

We normally have average of 5 days after January 1st that the temperature is below 0, this year we have had 30 as of March 10th. This extreme cold and lack of snow (only 10", normally 54") has caused the frost to go 6 to 8 ft into the ground. Many people in the area are having trouble with their water and septic systems freezing up.

This cold has made for great ice conditions on the lakes; Spring Lake has close to 36" of ice. Sure hope it thaws so some of you can enjoy the fishing.

All of this is going to make for a long thaw in the spring. Hopefully this will not impede any of our planed projects.

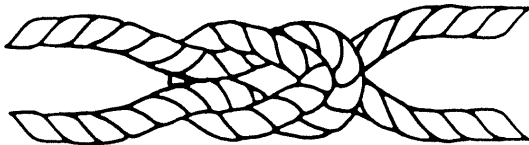
The new plow/dump truck has been a great asset to have here at camp this winter.

John and I have been putting together the project list for this year and I am sure he will be sharing them with all of you.

Thank you all for the hard work and donations that you the WES give to camp. It helps us get camp ready for the coming season and it plays a vital role in keeping camp a great place for our Scouts to enjoy. We could not do it without you. I am looking forward to seeing and working with all this coming spring.

Yours @ MSR

Trent



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Setting up the new radio antenna tower was a muddy mess on the top of Hibb's Knob.



Bill Crawford, Syl Reitmeyer, and Steve McNelly work on the Retaining Wall at the Gatehouse.



The rain just wouldn't quit.



Harvey Bruecks and George Wagner install new fascia on Latrine dutv.

Thanks for material donations to support the Spring WES weekends in 2002:

Danny Mahoney, Inc. - two kitchen sinks and various plumbing supplies for the West Kitchen rehab.

Tom Moore - donating 22ft of counters & additional window counter for the West Kitchen rehab.

Luke Fejes - donating his company truck and time transporting construction supplies to MSR in early May.

Scott & Greg Sanders - donating the new exhaust fan for the E. Dining Hall.

Ray Rozhon & Killian Plumbing - donating various plumbing supplies and lower costs on materials.

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WES Workers Weekend Dates for 2003:

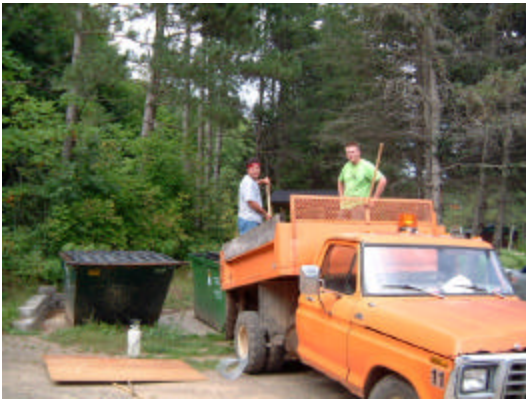
1st Weekend May 16, 17, & 18

2nd Weekend June 6, 7, & 8

Fall WES Weekend - Sept. 12, 13, & 14

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Mark and Mick do the unloading.

Some of the main projects for 2003:

- Building village shelters for Clark B and Menonice
 - Installing new coffee machines for East & West Dining Halls
 - Building 30 tent platforms
 - Rebuilding the East Eco-Con deck
 - Upgrading the existing East Camper Shower Boiler System
 - Upgrading East Central Electrical including the East T.P.
 - Oven replacement for the East Dining Hall
 - Building a new deck for the Family Camp fishing boat
 - Installing a shower in the Administrator Gatehouse
- Many more projects for the 2003 season!



2002 WES Recognition Award

This annual WES award is recognizing people: 1) that provided leadership roles for various successful projects/functions during MSR/WES operations at camp or on the shore. Or 2) these people donated their personal time, skills, material donations, and effort beyond the normal three WES weekends to set up and complete projects for the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan camping season. The WES Recognition award has been given out since the early 70's.

At Camp, the 2002 WES Recognition Awards were presented to:

Claudia Clark
Connie Newman



Claudia and Connie serving up another delicious meal.

Thanks to Claudia and Connie for setting up and running the kitchen during the 3 WES weekends each year. They have done a great job anchoring a major component of a WES weekend. Congratulations for a great job and thanks again.

J. Hopkins
WES Chief Engineer
2002

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First Name	Last Name
MATT	ACKERMAN
BARRY	ARONSON
BOB & JUDY	B.
DON	BAKER
MIKE	BAKER
BOB	BOUTIN
MIKE	BROWN
BILL	BROWN
GENE	BROWN
ROBERT	BROWN
HARVEY	BRUECKS
DAVE	BRUECKS
CLAUDIA	CLARK
BILL	CRAWFORD
RON	CURTIS
KEN	DEVANEY
JOHN	DEVANEY
FITZ	DUNN
JOE	FIGUEROA
MARC	FLEISCHER
BILL	GANESBURG
RANDY	HARRISON
GREG	HIRSCH
MARK	HOBSON

JOHN	HOPKINS
JOHN "CHUCK"	IVEY
EAMON	KELLY
GREG	KENNICOTT
WILLIAM	KIRK
BOB	KLAUSEGGER
DICK	KLEMP
DAVE	KUBLANK
DAN	KUBLANK
CHRIS	KURUC
RICHARD	LAMERMAYER
MICK	LEE
DAN	MAHONEY
JOHN	MAHONEY
BUD	McBAIN
TOM	McFADDEN
STEVE	McNELLEY
PAT	METZGER
MIKE	MOON
GERALD	MORAN
RICK	NATION
CONNIE	NEWMAN

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