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Editorial note: This book frequently uses the acronym ACOV in place of "A Century of Values."

THIS BOOK IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO THE FOLLOWING DECEASED  
SCOUTERS WHO WERE MEMBERS OF OUR CENTENNIAL ADVENTURE:

**Jerrold Martin** - Executive Board, Scout History Researcher

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**MAY THE GREAT SCOUTMASTER OF ALL SCOUTS  
BE WITH THEM UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.**

## FOREWARD

"Hello, Mr. Bob." Frank Mallon's 2006 phone call to me began casually, much like his first call in the 1990's when he recruited me to serve as Detroit Area Council's Michigami District Chairman. But this time a different tone emerged. Frank's voice had a strong undercurrent of excitement and a sense that a new adventure was about to begin...an adventure that would be fun, historic and rewarding. And with his engaging style, he was inviting me to be part of it.

As I soon learned, the adventure had begun months before with a free-wheeling discussion among Frank and a few of his close adult Scouter friends. They brainstormed ways to celebrate the Boy Scouts of America 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010. The celebration had to be unique, memorable and a tribute to Boy Scouting's history and the values the program, its leaders and its volunteers had instilled in millions of boys over those 100 years.

A map, a mural, a title, and an organization emerged from that discussion. Sixteen volunteer teams would crisscross the continental United States from February 2009 to February 2010 visiting each of the 300 Boy Scout Councils, presenting its adults and boys with an original mural depicting famous Scouts and symbols representing Scouting's values. This would be "The Century of Values Road Journey." And I was being recruited to help publicize it in small towns and large cities across the entire country.

This book is about the "The Century of Values Road Journey" and the 130 men and women, young and old, who made it a reality. It's been 10 years since the last mile was put on the RV, the last mural presented and the last patch sold. But the stories continue as photos are brought out and shared. This book introduces some of those stories and photos for the first time.

Frank Mallon gave me the opportunity to enjoy publicizing what "The Century of Values" road teams were going to do. With this book, you can enjoy what they *actually did*.

**Bob Freehan**

A Century of Values Publicity Chairman

May 2020

# A CENTURY OF VALUES MISSION STATEMENT

Provide and promote the history and accomplishments of the Boy Scouts of America during the past 100 years.

Promoted by visits to every Scout Council in the United States of America. The values instilled in young people over those years were developed with education, training and example through the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Centennial Journey Flags wave over our Kick-Off City of Laingsburg, Michigan.



Lord Robert Baden Powell  
Founder - Boy Scout Program

# A CENTURY OF VALUES HISTORY

Our 32-foot recreational vehicle donated by All American Homes/Coachmen, was driven by sixteen different road teams of adult volunteer Scouters from southeast Michigan. These teams drove the Recreational Vehicle 49,000 miles throughout the United States of America from February 7, 2009, to February 8, 2010, in an adventure called "A Century of Values" celebrating 100 years of Boy Scouting traditions and values.

An additional 8,000 miles were logged as we took several "Victory Laps" around the state of Michigan and to several councils outside the state. We participated in local parades, council camporees and other special events.

The rear of the motorhome displays our centennial mural of Scouting's history that was presented as a "Thank You" to the Scouts, Scouters and families to over three hundred Boy Scout councils throughout the United States of America.

The colorful wrap on the front and sides of the vehicle, beautifully shows the Scout Oath, Scout Law, all the past and present Boy Scout books, our ACOV patch and a huge United States map showing our travel routes and council stops. Many other Scout symbols and icons are displayed as well as the logos of our major sponsors of the year long journey.



Detroit Area Council  
Detroit, Michigan  
Mural Presented  
on July 28, 2009

# EAGLE SCOUT ARTIST

## BILL MORRISON



Bill Morrison is best known for his work with The Simpsons and Futurama and Creative Director, writer and artist at Matt Groening's Bongo Comics.

He began his career as an illustrator, painting dozens of movie posters including many for Walt Disney pictures, such as The Little Mermaid, Bambi, Peter Pan, Cinderella and The Jungle Book.

When Bongo Comics was founded, Bill was on board as art director and drew the very first Simpsons comic book. He soon took on the role of Creative Director, writing and drawing stories and covers and editing Bongo's entire output.

In addition to his Bongo work, Bill has created thousands of Simpsons and Futurama drawings for T-shirts, video games, posters, toy packaging, books, calendars and limited-edition prints.

Bill worked on early character designs for the Futurama TV series and served as series Art Director. He recently worked as character designer and artist on the Netflix series, Disenchantment.

Morrison also created a graphic novel adaptation of The Beatles' Yellow Submarine for Titan Comics and was Executive Editor of MAD Magazine.



Bill signing 1,000 ACOV prints.



Bill receiving our ACOV hat.



Bill at a Comic-Con Convention.



Early pencil sketch of centennial mural, 2007.

**January 22, 2010 - Philmont Scout Ranch (Team 14A)**

*Good Morning Bill:*

I am currently sitting in the Ernest Seton library once again where I first wrote a letter to you in 2003 detailing my ACOV vision and asking for your artistic talent. The road journey has been extremely successful in every respect. Our travel and support staffers will be telling their stories of their involvement in it for years to come. I just wanted to THANK YOU once again for all you have done for this crazy dream of mine. I cannot thank you enough and have no words to express my deepest feelings.

You are indeed an outstanding EAGLE SCOUT and you deserve a spot in America's rich Scouting history. I hope we can continue to research your possibility of working as the official Boy Scout artist in the future. Take care and good luck with your current BIG SHOW with The Simpsons.

Frank Mallon



## CENTENNIAL MURAL BY THE NUMBERS

1. Sir Robert Baden Powell
2. William D. Boyce with the London "Unknown Scout"
3. Ernest Seton
4. Colin H. Livingstone
5. James E. West
6. "Uncle Dan" Carter Beard
7. First Scout Handbook (1911)
8. Early uniformed Scout at camp
9. American First-Class Badge
10. Cub Scout Handbook (1930)
11. Scouts helping during WWI
12. Early Scouting Magazine for Leaders
13. Early Boy's Life Magazine
14. Life Magazine Boy Scout cover page (1935)
15. Scout 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Stamp (1960)
16. Artist Norman Rockwell
17. Scouts helping during WWII
18. Former National Scout Museum in Irving, Texas
19. Artist Joseph Csatari
20. DAC Scout Leaders Robert Morrison and Vince Carlan receiving the Silver Beaver Award
21. The Prestigious National Silver Buffalo Award
22. Roy Williams, Former Chief Scout Executive
23. Ben H. Love, Former Chief Scout Executive
24. Jerry Ratcliff, Former Chief Scout Executive
25. Axe and Log Symbol of Wood Badge Training
26. Modern Uniformed Scout at camp with Signal Flags
27. William "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt
28. Good Turn America patch
29. Ed Whitehead, Veteran DAC Scout Leader (103 years old)
30. Scouts Canoeing
31. Famous Scouters: President Ronald Reagan, Astronaut Neil Armstrong, President John F. Kennedy, Steve Fossett, Jimmy Stewart, Hank Aaron, Dr. Robert Gates, Walt Disney, Marian Anderson, Dr. Sam Prisk, William McCool, Donald Rumsfeld, and Louise Mandrell
32. Scouts Fishing
33. Scouts Cooking over a Campfire
34. Venture Ranger Award
35. Bob Hope
36. Eagle Scout Rank Award
37. Boy Scout Advancement Ranks
38. Scouts Hiking
39. Explorer and Sea Scouts
40. President and Eagle Scout Gerald R. Ford
41. Cub Scout with Den Leader
42. First National Jamboree in Washington D.C. (1937)
43. Boy Scout Handbook (1959)
44. A Scout is Reverent
45. Various Religious Badges
46. Tooth of Time, Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico
47. Cub Scout / Boy Scout / Venture Scout All Saluting
48. US Flag with Symbolic Eagle
49. Waite Phillips, Donor of Philmont Scout Ranch
50. Order of the Arrow Sash

# ACOV VEHICLE CARAVAN

32-foot Coachman, Type C, Freeland Motor Home,

Ford Escape (used on the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the journey).

Ford Flex (used on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the journey).

Haulmark Storage Trailer



Maintenance and Gas donated by the Penske Corporation.



Penske maintenance crew in San Antonio, Texas.



Motorhome wrap was designed by Blue Media in Tempe, Arizona, and installed by Graphik Concepts in Novi, Michigan.



Ford Flex caravan vehicle.



Ford Escape vehicle with Haulmark trailer.



Ford Flex vehicle with Haulmark trailer ready for the second half of the road journey.

# SIGNATURE BOOK



## Signature Registry

Over 30,000 signatures were collected. The two registry books are now located at the National Scout Museum, Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico.



"CENTURY OF VALUES" REGISTRY		
NAME	AGE	CITY/STATE
W. Taylor	53	MEMPHIS, TN
Don	34	Memphis, TN
Jan	70	MEMPHIS, TN
William C.	58	Memphis, TN
Howe	29	CLINTON, MS
John	66	Springfield, MS
John	82	Memphis, TN
Sam	46	Memphis, TN
Bill	42	Memphis, TN
Steve	50	Memphis, TN
Tom	47	Memphis, TN

# ACOV PATCH

Designed by Mark Hodges of Centerline, Michigan.

Sold: 25,000



# SPECIAL REMARKS

"Among the distinctive Centennial activities throughout America was the Detroit Area/Great Lakes Field Service Council 'A Century of Values' tour. The time, energy, dedication and leadership given to this historic endeavor was impressive and commendable." Nov 2011

**Robert J. Mazzuca, former Chief Scout Executive**

"Thank you for the letter and fact sheet on your centennial project. A great idea, a big challenge. It will be an exciting journey around this great country." Sep 2008

**Ben H. Love, former Chief Scout Executive**

"Thank you for the wonderful gesture of adding the three Chief Scout Executives to your mural. I will treasure the ACOV mural that you sent me." Sep 2008

**Roy L. Williams, former Chief Scout Executive**

"From first hearing of this Centennial vision and story I have been amazed by the commitment, dedication and the "Can Do" attitude of the entire ACOV staff. It was certainly a project that exemplified your love of the Scouting program, truly exceptional." Dec 2015

**Rick Williamson, former Western Regional Director**

"Thank you for your historic ACOV mural print #1A gift. The President and I are heartened by the outpouring of support from all across our blessed Nation." Sep 2017

**Melania Trump, First Lady of the United States of America**

"In 1960 I attended the 5<sup>th</sup> National Boy Scout Jamboree in Colorado Springs. I became a professional Scouter in 1983 and served as a District Executive for 22 years. In 1993 I came up with an idea. How could we help celebrate Scouting's Centennial in 2010? In 2003 we recruited artist Bill Morrison to create an historic Scouting mural. Top priorities for the next seven years were recruiting staff, developing an operational plan and training. Finally, our sixteen teams were ready to go "Where no Scouters have gone before." Jan 2009

**Frank Mallon, ACOV President & Advisor**

"In the last few years, I have lost a lot of my Scouting memory. You know I did not travel with the teams but helped with the home station events where I could. I remember that a lot of planning took place by a large staff of volunteer Scouters and that in itself was fantastic." Apr 2020

**Paul Bannon, ACOV Program Committee, retired District Executive**

*"Print #1 is located in the right alcove wing of the Pentagon 3<sup>rd</sup> Level 1/2 Apex." Nov 2018*

**Albert Lee Jones, Curator, OSD Historical Exhibits**

*"Thank you for the kind note and print. I appreciate your dedication to the Boy Scouts of America." Jul 2014*

**Dr. Robert M. Gates, retired National President of the BSA**

*"Team 12 was composed of three husband and wife couples who have been friends for over 25 years. We met through our Scout troop and I know we all agree that taking part in this adventure was one of the highlights of our Scouting lives. We saw mountains and the ocean on our travels and met some extraordinary Scouts and Scouters. Many great times and memories."*

**Mary Price, Team 12**

*"This whole ACOV adventure has been an incredible feat and the fact that it was conceived and carried out by volunteers and Scouts has been very impressive. I know most councils in the Northeast region took advantage of your visits and appreciated the excitement that your teams brought to their local celebrations." Feb 2010*

**Linwood "Woody" Wiley, National Meeting Manager**

*"Thank you for ACOV's journey in one of the Boy Scout of America's finest projects. This endeavor will always be remembered for its vision, tenacity and love for Scouting." Mar 2015*

**Chuck Lang, retired Scout Executive & ACOV staff**

*"Please accept our thanks for presenting the Summit Bechtel Reserve with the historic Centennial mural by artist Bill Morrison. The mural is displayed in the first-floor conference room at the Scott Visitors Center." Oct 2019*

**Todd McGregor, Group Director**

*"All of us here at the Blue Water Council want to thank you for coming to Port Huron, Michigan, and participating in the Rotary Scout parade. Bringing the ACOV tour bus added a lot and hopefully showed that Scouting is still going strong after 100 years." July 2010*

**Paul W. Schwartz, Scout Executive**

*"I am still amazed by your outstanding efforts to visit all the Scout councils in the United States. The mural donated to the Pentagon will probably stay there as long as the building lasts. Great legacy." Nov 2018*

**Gene McGrath, Burke, Virginia**

*"It's a pleasure to welcome you back to the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, CA. Hope everything is going well with the National Road Journey. Rest assured that this adventure will enrich many lives. Wishing you the very best and safe travels to Irving, Texas." Jan 2010*

**Ted Kanatas, General Manager, Hyatt Hotel, San Diego, California**

*"I am fortunate to know that you have been instrumental in helping to organize the great ACOV national journey - and in a small way I can whisper to myself, 'I know that guy.'" Feb 2010*

**Carl M. Veith, retired Troop 205 Scoutmaster of Laingsburg, Michigan**

*"For over four years Team Laingsburg has been preparing for the ACOV kick-off weekend. Thanks to the team's two co-chairs, Darrell Corp and Tom Turek this has been an unbelievable event hosted by every community organization, church and local business in the city.*

*For me, personally, my involvement with ACOV helped catapult me into our community's Wall of Fame - an honor for which I am grateful and truly humbled by." Jan 2009*

**Tom Turek, Co-Chair for Team Laingsburg**

*"I met your journey touring team in Irving, Texas and you shared an ACOV patch with me and I promised to send one back to you from Iraq. It's late, but here it is. Thanks for your service to our young men in the Scouting program." Mar 2010*

**Roberta A. Luba, Colonel, U.S. Army**

*"Initially, I had my doubts about whether this project was only a mirage or better stated, a ridiculous activity. Personally, it seemed too daunting of an undertaking. While my personal involvement was limited, my support and commitment were unwavering. We owe this ACOV staff a debt of gratitude for the vision and diligence to see this Centennial project through. I thank you for all you do to serve others."*

**Myron Lofton, retired Field Director, Greater St. Louis Council**

*"I had a few spare moments today and I looked in my storage room in the Pentagon and "Lo and Behold" I came across a rolled-up mural honoring the Boy Scouts centennial year. I wish to thank you for sending it and to do so with modest embarrassment for my oversight. I was pleased to know that the painting has been distributed throughout the country." Feb 2015*

**Donald Rumsfeld, Former Secretary of Defense**

*"Team 4 Scouters were very well received by all the BSA councils we visited and each of my team members commented that they had a great time and really enjoyed the fellowship and the three-week journey." May 2020*

**Bob Wolf, Team Chief 4**

"A Proclamation of Welcome: On the very special occasion of the A Century of Values tour to Hot Springs, Arkansas, this Proclamation of Welcome is hereby issued, and in honor of this visit, I, Mike Bush, Mayor of the City of Hot Springs, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the day of February 23, 2009, as "A Century of Values Tour Day".

**Mike Bush, Mayor of Hot Springs, Arkansas**

*"All of Team Nine thanks you for your vision and efforts which made this wonderful endeavor possible." May 2020*

**Gordon Draper, Team 9**

*"The ACOV event will be one of the highlights of my 50+ years in Scouting; right up there with the World and National Jamborees, the High Adventure Base Treks and the 25 years of the Trail to the Eagle Camp. What set this apart was the friendship and comradery of the Souter friends from our Michigan Councils that helped plan and execute this ambitious undertaking. A Scout Salute to all who participated." Jun 2020*

**Don Ray, ACOV Co-Program Chairman and Team 14A**

*"I enjoyed the entire Century of Values journey. From the planning, to doing RV 101 practice driving, to visiting five states and councils in the lower southeast United States. Eating barbeque, meeting Scouters at camporees, being on a radio show and morning TV commercial. Great trip with great Scouters." Jun 2020*

**Dave Oakley, Team 3**

*"There is no doubt that the integrity of the Scouting movement has united countless people in the past 100 years. Upon this trip, I was also struck by the importance of our Scouting's folklore. Much like a campfire, at each council, there would be storytelling, ritual, hospitality, humor, each Scouter adding his own fuel to the fire. There is something remarkable about how the movement's traditions have invited creative expressions through the years and across lands. It was evident on this trip that the movement was stronger in the councils who kept their local folklore alive, in their scout shops, their creative ceremonies, their stories and camps. It was less so with those councils becoming copies of each other. For the next 100 years, let's trust the values of Scouting to lead us in many adventures."*

*Jun 2020*

**Michael Mallon, Team 6**



## THE JOURNEY BEGINS

On February 7, 2009, Team 1 arrived in Laingsburg, Michigan, for the kick-off weekend of the National Road Journey.

Team Laingsburg was co-chaired by Darrell Corp and Tom Turek. They assembled a large staff that included the mayor, local businesses, representatives from all the city churches, non-profit organizations and the local Girl, Cub and Boy Scouts. What a great show they put on. Team 1 promised the mayor that they would return for its annual parade in 2010. They did return.



Artist Bill signing murals in the Laingsburg High School Library.

Team 8 members (left to right) Katie Hunt, Dorothy and Clyde Davis, and Sarah Warren.



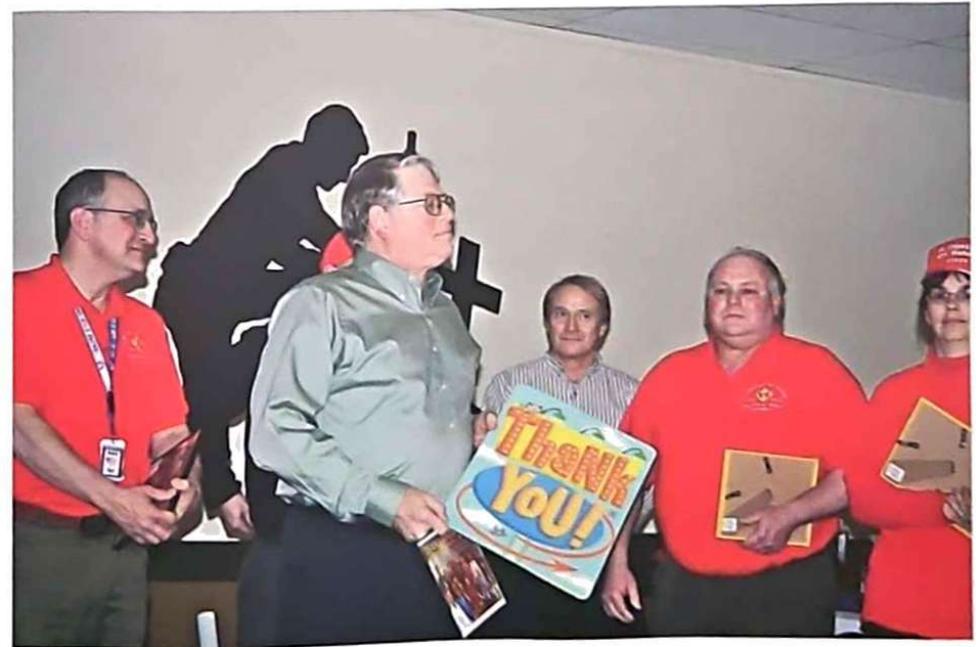
Co-chairman Tom Turek loving what he sees. The City of Laingsburg was ready to welcome us with open arms.



The Most Reverend Earl A. Boyea from the Diocese of Lansing. The Bishop was joined by other city clergy to give the motor home a farewell BLESSING and to wish all teams a safe and successful journey.



Laingsburg City leaders awaiting the arrival of Team 1. Carl Veith (second from left) was Frank Mallon's scoutmaster.



Team Laingsburg members thanking the ACOV members during a special dinner prepared by American Legion Post 248. Scoutmaster Harley Koept (left to right), Co-chairman Darrell Corp, Businessman Kevin McPhail, Mayor Mike Culpepper and Cub Scout leader Tracy Miller.

# ACOV TEAM 1



Mike Lens (left to right), Frank Mallon, Dennis Kallio, Chet Klos, Warner Iseppi & Al Hellar

**Team Motto:** Be Flexible, Be Alert & Be Prepared

**Best Known as:** The Pacesetters

**Team Colors:** White

**Dates on the Journey:** February 9 to March 15, 2009

**States traveled:** Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas & Louisiana

**Number of councils visited:** 36

**Total miles:** 3,895

**Days on the road:** 37

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$30,834

**Scout & Scouter registry signatures:** 1,745

## TEAM 1 BLOG

*Team One under the sun*

*Team One will get the job done*

*We shall make that RV run*

*Look out councils, here we come!*

**February 7, 2009 - Laingsburg, Michigan**

I think we have hit on something that will be historic for a long time. The "A Century of Values" national road trip will be remembered by all and by each individual involved with it. When Lord Baden Powell started this whole thing by accident, little did he know that such a value-based program presented with the use of the great outdoors, would have such a positive effect on so many people for such a long time. Thanks to Baden Powell and all of the BSA over the years. Enjoy the trip everyone.

**February 12, 2009 - Lexington, Kentucky (Blue Grass Council)**

We presented our mural at the Lexington Rotary club. Wow, what a complex they meet at for lunch. It was a beautiful horse farm. Scout Executive Kelly Hampton was our host along with 250 Rotarians. When our ACOV presenter asked the group assembled who were Eagle Scouts in the room a forest of hands went up. Many of their fellow Rotarians were amazed at the number of their friends who were Eagle Scouts. Pretty special luncheon for us today.

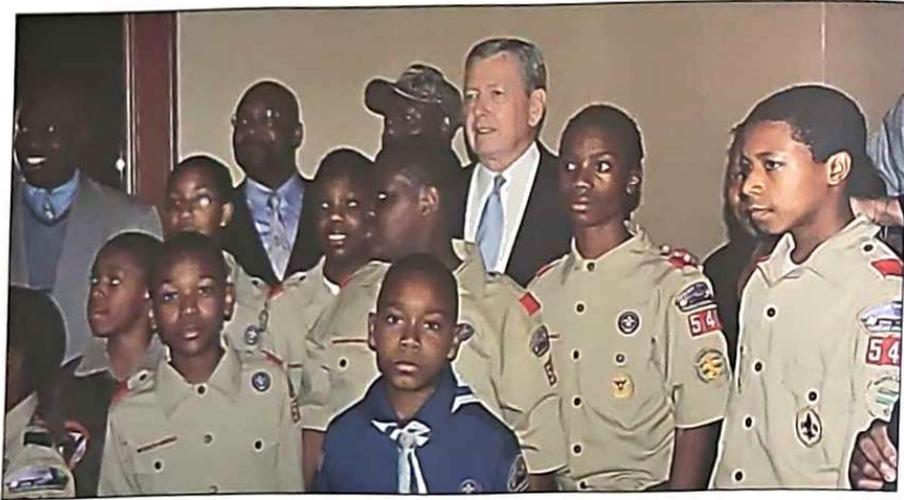
**February 23, 2009 - Hot Springs, Arkansas (Ouachita Area Council)**

Day 18 on the road. We started the day off early with a 30-minute interview on 1340 AM radio talk show.

**March 6, 2009 - San Antonio, Texas (Alamo Area Council)**

After our AM mural presentation, the team went to visit the Alamo. March 6, 1836, being the actual day that Santa Anna won that 13-day battle.

# TEAM 1 GALLERY

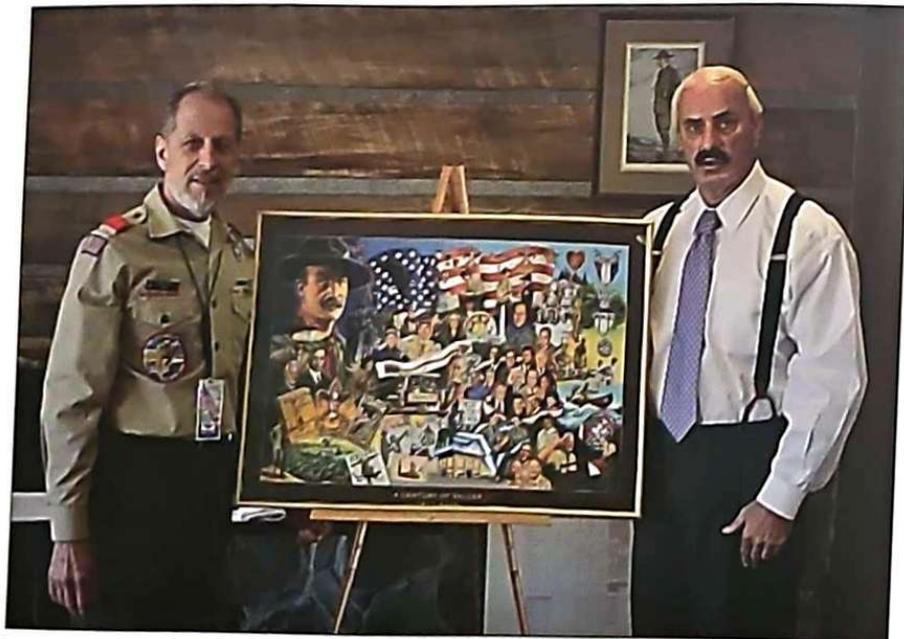


Former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft with Scouts of the Chickasaw Council, Memphis, Tennessee.

Scout Executive Harold Woodward (on right) of the Chickasaw Council.



Ouachita Area Council staff, Hot Springs, Arkansas.



Scout Executive Carol Whitebrook, Cherokee Area Council, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, one of the smallest councils in America.



Mural presentation at Arbuckle Area Council; Ardmore, Oklahoma.



Bay Area Council staff, Galveston, Texas; Scout Executive Charles Herrera.



Mural presentation at Rio Grande Council to Scout Executive Ernesto Carballo, Harlingen, Texas.

Most southern council in America.



Sam Huston Area Council, Houston, Texas; Scout Executive Tom Varnell (on left).

## TEAM 1 CLOSING CHEER

*"We made our run  
To head for the sun  
It was really fun  
Now we are done"*



THANK YOU for the memories. It was an exciting five weeks!

## INTERESTING FACTS #1

Where the Historic Murals Reside Today

Original Oil Painting - National Scout Museum, Philmont Scout Ranch

Print #1 - Pentagon

Print #1A - Gifted to the White House, Washington D.C.

Print #2 - Gilwell Park in Chingford, England

All our Boy Scout High Adventure Bases

All our Regional Scout Offices

In over 300 Boy Scout Councils

President Ford & Reagan Museums

Boy Scout barracks on Mackinac Island, Michigan

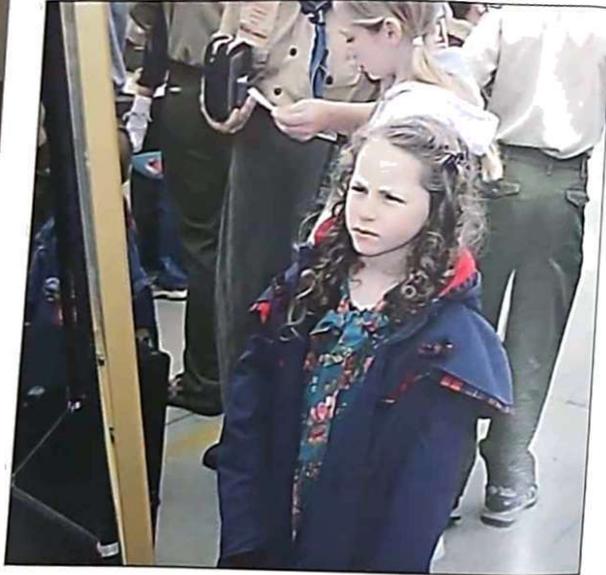
In hundreds of Scout and Scouters homes throughout America



We salute you for the historic Scouting journey you are about to embark upon.

## Viewing the Historic Centennial Mural

A lot of Scouting history to review and enjoy.



## ACOV TEAM 2



John & Sharon Teran (left or right), John & Kay Burke, Mauri and Maureen Marshall

**Team Colors:** Carolina Blue

**Dates on the Journey:** March 16-April 3, 2009

**States traveled:** Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina

**Number of councils visited:** 25

**Total miles:** 2,810

**Days of the road:** 19

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$15,304

**Scout & Scouters registry signatures:** 1,031

## TEAM 2 BLOG

**March 26, 2009 - Jacksonville, Florida (North Florida Council)**

We were remiss in not noting in the previous blog that we had a surprise for one of the team members. Maureen Marshall received a phone call informing her that she had been selected as the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award this year. Congratulations Maureen! She will not forget where she was when informed of this high Scouting honor.

**April 2, 2009 - Florence, South Carolina (Pee Dee Council)**

We were met by Scout Executive Edward Huyer and many of his professional staff, parents and Scouting supporters including the council president. Although drizzly outdoors, the positive attitudes indoors brightened the day significantly. After our presentation of the mural, the Mayor of Florence presented a resolution to the council declaring the start of their centennial activities. We met a gentleman who, at the age of 18, was flying B-29s during WWII. He noted that there were more educated soldiers that could have flown as well as he did. The difference was his knowledge of Morse Code that he had learned as a Boy Scout.

**April 4, 2009 - Raleigh, North Carolina (Occoneechee Council)**

Team members began getting ready for their return to the Detroit area. We cleaned out the fridge of spoilable items, turned off the gas on the stove, and washed the linens and towels. Now it was time to depart our beloved motorhome. We sent the first couple home via Amtrak. The second couple left from Raleigh's airport. Team Chief Mauri and wife Maureen left in the Ford Escape, pulling the trailer back to Detroit with them so it could be restocked. Thank you for the marvelous adventure.

Team 2 members wish to thank everyone that made these three weeks so special for us.

## TEAM 2 GALLERY



Team 2 members leaving from Dearborn, Michigan, by Amtrak to begin their leg of the journey. Maureen (left to right) and Mauri Marshall, Sharon and John Teran.



Presentation to Scout Executive Jeff Issac of the Gulf Stream Council, Palm Beach, Florida.



West Central Florida Council, Seminole, Florida.  
Mural presentation to Scout Executive William Davis.



An excited crowd of Scouts and Scouters at the  
Alapaha Area Council's presentation in Valdosta, Georgia.

## INTERESTING FACTS #2

A Century of Values Executive Board Members



Earl Moorhouse (on left) and Warner Iseppi (standing)  
Albert Hellar (left to right, seating), Ramo Salerno, Frank Mallon.



"A Century of Values" staff in the early years (2007).

## ACOV TEAM 3



Norm Tabaka (left to right), Al Weirmeir, Mike Orzol, Dave Oakley  
(Joe & Mary Beth Vogerl absent)

**Team Motto:** Gold Team Rocks

**Best Known as:** The Gold Team

**Team Colors:** Gold

**Dates on the Journey:** April 4 to May 3, 2009

**States traveled:** North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee

**Number of Councils visited:** 24

**Total miles:** 1,875

**Days on the road:** 20

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$21,492

**Scout & Scouter registry signatures:** 2,897

## TEAM 3 BLOG

May 1, 2009 - Chattanooga, Tennessee (Great Smoky Mountain Council)

We unveiled the art mural after Don Dare, council activities chairman, gave a short introduction. He thanked Team 3 and suggested that the council staff and guests inspect all four sides of the motorhome. Scout Executive Ken Mehlhorn shared how Dave Oakley's great grandfather, Wiley Oakley, was the first Smoky Mountain Council guide. Ken stated that a road was named after Wiley and that his great grandson Dave Oakley is a member of Team 3.

Our team collected a total of 2,897 registry signatures. We took pictures of six McKenzie statues that were one of our tour missions. Our ROAD KILL count in Georgia was 5 armadillos and 7 opossums; in Mississippi 35 armadillos and 7 opossums and in Alabama the road kill was 12 armadillos and 5 opossums. We are now cleaning the RV and getting ready for the hand off to Team 4 and Team Chief Bob Wolf. We had an unbelievable run, and it is time to head home.

## TEAM 3 GALLERY



Mike (on left), Norm and Dave relaxing before their next council visit.



Blue Ridge Council's president signing the registry.



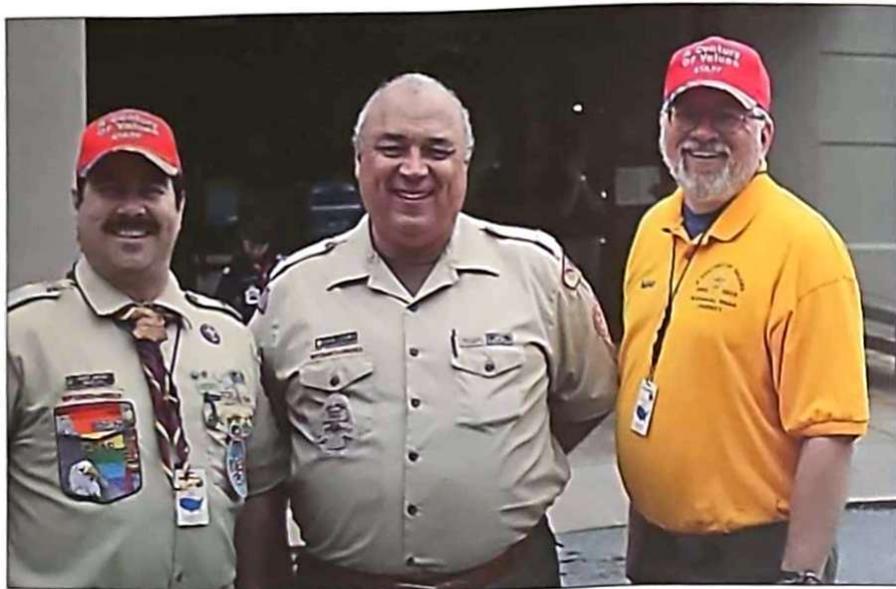
Atlanta Area Council mural presentation attendees.



Blue Ridge Council staff, Greenville, South Carolina.



Flint River Council mural presentation in Griffin, Georgia.



Team 3 members Dave and Mike recruiting Carl Lowry to join our journey. Flint River's Council Commissioner Carl served with Teams 5 and 14A.



Special patch presentation to Suzie and Joe. Suzie is the niece of Earl Moorhouse.



Black Warrior Council staff - Tuscaloosa, Alabama,  
home of the famous University of Alabama football team.



Our team met a friendly Mississippi State Trooper (Tom Bobbitt) that told us if they needed any assistance while in his state to please call him.

## INTERESTING FACTS #3

Two Special Photographs



Gateway to the West Arch, St. Louis, Missouri.



The ACOV motorhome and Jamboree team members were in the National Boy Scout Centennial parade on Sunday, July 26, 2010, in Washington, D.C.

## ACOV TEAM 4



*Team Cheer*

*"On my honor I'll do my best,  
Scouting's values are the test.*

*All across the U.S.A.*

*Saying thank you for the role  
you play,*

*Sound off - we are*

*Sound off - TEAM FOUR*

*Bring it on down now - Watch us  
as we soar*

*We are TEAM FOUR"*

Ryan Wolf, Jim Beckrow, Chuck Munselle, Min Sway-Tin (back row)

Nancy Steimel, Team Chief Bob Wolf

Team Colors: Forest Green

Dates on the Journey: May 4 to May 23, 2009

States traveled: North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Washington D.C.

Number of Councils visited: 22

Total miles: 1,750

Days on the road: 22

Team sales of patches and murals: \$14,447

Scout & Scouter registry signatures: 1,779

## TEAM 4 BLOG

May 7, 2009 - Virginia Beach, Virginia

During dinner that evening the gentlemen at the next table noticed our green Team 4 shirts. We struck up a conversation about Scouting and the ACOV's mission. During the conversation one of the gentlemen named Fred said he received his Eagle Scout badge in 1977. His boss next to him smiled and said that he hired Fred on the spot because he knew the value and character the rank represents. This unsolicited testimonial was a perfect way to end our Scouting day.

May 19, 2009 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Cradle of Liberty Council)

This council was organized in 1910. The council is an excellent example of Scouting's first 100 years of values. As we pulled up in front of the oldest Scout service center in the world, we observed the original McKenzie Statue created by Canadian Dr. Robert Tait McKenzie. He was a noted sculptor, physician, soldier, educator, writer and athlete. The life-sized statue of the IDEAL SCOUT (see page 66) was dedicated on June 12, 1937, in Philadelphia. Inside the historic building are the original paintings of the Founding Fathers of the Order of the Arrow and the first OA Vigil ceremony on Devil's Tea Table overlooking Treasure Island. Cub Scout Pack 546 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to open our mural presentation. Mark Ryan, Assistant Director of Field Services, accepted the mural on behalf of the Cradle of Liberty Council and thanked the entire ACOV staff of volunteers for their hard work and efforts in reminding about the accomplishments and values of Scouting.

## TEAM 4 GALLERY



National Area Council, Bethesda, Maryland. Several strange Scouts joined us.



Mural presentation by Nancy Steimel at the Mason Dixon Council in Hagerstown, Maryland, on May 11, 2009.



Northeast Regional Office presentation in Jamesburg, New Jersey.



Attendees at the Northeast Regional Office, Jamesburg, New Jersey, presentation.

The complete Scout family at the Daniel Boone Council in Asheville, North Carolina.



Finally, Team 4 gets its own parade by Boy Scouts from the Shenandoah Area Council in Winchester, Virginia.

## INTERESTING FACTS #4

In late 2008, four hundred of our historic murals had to be framed and wrapped. Co-chairmen Al Weirmeir and Rich Johnston helped spearhead this very critical activity along with many ACOV volunteer staffers and friends. Job well done.



Larry Burtka (left to right), Chuck Cheek, Al Weirmeir, Paul Bannon.



How do you Scouts think our National Road Journey is going so far?

## ACOV TEAM 5



Mike Orzol (left to right), Carl Lowry and Norm, Trevor & Brian Tabaka.

**Team Colors:** Gold

**Dates on the Journey:** May 24 to June 7, 2009

**States traveled:** New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts

**Number of councils visited:** 14

**Total miles:** 625

**Days on the road:** 15

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$24,474

**Scout & Scouter registry signatures:** 2,072

## TEAM 5 BLOG

**May 27, 2009 - Medford, New York (Suffolk County Council)**

Despite the heavy traffic, Team 5 arrived at Camp Baiting Hollow in northern Long Island around 6:00 p.m. The following morning the team headed to East Islip for a Memorial Day Scout parade where we met our gracious host Mr. Mark Businski. While we waited for the parade to start, we collected signatures from the local Scouts and members of the Sons of Italy.

After the parade and a delicious dinner, we traveled to Hauppauge High School where a PEP RALLY was taking place. The team set up shop to sell ACOV posters, patches and to collect registry signatures. This rally was a huge success, with an estimate of 2,500 Scouts, Scouters and family in attendance. There were so many people there that they had to be split in two large rooms, an auditorium and the gym. People in the gym could follow the program thanks to a TV crew that streamed the live video onto huge screens. There were nearly one hundred American flags, Pack and Troop flags in the opening ceremony carried by boys that ranged from Tiger Cubs to Boy Scouts all set to the beat of the Blue Devil's marching band. In addition to Scouting professionals, we were also treated to performances by Theodore Roosevelt, Baden Powell and a member of the Rough Riders. After this outstanding presentation, we collected even more signatures. We finally had to say our goodbyes to everyone at Suffolk County Council and head back to Camp Baiting Hollow for our last night there. "THANK YOU" Suffolk County Scouts for a tremendous council visit.

**June 1, 2009 - Milford, Connecticut (Connecticut Yankee Council)**

We were warmly greeted by Lou Salute who was a former District Executive for the Detroit Area Council. What a small world. Of course, he had nothing but good stories to tell us about his time in Detroit. We arrived just as the council members were about to start their weekly staff meeting, so Lou brought the entire staff outside to watch our mural presentation.

## TEAM 5 GALLERY



Suffolk County Memorial Day Centennial Scout Parade.



PEP RALLY at the Hauppauge High School in Medford, New York.



Mural presentation to Scout Executive Michael Riley at the Cape Cod and Islands Council in Yarmouth Port, Maryland.



One of many former Scouts pointing to the Scout book they used as a boy.



Team 5 presenter Carl Lowry preparing for the mural presentation at the Greenwich Council in Greenwich, Connecticut.



Several Council leaders that were on hand on May 29 for the mural presentation to the Westchester-Putman Council in Hawthorne, New York.



Scout Executive David Richardson accepts the historic mural on behalf of the Scouts and Scouters of the Theodore Roosevelt Council in Massapequa, New York.



Trevor and Brian Tabaka were two of our youngest team members.

## INTERESTING FACTS #5

Rotary Clubs throughout the state of Michigan helped support this Scouting Adventure.



Television and news media coverage was common at most of our council visits. Each team had an assigned spokesperson.

## ACOV TEAM 6



Rick Range (left to right), Robert Schonefeldt, Hanson Lee, Michel Mallon  
(Daniel Woitulewicz, Peter Juziuk - absent)

**Best Known as:** The Brave Lobsters

**Team Colors:** Orange

**Dates on the Journey:** June 8 to July 5, 2009

**State traveled:** Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania

**Number of councils visited:** 33

**Total miles:** 2,375

**Days on the road:** 28

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$24,771

**Scout & Scouter registry signatures:** 1,969

## TEAM 6 BLOG

July 1-2, 2009 - Doylestown, Pennsylvania (Bucks County Council)

Lancaster, PA (Pennsylvania Dutch Council)

The A Century of Values motorhome gets about 8-9 miles to the gallon. Our energy is the excited faces we encounter, the enduring curiosity, the cheers for our journey, the hundreds of thanks and each Scout having our belief in Scouting's everlasting values and the promise that these values will live on to help grow the Scouting movement. So, maybe Team 6 actually gets about 80 miles to the smile.

At the Pennsylvania Dutch Council, the following day, we learned that President Gerald Ford kept his Eagle Scout badge in his office desk drawer. When he was overwhelmed and frustrated with the complexity and tragedy of government, he would take out his badge, hold it in his hand and become inspired to continue. Our mural presentation was to the council staff in their parking lot. The reporter covering this event was himself an Eagle Scout.

## TEAM 6 GALLERY



Mural presentation to Scout Executive Thomas Harrington of the Minsi Trails Council, Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania.



Team 6 posing with a Mickey Mantle impersonator at the Cooperstown All Star Game.



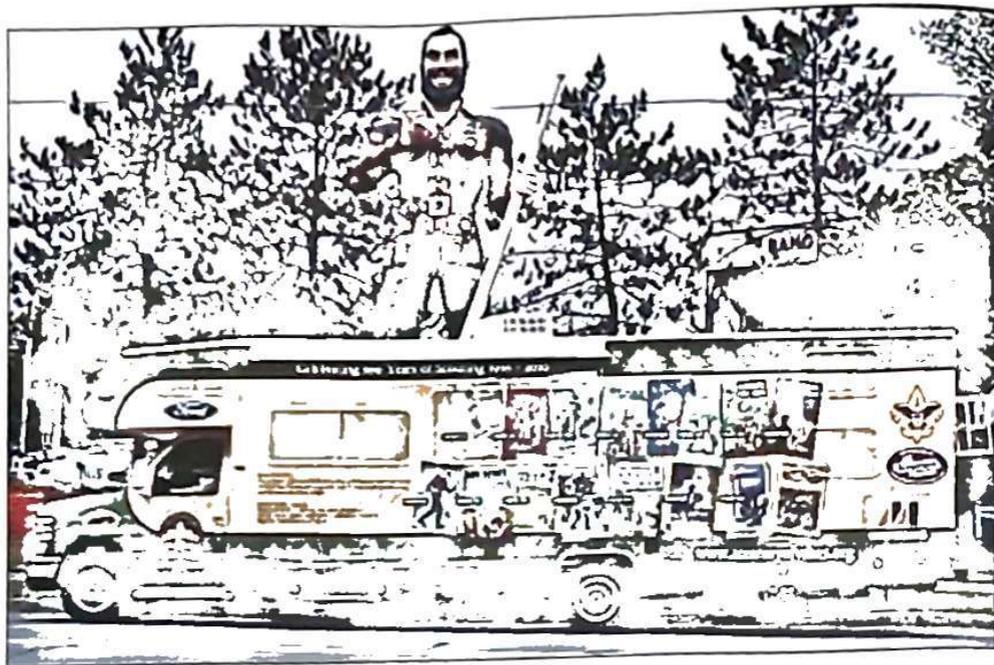
All smiles at the Hiawatha Seaway Council, Syracuse, New York.



Otschodela Council, Oneonta, New York - June 18, 2009. Pretty cool uniforms.



Iroquois Trail Council, Batavia, New York, on June 23, 2009.



Arriving at Katahdin Area Council in Bangor, Maine, on July 11, 2009.



Presentation at the Hiawatha Seaway Council in Syracuse, New York.



Presentation at Revolutionary Trails Council, Utica, New York.



This is our normal evening meal - we are the "BRAVE LOBSTERS" of Team 6.

## INTERESTING FACTS #6

### Signature Registry Facts



Registry cover designed by woodcarver Archie Huggins of Warren, Michigan. The two large books containing over 30,000 signatures were donated to the National Boy Scout museum.



Baden Powell (Orville Collins of the Blue Water Council, Port Huron, Michigan) stopped by to add his name to the historic registry.

## ACOV TEAM 7A



**Team members:** Tammie Bachran, Katie Danley, Anthony & Dale Jones

**Team colors:** Sport Grey

**Dates on the Journey:** July 6 to July 17, 2009

**States Traveled:** Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio

**Number of councils visited:** 16

**Total miles:** 1,707

**Days on the road:** 12

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$23,778 (they were the patch sales champs)

**Scout & Scouter registry signatures:** 2,746

**\*\* Special note:** Team 7A raised all their own expense money for their trip.

## TEAM 7A BLOG

July 6, 2009 - Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania (Columbia-Montour Council)

We saw a large group of Scouts waiting for us as we pulled into the council parking lot. The executives had been very thoughtful and brought a birthday cake to celebrate this once-in-a-life-time occasion. There had been an announcement on radio and in the paper to make the community aware of our arrival. After our mural presentation, the highlights began. Dad with sons, moms with sons all coming to see, ask questions and be excited about the details of the centennial tour. One grandpa touched our hearts. His grandson was visiting from Alabama and he had heard about the ACOV tour on radio. We had him point to his Scout book on the side of the RV with his grandson standing beside him. The grandpa said he was going to Alabama with his grandson and son to be at that Scout council when the motorhome arrived there. Pretty cool.

July 16, 2009 - Canton, Ohio (Buckeye Council - 7 Ranges Camp)

The tradition of entering the camp mess hall is a tradition that goes back to the early 1920s. As we watched these young men and women file into the dining hall, it made us ever so proud to be a part of the Boy Scouts of America. Campers came from all directions of camp and proceeded in an orderly manner around the balcony. As they got close to the entrance doors, they got respectfully quiet and folded their arms across their chest. Then in two's they walked into the dining hall passing tables that were already full, quietly finding openings at tables until all 960 Scouts were seated. Yes, 960 seated in an orderly quiet fashion, respectfully.

July 21, 2009 - Columbus, Ohio (Simon-Kenton Council)

Our caravan was warmly greeted by Jan Koma, the Marketing Director for the council. We made our mural presentation to Kerry Cheesman, the Council's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary chairman. Mr. Cheesman thanked us and processed to make several pointed remarks about the values of Scouting in the first 100 years. He proudly mentioned the council's many plans for the upcoming centennial year. Kerry invited all in attendance to come forward and take a closer look at the mural. He assured everyone that the Simon-Kenton council would cherish this unique ACOV gift and hang it in a place of honor.

## TEAM 7A GALLERY



Our first presentation was at the Columbia-Montour Council, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

Scout Executive - Marcel Cinquina



Scouters pointing to the Scout book that they used in their younger days.



Our presentation set up at the Susquehanna Council in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Summer camps were in operation during Team 7A's trip. Most of our presentations were held at council scout camps.



Team Chief Dale Jones being interviewed after a camp presentation.



Westmoreland-Fayette Council in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Looking sharp in those uniforms.



Another camp presentation at the Penn's Woods Council in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.



Mountaineer Area Council, Fairmont, West Virginia. Scout Executive Daniel Wagner.



Mural presentation to Scout Executive Clark Isreal, Ohio River Valley Council in Wheeling, West Virginia, on July 13, 2009.

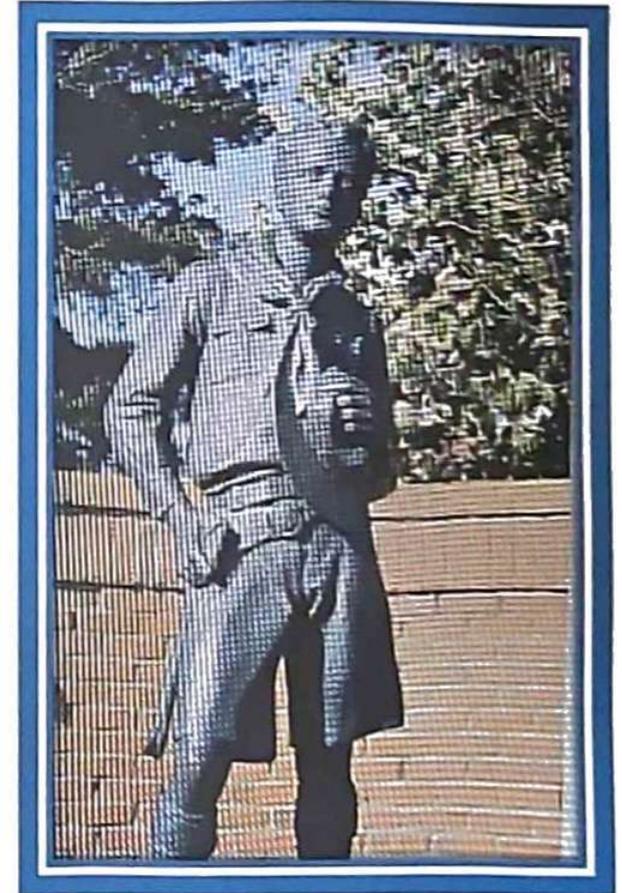
## INTERESTING FACTS #7A

### The McKenzie Statue

(The Ideal Scout/aka: The Boy Scout)

Sculptor Dr. Robert Tait McKenzie (1867-1938) was a personal friend of Lord Baden Powell. Dr. McKenzie sat on the executive board of the Boy Scout Council in Philadelphia for more than 20 years. He was the only artist to take part in five Olympic art competitions, winning a bronze medal in 1932. The IDEAL SCOUT was his most famous work. This life-size statue stood six feet tall and was presented to the Cradle of Liberty Council in 1937. The original of the statue was created in 1914 as an 18" desktop statuette.

Dr. McKenzie said that the boy's uncovered head denoted reverence, obedience to authority and discipline. The hatchet held by the Scout is a symbol of truthfulness and the hope it would never be unsheathed for wanton destruction.



Our ACOV teams found 47 McKenzie statues on their travels. One of the McKenzie replicas can be found in Ottawa, Illinois, adorning the grave site of William D. Boyce, founder of the Boy Scouts of America.

# ACOV TEAM 7B



Mike Moore (left to right), Jody Batten, Janet Vilag, Ron Vilag, Paul Ostrander and Mark Stimac

**Best Known as:** The B's of Team 7

**Team Colors:** Black

**Dates on the Journey:** July 19 to July 31, 2009

**States traveled:** Indiana, Ohio, Michigan

**Number of councils visited:** 15

**Total miles:** 1,138

**Days of the road:** 13

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$11,109

**Scout & Scouter registry signatures:** 1,460

# TEAM 7B BLOG

July 31, 2009 - Grand Rapids, Michigan (Gerald R. Ford Council)

Hello fellow Scouters and friends of ACOV. Our team got on the road early this morning. We headed south to Grand Rapids. We were greeted by Program Director Aaron Gach. He directed us where to park the motorhome so it would get maximum viewing. Our presentation was held inside the council. A full program was planned for their centennial kick-off event. Centennial Chairman, Mike McGee, accepted the historic mural on behalf of the council. Mike then spoke about the council's substantial centennial plans to a packed room of board members, professional staff and other council invited guests.

Team 7B's final thoughts: Our two-week road journey went by too fast. We had an amazing time and enjoyed meeting so many Scouts and Scouters who shared our passion for the Boy Scout organization. Sharing camp stories and experiences with youth and staff has enriched us all and will have long lasting memories. GOD BLESS THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

# TEAM 7B GALLERY



Team Chief Mark Stimac chatting with the local news media.



McKenzie keeping an eye on our team at the Sagamore Council in Kokomo, Indiana.



Many Scout family members took pictures somewhere around the motorhome.



All American Homes General Sales Manager Jay Beplay (third from the left) poses with Team 7B members. The Coachmen/All American Homes in Elkhart, Indiana, donated our motorhome.



Baden Powell joined us at the Blue Water Council presentation in Port Huron, Michigan.



Team member Janet Vilag presents mural to the Council president from the Miami Valley Council, Dayton, Ohio.



Long time Council Commissioner Dr. Sam Prisk, from the Detroit Area Council, is one of our famous Scouters depicted in the mural. Sam is directly below baseball great Hank Arron. Thanks, Sam for all the tremendous years of service to the Scouts of Michigan.

## INTERESTING FACTS #7B

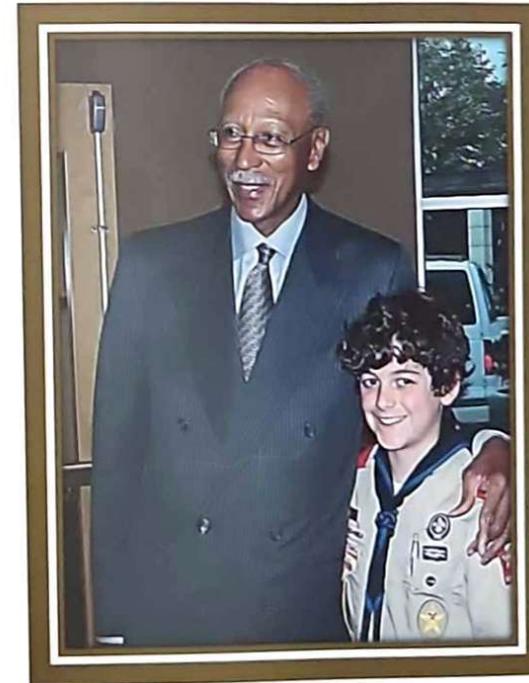
Midway Party

Detroit Area Council

July 28, 2009

Our ACOV journey has reached the half way point after visiting 160 councils so far. The Detroit Area Council was ready to celebrate with us in a spectacular way. We switched the chase vehicle to a Ford Flex. This will help the teams pull the Haulmark trailer over the mountains as they head westward.

Many special guests were present at this council stop including Ford Motor executives, former basketball great and Mayor of Detroit, Dave Bing, key council board members, WJR radio personnel and many local Boy Scout troops and Cub Scout packs.



Mayor Dave Bing with an excited Boy Scout.



(Left to right) Chuck Lang, Council Director of Development/CFO; John Savage, Council Board Member; Tom Linn, Council President/Attorney; Walter Czarneck, VP Penske Corporation; Mike Cox, Michigan State Attorney General; John Felice, VP Ford Motor Company; Dave Bing, Mayor of Detroit.



Mayor Bing speaking at the new Dick and Sandy Dauch Scout Center.



Council President Tom Linn accepting the centennial mural. Dave Oakley from Team 3 assisting with the presentation.



Our Detroit stop had lots of Scouts and Scouters, music, food and speeches.

## ACOV TEAM 8



Chuck (left to right) and Sarah Warren, Katie Hunt, Dorothy and Clyde Davis.

**Team Colors:** Navy Blue

**Best Known as:** The Road Runners

**Dates on the Journey:** August 2 to August 22, 2009

**States traveled:** Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin

**Number of councils visited:** 22

**Total miles:** 2,065

**Days on the road:** 21

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$14,834

**Scout & Scouter registry signatures:** 2,883

## TEAM 8 BLOG

### *Team 8 Cheer*

*I like Cub Scouts and the United States*

*I like Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts do rate*

*"A Century of Values" has made our country great*

*That's why we are proud to be Team 8*

### **August 4, 2009 - Bloomington, Indiana (Hoosier Trails Council)**

We are spending the night at their council building. After a short rest, Scout Executive Randy Brown told us to head over to Indiana University to witness the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). What a wonderful night of music, fun, laughter, food and plain old craziness. Our ACOV motorhome was prominently displayed. With over 7,000 Arrow men in attendance, we were very busy for the next five hours showing off the historic Scout wrap on the RV. Our goal is to gather one million signatures. This registry of signatures will be presented to the National Boy Scout Museum in Irving, Texas, on February 8, 2010, in honor of their centennial celebration. Thanks Coachmen and NOAC for sharing this day with us. More memories made, making the tired feet and bodies ready for bed but making it worth every minute of this special adventure.

### **August 7, 2009 - Belleville, Illinois (Okaw Valley Council)**

The Scout Spirit is everywhere. Visiting the councils proves we are the same everywhere, one huge Scout family, but all uniquely different. Teams before us have said how much fun this ACOV journey is. We agree - words will never describe the memories being made by each team member.

Final thoughts: As Team Chief Clyde Davis mentions at all our presentations, this journey is like going to a family reunion and meeting the cousins you have never met, only we all shop at the same store. We knew throughout the planning and training phases that this adventure would change our Scouting lives. Being ambassadors for the 100<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout anniversary year was awesome. This is one of the best legacies in which we could have ever been involved.

This three-week trip has been dedicated to Team 8 member Robert (Bob) Hunt (1944-2009). Thanks Katie Hunt for sharing Bob with us for so many years.

# TEAM 8 GALLERY



Chicago Area Council on August 17, 2009.



Mural presentation to Scout Executive John Primrose of the Greater Saint Louis Council, St. Louis, Missouri.



Huge crowd with a large American flag flying as we celebrated at the Calumet Council in Munster, Indiana.



Team 8 with their former Scout Executive John Primrose.



Our team presenting the AVOC mural to Scout Executive Daniel O'Brien of the Abraham Lincoln Council in Springfield, Illinois, on August 6, 2009.



Our stop at the Central Regional Office in Naperville, Illinois.

Team 8 members with Joseph and Suzanne Mallon (Frank's brother and niece).

## INTERESTING FACTS #8

### Detroit Area Council camps



Former Scout Executive and ACOV member Chuck Lang does the presentation honors at D-A Scout Ranch. Other team members in the Wycoff mess hall include Mike Lens (far left), Earl Moorhouse, Don Ray, Gordon Draper, Kenny Mills.



Cole Canoe Base presentation to Camp Director Gus Chutorash and Council Camping Chairman Charles Truza. ACOV members include Al Hellar (left to right), Mauri & Maureen Marshall, Frank Mallon, Warner Iseppi.

# ACOV TEAM 9



Bill D'Hondt (left to right), Kenny Mills, Ed Basar, Gordon Draper,  
Ken Norin, Dave Berger, Don Cimo.

**Team Colors:** Maroon

**Dates on the Journey:** August 24 to September 5, 2009

**States traveled:** Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota

**Number of councils visited:** 11

**Total miles:** 1,685

**Days on the road:** 12

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$6,785

**Scout & Scouter registry signatures:** 467

# TEAM 9 BLOG

**August 25, 2009 - Rockford, Illinois (Blackhawk Area Council)**

We had the nicest venue for our ceremony at this council. It was held in an outdoor amphitheater with many unit and American flags flying.

**August 31, 2009 - Marquette, Michigan (Hiawathaland Council)**

Probably, our finest welcome was by Dewey Jones, Council Executive. He welcomed us with a personally prepared steak dinner.

After the mural presentation to his council, he recognized two families with 9 and 19 Eagle Scouts. He also made two special presentations: one to the oldest Cub Scout in the area (Bill Cohodas-age 88) and a second presentation to the oldest Boy Scout (Wilfred Curley-age 93). We had a photo and a news article about our visit in the Marquette Journal.

**September 2, 2009 - Sartell, Minnesota (Central Minnesota Council)**

Scout Executive, David Trehey, had the Miller Castle at Camp Parker opened up for us to use for the evening. We happily took a self-tour of this medieval castle. What a tremendous Cub Scout camp with the Miller Castle as an attraction.

**September 3, 2009**

Our team received a notification from our ACOV headquarters in Detroit that it was time to take the Ford Flex and RV in for maintenance. We drove the vehicles to the Penske truck repair facility in Eau Claire, Minnesota. The Penske crew dropped everything and started to work on the vehicles. Just a quick note: Whenever we stopped at our host Penske facilities for gas, maintenance or repairs, we were always given top priority and friendly treatment. They would also wash both of our vehicles.

**September 5, 2009**

We awoke early to a foggy morning and got ready for the switch over with Team 10. We said our goodbyes and wished Team Chief Lou Pezet and his team the best. They are heading across the northern part of the United States from Minnesota to Washington state. The longest journey of all the teams.

# TEAM 9 GALLERY



Ed Basar presenting the mural to the Milwaukee County Council in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 24, 2009.



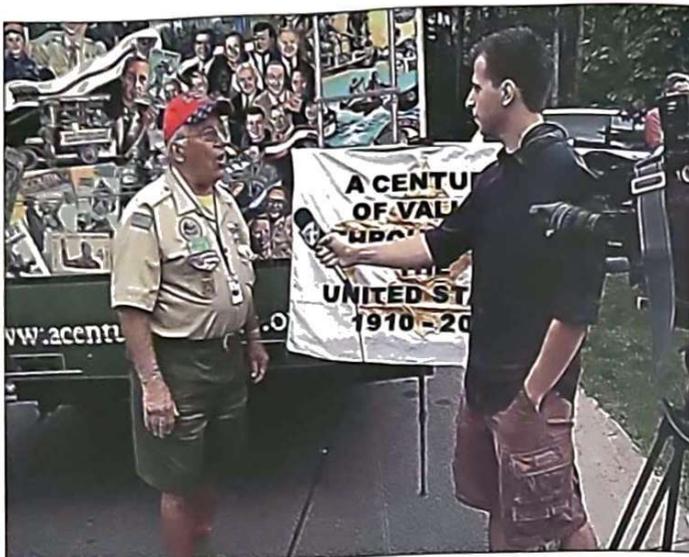
Glacier's Edge Council in Madison, Wisconsin, with Scout Executive Stephen Heck and staff.



Bay Lakes Council presentation to Scout Executive Mark Logemann.  
Appleton, Wisconsin on August 27, 2009.



Gordon Draper pointing out Team 9's travel route in Wisconsin.



Team Chief Ed Basar (a man of few words) being interviewed.



Co-Team Chief Dave Berger presenting our special ACOV Citation Award to Scout Executive Gary Gilger of the Chippewa Valley Council in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

## INTERESTING FACTS #9

### Maintenance / Injury Report

Major	Minor	Close Calls
Trailer - Hit in the rear left side by car (\$900)	RV- replaced rear bumper skids (\$200).	RV - near rollover (twice)
RV - jackknifed with trailer attached (damaged front face of trailer). Repaired by Team 1.	Chase vehicle - hitch loose (repaired by local auto dealer).	Fire truck nearly broadsided the Ford Escape.
RV- Damaged left rear pulling away from the gas pump (\$500).	RV - rear driver's side lightly damaged backing up (Penske repaired).	Jackknifed RV with trailer hooked onto it. No personnel injuries.
	RV - two flat tires (Penske repaired).	Several chase vehicle hitch problems.
	RV - front driver's corner damaged by overhang (Penske repaired).	A few minor personnel injuries.
ACOV estimated costs	\$23,000	* \$19,000 for two RV wrap jobs
Penske estimated costs	\$27,000	Gas, tune ups, repairs
	Estimated \$50,000	



A few of the many Penske folks we encountered. Dennis Kallio (on left) and his maintenance partner Chet Klos (third from the left) were both superior, team repair experts.

# ACOV TEAM 10



Bob France (left to right), Vic Muzzin, Walt Yakima, Lou Pezet, John Dam  
(Mark Lenz, Dave Tamsen are absent).

**Team colors:** Sand Tan

**Dates on the Journey:** August 8 to October 2, 2009

**States traveled:** Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Washington

**Number of councils visited:** 23

**Total miles:** 4,265 (most of any team)

**Days on the road:** 28

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$18,755

**Scout & Scouter registry signatures:** 2,024

# TEAM 10 BLOG

**September 13, 2009 - Cedar Rapids, Missouri (Hawkeye Area Council)**

The Hawkeye Area proved to be extraordinarily gracious hosts. Resident miracle worker Dawn Svensen spent days working with the National Park Service to ensure that we would be allowed to set up camp on their grounds. Our presentation had an all-time high attendance as we were mobbed by many Scout units that came to view the motor coach. We recorded more than 300 registry signatures. Every district in the council was represented. The council has a very dynamic Scouting program that supports over 7,500 youth. After the mural presentation to Scout Executive Travis Christopher, the team was invited to stay for the council's annual endowment picnic dinner as we joined in recognizing two new James E. West Fellows.

**September 15, 2009 - St. Joseph, Missouri (Pony Express Council)**

This council is fortunate to have a scale replica of the Statue of Liberty, known as "Little Sister," donated to the city by the Pony Express Council in 1950. Our visit was incorporated into a centennial kick-off that began with a rededication of the statue. This event itself almost defies description. It began with all of the surrounding churches ringing their bells simultaneously, followed by a performance by the local high school band. Dozens of Cub and Boy Scout units formed with flags flying in front of City Hall. Following this rededication, the ACOV mural was presented to Scout Executive Alan Franks. The four Thomas brothers did a spectacular job in impersonating; Baden Powell, Ernest Seton, James E. West and Daniel Beard. They also had to endure an in-depth interview by a committee of local Scouters to test their biographical knowledge. We then returned to Camper Geiger around 9:00 p.m. for some needed rest and relaxation. Westward HO we GO!

**September 26, 2009 - Cody, Wyoming (Central Wyoming Council)**

As we were preparing to pack up and head for a commercial campground in Cody, Ranger Chris Ball extended an invitation to spend a night or two at Camp Buffalo Bill, just seven miles from the east gate of Yellowstone National Park. Although we were eager to accept, we were a little concerned about food odors that permeated the motorhome as the camp lies in an area heavily populated by grizzly bears. Once Chris assured us that he and the bears had an understanding that they would never bother us without his permission, we headed for the east gate.

# TEAM 10 GALLERY



Presentation to Scout Executive Michael Hale of the Cornhusker Council in Walton, Nebraska.



Team 10's visit to the Jayhawk Council in Topeka, Kansas. Very large crowd.



Sioux Council in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Presentation to Scout Executive Tom Smotheman on September 22, 2009 by Lou Pezet and John Dam.



Northern Lights Council mural presentation to Scout Executive Mark Holtz of Fargo, North Dakota.



Our council stop at the Mount Baker Council in Everett, Washington.



End of the road for Team 10 was their visit to the Pacific Harbors Council in Tacoma, Washington. The council ladies wasted no time in getting the mural displayed in their lobby.

## INTERESTING FACTS #10

### Our Sixteen ACOV Travel Teams

Our teams consisted of 62 male Scouters and 22 female Scouters.

Each team had a training exercise weekend in 2008 to get them used to working smoothly as a team and getting familiar driving the motorhome. All teams traveled to a specific Michigan council and set up a standard council presentation. Two of the teams were split into 7A, 7B and 14A, 14B. Those teams only had a two-week trip. Teams varied in size from four to seven members and traveled from two to five weeks.

#### Requirements:

1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. A person of high moral strength and character.
3. Must adhere to and follow the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
4. Prefer they be at least 21 years of age and a citizen of the United States of America.

The Team Chief was responsible for the management, operation and execution of the road crew. A few of the standard policies developed by our support personnel included:

Uniform & leisure dress requirements

Sample of council presentation remarks

Media release details/daily communications with ACOV home base

Sales and inventory procedures

Motorhome, chase vehicle and storage trailer inventory and care

Security and safety policies

Staff meeting topics along with sales reporting processes

Transition/switchover guidelines

You name it - we had comments, instructions and policies to cover all journey activities.

# ACOV TEAM 11



Hanson Lee (left to right)), Sue Larabell, Jim Meek, Wanda & Brian Meisner.

**Team Colors:** Navy

**Dates on the Journey:** October 4 to October 24, 2009

**States traveled:** Washington, Oregon, Utah, Colorado

**Number of councils visited:** 16

**Total miles:** 2,955

**Days on the road:** 21

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$12,042

**Scout & Scouter registry signatures:** 1,217

# TEAM 11 BLOG

**October 14, 2009 - Ogden, Utah (Trapper Trails Council)**

Trapper Trails Council was amazing. They serve 60,000 kids with 3,800 units in 18 districts. Looking out of the council board room is a vista of snow-covered mountains. Below is a high and low COPE course, yep, right on council grounds.

**October 21, 2009 - Pueblo, Colorado**

Finally, a rainy night. We were getting bored with all the fantastic weather. After breakfast at I-Hop, we headed to the Pueblo Convention Center for the mural presentation. Pueblo is home to four Medal of Honor recipients, more than any other city. One from WWII, two from Korea and one from Vietnam. President Eisenhower said that there must be something in Pueblo's water to produce so many heroes. While traveling in Colorado, we reached elevations of 12,000 feet at some of the mountain passes.

Our final presentation was to Scout Executive Keith Alder on October 22 at the Western Colorado Council by Hanson Lee. This was Hanson's second tour of duty having been the Team Chief on Team 6. A BIG thank you from ACOV Team 11 for a great ending of this historic journey.

# TEAM 11 GALLERY



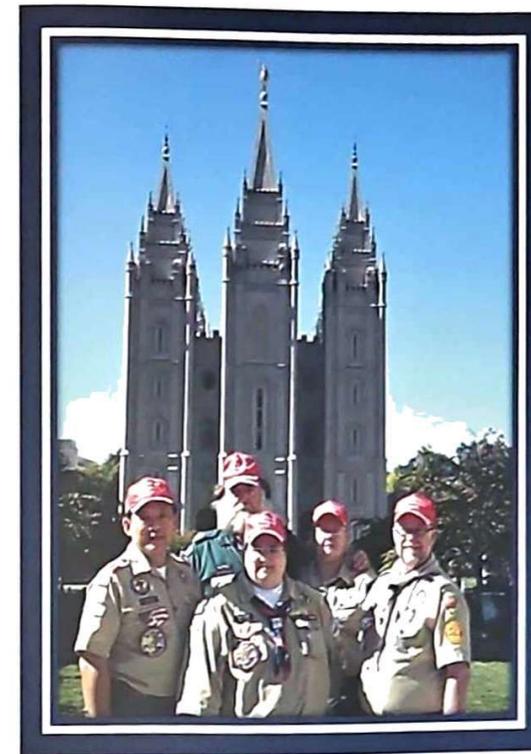
Longs Peak Council, Greeley, Colorado, on October 18, 2009.



Team Chief Jim Meek presenting Scout Executive Jeffery Hermann our Certificate of Appreciation Award in Denver Area Council, Denver, Colorado.



Scout Executive receiving our special ACOV Certificate of Appreciation Award at the Great Salt Lake Council in Salt Lake City Utah, on October 16, 2009.



The famous Mormon Tabernacle Temple located on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Mural presentation on October 6, 2009, to the Grand Columbia Council in Yakima, Washington, to Scout Executive Robert Fawcett by Hanson Lee (on left) and Jim Meek.

## INTERESTING FACTS #11

### Spare Time Activities

Just a few of the "Wonders of America" that our ACOV travel teams had the privilege to visit/witness:

Our teams visited or camped at 71 Boy Scout camps.

They camped at 74 KOA campgrounds.

Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida High Adventure Base, UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico,

Cowboy Hall of Fame, Lexington Aircraft Carrier, Blue Media Studios in Tempe, Arizona,

Stone Mountain (Blue Ridge Council), The Alamo in San Antonio, Texas,

U.S. Capital Building, Norman Rockwell Museum, Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame, Boy Scout National Museum in Irving, Texas, Gulf of Mexico,

St. Louis Cardinals Bush Stadium, San Francisco Bay, Yosemite National Park,

Atlanta and Pacific Oceans, Louisville Slugger Baseball Bat Factory,

Yellowstone National Park, Hoover Museum, Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego, California,

Mormon Tabernacle Temple, Niagara Falls, Historic St. James Hotel in New Mexico, Fisherman's Wharf, Queen Mary Ship/Hotel, Dodge City, Snake River Canyon, Crater Lake National Park, Mount Rainier, Mount Hood, Great Salt Lake, Universal Studios, Rose Bowl, Mormon Tabernacle Temple, The Aquarium of the Pacific, Hoover Dam, Redwood Forests, Colorado National Monument Park, Shoshone Falls, Idaho, All the Great Lakes, Our Four Regional Scout Offices, William D. Boyce's grave site (Founder of the Boy Scouts in America).

Along the way team members were visited by other family members or relatives. Often staying at their homes or dining with them. As the teams traveled throughout America, they met many professional Scouters that they knew either from past Scouting events or from knowing them when they served in the Detroit Area Council. So many great memories.

## ACOV TEAM 12



Mary (left to right) and Harry Price, Robin Allen, Mary and Mike Price, Rod Allen.

**Team Colors:** Safety Green

**Dates of the Journey:** October 25 to November 7, 2009

**States traveled:** Utah, Nevada, California

**Number of states visited:** 13

**Total miles:** 1,440

**Day on the road:** 14

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$7,009

**Scout & Scouter registry signatures:** 227

## TEAM 12 BLOG

October 28, 2009 - Reno, Nevada (Nevada Area Council)

Team 12's decision to stay in Wendover, Nevada, for the night proved to be a wise choice. We were awoken at 2:00 a.m. by winds strong enough to lift the slide panel on the motorhome. There were several times during the storm that we all thought the RV might roll over due to the strength of the winds. Temperatures had dropped during the night to the high 30's and with the wind chill it definitely made for a cold departure. Fortunately, we didn't have the snow that Salt Lake City and Reno received from this storm.

November 5, 2009 - Foster City, California (Pacific Skyline Council)

The first presentation today was scheduled for 2:30 p.m. and to date we have a 100% track record of arriving early.

As the RV pulled into the council grounds we were greeted by a group of excited volunteers and staff who were waiting like a bunch of kids on Christmas Eve. What a wonderful group of Scouters. We did see our first McKenzie statue.

November 6, 2009 - San Jose/Salinas, California (Santa Clara County & Monterey Bay Area Council)

Well it is our last day of presentations, and when we poked our heads out of the motor home this morning, we realized we could see the Pacific Ocean from our campsite at the KOA. We had a gorgeous trip down U.S. Route 101, along the Pacific Coast, into Santa Cruz and then a trip up and over the mountains to San Jose. We couldn't have asked for a better way to end our leg of the journey. At the Santa Clara Council we presented the mural to Scout Executive Jason Stein. After a quick lunch, we headed off for our final presentation at the Monterey Bay Area Council in Salinas, California, home of the National Chief Scout Executive, Robert J. Mazzuca.

As in past council presentations, many long-time Scouters stopped by to share their Scouting stories and memories. The Order of the Arrow is active in this Council with a large majority of the professional staff being members.

We were a team of three couples who started out as friends, and we ended our two weeks as even better friends.

Here's thanking all the ACOV support staff for their hard work and for this opportunity to be a part of history and take part in a "Once in a Lifetime Adventure." Super fun and educational.

## TEAM 12 GALLERY



Mural presentation to Scout Executive Martin Baldwin at the Utah National Parks Council, Orem, Utah, on October 26, 2009.



Presentation at Monterey Bay Area Council on November 6, 2009.



Council Scouters checking out the motorhome. Nevada Area Council, Reno, Nevada.



Another IDEAL Scout located at the Pacific Skyline Council, Foster City, California.



Happy crowd at the Pacific Skyline Council, Foster City, California presentation.



San Francisco Bay Area Council in San Leandro, California, with Scout Executive Robert Dees.



Cub Scouts thanking Team 12 for stopping by to help them celebrate the "Values of Scouting."



Martin Area Council, San Rafael, California. Scout Executive Alan Westberg.

## INTERESTING FACTS #12

### ACOV General Travel Plan



Team 1 headed due south from the state of Michigan on February 8, 2009, (green line). Teams 2 and 3 then moved eastward toward Florida and northward up the east coast. Teams 4 through 9 then traveled westward across the upper mid-central states and north into Wisconsin/Minnesota. Team 10 headed west to the State of Washington to visit the upper United States and parts of the Northwest. Teams 11, 12 and 13 traveled southward toward California, picking up additional west coast states. From California, Team 14 traveled across the southwest part of the country. The final stop on this epic journey was at Irving, Texas, to celebrate Scouting's Centennial Birthday at the National Boy Scout Museum on February 8, 2010.

# ACOV TEAM 13



Dave & Kathy Busse, (left to right) Mark & Michele Hodges, Chuck Prohaska.

Artist Bill Morrison is pictured on the left.

**Best Known as:** Lucky Thirteen

**Team Colors:** Cardinal Red

**Dates on the Journey:** November 8 to November 21, 2009

**States traveled:** Nevada, California

**Number of Councils visited:** 13

**Total miles:** 1,430

**Days on the road:** 13

**Team sales of patches and murals:** \$10,688

**Scout & Scouter registry signatures:** 319

# TEAM 13 BLOG

November 10, 2009 - Bakersfield, California (Ventura County Council)

Our second mural presentation today was of significant importance because Bill Morrison, creator and artist of our coveted ACOV historic mural, was in attendance. Bill agreed to sign purchased murals which caused a mad rush on the credit card machine. It seemed that everyone wanted an autographed copy.

Although Bill held center stage, an unknown artist finally received the honors and platitudes he richly deserved. Team 13 member Mark Hodges designed the centennial patch. Somehow word got out and soon everyone wanted Mark to autograph the patches they purchased. By the end of the day both Bill and Mark were soaking their hands in Epsom salt water trying to recover from their writer's cramp.

November 16, 2009

Our second presentation today was to the Long Beach Council at the Virginia Country Club. The council was holding its 36<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing and asked us to give the ACOV presentation before dinner. We were doubly honored because in attendance at the dinner was Rick Williamson. Rick is currently BSA's Western Region Area IV Director and former Scout Executive of the Detroit Area Council. Mr. Williamson's leadership helped make the ACOV journey a reality.

November 19, 2009 - Las Vegas, Nevada

Our presentation was given to the council key three. All three gentlemen were very impressed with our mission. They were surprised at the large number of volunteers who gave up vacation days and being with their families to travel the nation and thank all the Boy Scout councils for keeping the values of Scouting alive.

November 21, 2009 - San Diego, California

**MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.** Our last day was uneventful as we traveled the 345 miles from Las Vegas to San Diego, California, to retire the motorhome, Ford Flex and trailer into storage at a Penske dealership. Team 14A will be picking it up in January, 2010. We stayed the night at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, thanks to General Manager Ted Kanatas, a friend of executive board member Frank Mallon. Based on our two-week experience, we are sure that the "Values of Scouting" are alive and well in our great nation.

# TEAM 13 GALLERY



Team Chief Dave Busse presenting the mural to the Las Vegas Council's Key Three Leadership on November 19, 2009.



Our artist Bill Morrison signing a mural for a Ventura County Council Scouter.



Bill joined Team 13 again at the Los Angeles Area Council.



Team members Dave Busse & Mark Hodges enjoying an evening at the Long Beach Area Council in Long Beach, California.



T Michele Hodges (on left) and Kathy Busse working the busy patch table in Santa Ana, California.



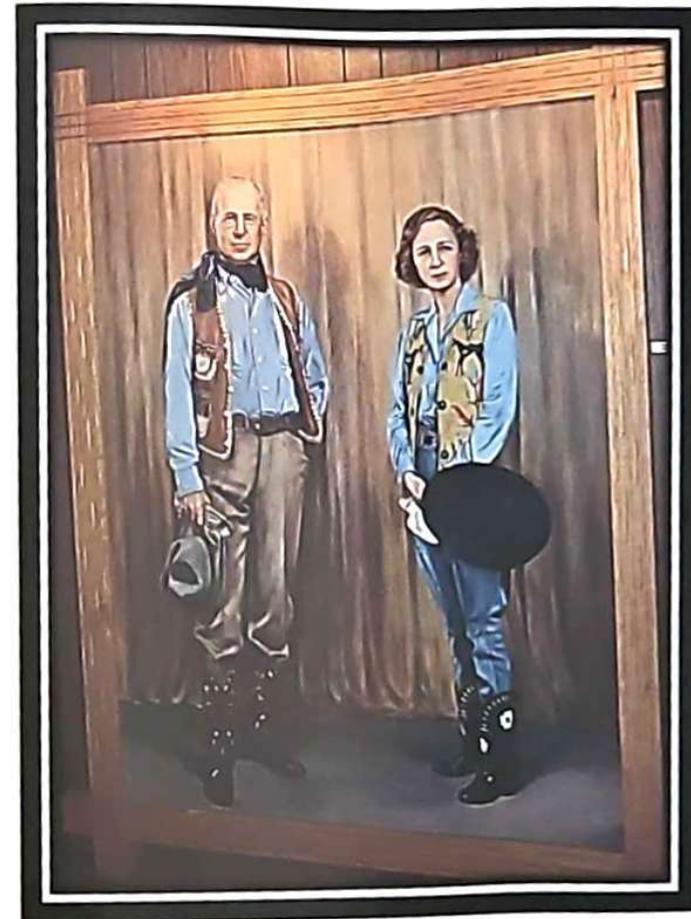
Presenting of mural to the California Inland Empire Council in Redlands, California.

## INTERESTING FACTS #13

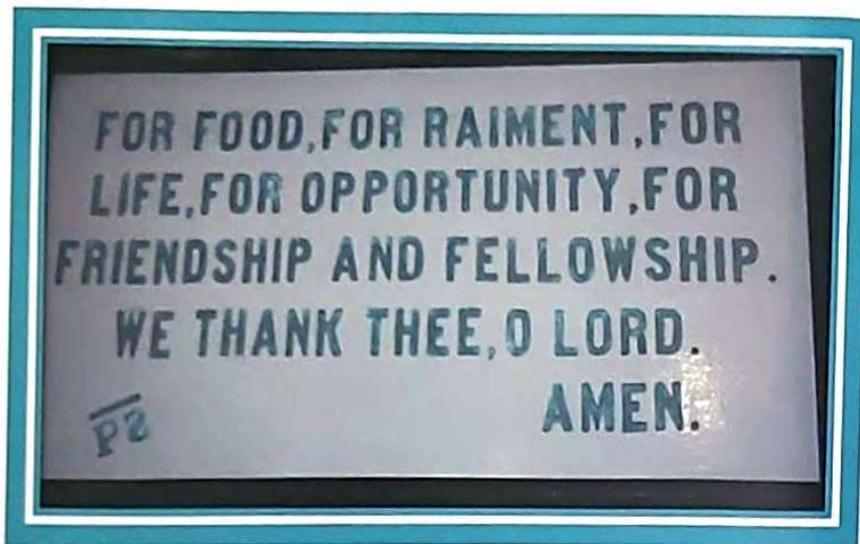
Our ACOV visit at Philmont Scout Ranch

(part one)

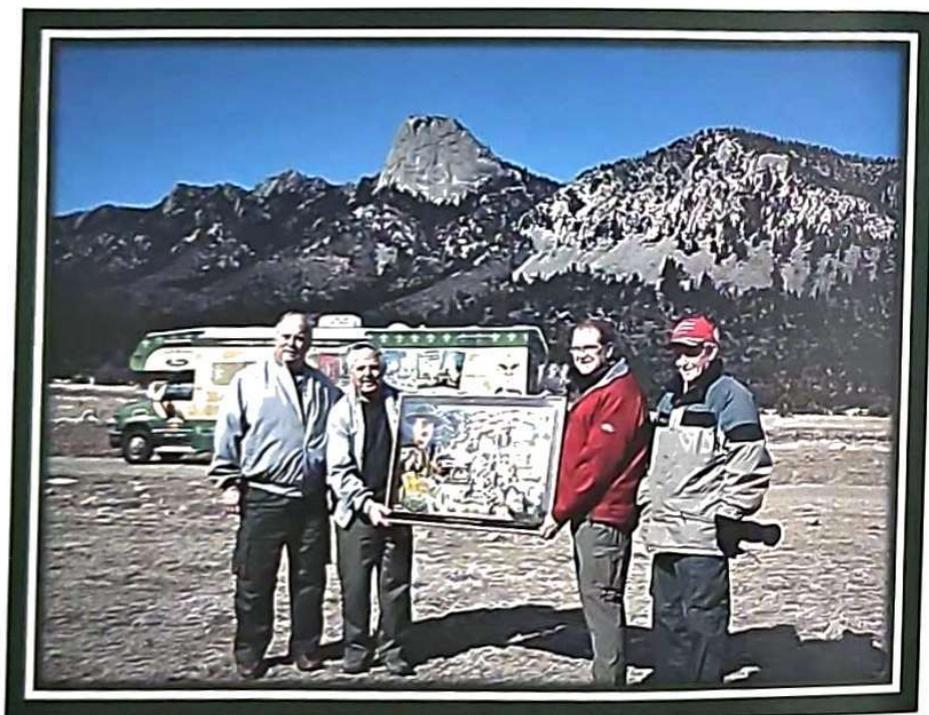
In 1938 Waite and Genevieve Phillips of Tulsa, Oklahoma, gifted 35,857 acres of mountainous backcountry to the Boy Scouts of America. This property is located a few miles northwest of Cimarron, New Mexico. In December of 1941, Mr. Phillips donated another 91,538 acres to the Boy Scouts of America. Today the Philmont Scout Ranch is valued as a Scouting paradise.



Waite and Genevieve Phillips' portrait located in the Villa Philmonte museum.



The Philmont Grace is said in the mess hall by thousands of Scouts every year.



Special presentation to Camp Controller Steve Nelson by Team 14A members Dennis, Chet and Frank (left to right). Steve was our gracious host during our three day stay at Philmont.

## ACOV TEAM 14A



Don Ray (left to right), Frank Mallon, Carl Lowry, Chet Klos, Dennis Kallio.

Team Motto: Reach the End - Begin Again - BSA 2010

Team Colors: Green

Dates on the Journey: January 9 to January 20, 2010

States traveled: California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas

Number of councils visited: 7

Total miles: 995

Days on the road: 12

Team sales of patches and murals: \$15,737 (14A & 14B)

Scout & Scouter registry signatures: 1,060 (14A & 14B)

## TEAM 14A BLOG

**January 12, 2010 - San Diego, California (San Diego-Imperial Council)**

On Sunday we visited the "Adventure Base 100" National tour. We met all the key leaders, witnessed a beautiful Wood Badge beading ceremony, and we were given the stage to promote our visit to the local San Diego Council. We just missed Bob Mersereau (the National BSA Centennial Chairman) as he had wanted to get a photo of the ACOV and the Adventure Base 100 vehicles together.

**January 13, 2010 - Phoenix, Arizona (Grand Canyon Council)**

Arrived in the area around 3:00 p.m. after a 350 mile drive from San Diego. We were advised that we could stay the evening at their South Mountain Pueblo Scout Camp. Ranger Larry Carpenter offered us cabins to stay in but we decided to sleep in the motorhome. What a beautiful camp.

**January 15, 2010 - Phoenix, Arizona (Grand Canyon Council)**

We made a short jaunt to Tempe to visit the BLUE MEDIA company. CEO RJ Orr treated the team to a detailed tour of their factory facilities. This company was responsible for the RV wrap. We stopped to have the latest edition of the 2009 Scout handbook and our council's new name, Great Lakes, added to the motorhome.

**January 22, 2010 - Cimarron, New Mexico (Philmont Scout Ranch)**

Weather was great, allowing us to experience numerous adventures throughout the day. In the afternoon, Steve Nelson took us into the back country via a four-wheel drive vehicle to visit Waite Phillip's hunting lodge and Cimarroncito Camp located at the base of the "Tooth of Time." We were at 9,000 feet, and it was snowing. Our mural presentation is tomorrow morning at a local Philmont Cub Scout pack marble tournament.

Team 14B joined us at Philmont. We now have two ladies on board to help with the final run to Irving, Texas. Time to get the motorhome cleaned and prepared for our new team members.

## TEAM 14A GALLERY



Impressive Wood Badge beading ceremony for a group of San Diego-Imperial Council Scouters.



Thanking the Penske dealership in San Diego for securing our vehicles in December and January until Team 14A arrived.



A quick stop at Blue Media for some RV wrap maintenance. We presented CEO RJ Orr with a mural. We told him how grateful we were, and everyone loved the wrap that his artists designed.



Dennis Kallio is proud of his new Scout shop purchase.



WOW- Council Centennial Chairman John Thilman (driving) is the owner of this spectacular car. John plans to drive it to the National Scout Jamboree in 2010.



Yucca Council, El Paso, Texas.



Dennis showing off our Team 14 flag.



Team 14B arrives at Philmont as we continue the journey to Irving, Texas.  
Sharon Mallon (left to right) Chet Klos, Nancy Burtka, Don Ray, Larry Burtka, Carl Lowry and  
Dennis Kallio.

## INTERESTING FACTS #14

Philmont Scout Ranch

(part two)



The Villa Philmonte Estate and Museum of Waite Phillips.



Team 14 members enjoying an ice cream break in downtown Cimarron.



Waite Phillips hunting cabin in the Philmont back country, elevation 9,000 feet.



So long from beautiful Philmont country. Sharon Mallon, a Philmont ranger, Dennis, Carl and Steve Nelson (our outstanding host).

## TEAM 14B



Frank Mallon (left to right), Nancy Burtka, Sharon Mallon, Dennis Kallio, Larry Burtka

Team Colors: Green

Dates on the Journey: January 20 to February 10, 2010

States traveled: New Mexico, Kansas, Arizona, Louisiana, Texas

Number of councils visited: 13

Total miles: 2,275

Days on the road: 24

Team sales of patches and murals: \$15,737 (Total by both teams)

Scout & Scouter registry signatures: 1,060 (Total by both teams)

## TEAM 14B BLOG

**January 27, 2010 - Garden City, Kansas (Santa Fe Trail Council)**

We were greeted in Kansas by Scout Executive John Hogg. This council has active Scouting members in three different cities, and John was our host for all of them. John joined us in Liberal, Kansas and then guided us on to Garden City, Kansas. We will always remember our approach to Garden City. Rounding the corner to the presentation location we were greeted by a large welcoming crowd standing and cheering in the evening cold with over 400 Scouts and Scouters. A third presentation and the official donation of the mural was in Dodge City to the council's executive board. We had wonderful attendance at all three stops. John Hogg was a very enthusiastic leader. We voted him the most positive, vibrant executive we have encountered. He was a newly assigned professional having just moved to the Santa Fe Trail Council from Lansing, Michigan. Eight presentations remaining before we arrive in Irving, Texas. Time to get out of Dodge!

**February 1, 2010 - Durant, Oklahoma (KOA stop)**

This KOA was located right next to a new gambling casino. It was a beautiful Indian resort site. Wonderful facilities with laundry rooms, very comfortable showers, a game room and access to internet and a wide-screen television. Life is good.

**February 5 - Dallas, Texas (Circle Ten Council)**

This is a large council and a beautiful building with a huge staff. I guess that's because it's Texas and things are, as they say, BIG. After a complete tour of their facility, we made the mural presentation to Scout Executive Ponce Duran. The motorhome was hooked up by the front entrance of the council for the evening. Off to Irving, Texas, for our ACOV's last official mural presentation to the folks at the National Boy Scout Headquarters.

## TEAM 14B GALLERY



Team 14 members enjoying a private showing of an NFL playoff game at a secret location. Somewhere comfortable at the Philmont Training Center.



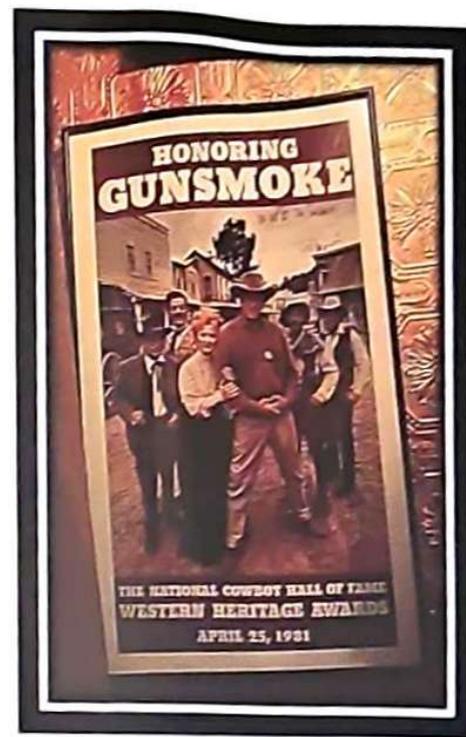
Presentation by Larry Burtka at the South Plains Council in Lubbock, Texas.



Sharon Mallon collecting registry signatures from council staff personnel.



On our way to the Quivira Council in Wichita, Kansas, the team ran into a severe ice and snow storm. We spent the night at their Camp Kanza and gave the presentation to Camp Ranger John and his wife Carol. An audience of two. A very enjoyable evening.



We could not "Get Out of Dodge" before saying hello to U.S. Marshall Matt Dillon and his friends.



A quick Penske stop for a little damage repair.



We stopped at the Paris, Texas, Rotary Club for lunch and made our mural presentation to Scout Executive Bobby Schultz from the NeTseO Trails Council.



Presentation to Scout Executive Richard Sorrell of the Caddo Area Council in Texarkana, Texas. Childhood town of Eagle Scout Ross Perot.

## TEAM IRVING



Lou Pezet (left to right), Mike Lens, Warner Iseppi, Katie Hunt, Al Hellar, Dorothy Davis, Clyde Davis, Sarah Warren, Chuck Warren, Darrell Corp, Sharon Mallon, Harry Price, Frank Mallon, Mary Price, Larry Burtka, Dennis Kallio, Patrick Mallon, Nancy Burtka, Michael Mallon

The final act of this year long national road trip ended at the National Boy Scout Museum in Irving, Texas. Twenty additional team members drove from Michigan to Texas to be a part of this special centennial mural presentation.

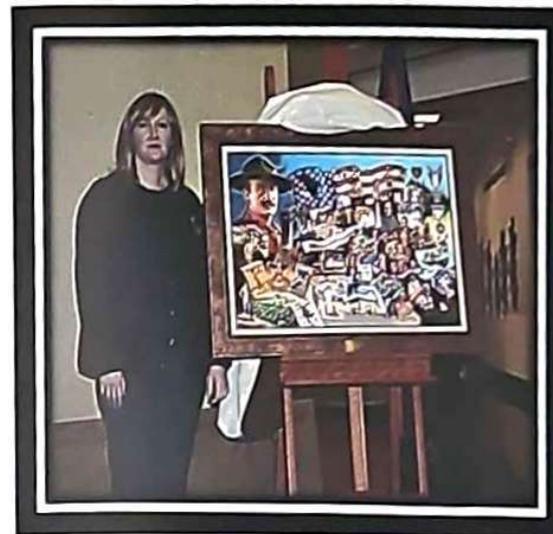
## GALLERY OF PICTURES COVERING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Most of Team Irving are in this photo. Please notice one of our Texas hosts on the far right of the photo. It is Leon Stirm (light yellow shirt) who is a high school classmate of Frank Mallon. Leon organized a special party for us at his church. We also had the original oil painting of the mural by artist Bill Morrison mailed to his home for easy delivery to the museum. Several members also stayed a few days with Leon and his wife, Fu, before driving the caravan vehicles back to Michigan. Thanks Leon.



Larry Burtka describing the Scouting items in the mural during the final presentation.



Museum Curator, Elizabeth Brinkley, accepting the original centennial oil painting.



Artists sometimes place themselves in their painting. Bill said he did not. If you look closely at the Scout in the front of the canoe, you will see that Scout looks very much like Bill Morrison.

## INTERESTING FACTS #15

### Special Deliveries

Due to transportation concerns several councils were mailed a copy of the centennial mural. Among those that were not personally visited by one of our teams were the Western Alaska and the Midnight Sun councils (Alaska), as well as the Aloha and Maui Councils (Hawaii). Murals were also mailed to the Scout Executives at the Far East Council in Tokyo, Japan, and the Puerto Rico Council in San Sebastian, Puerto Rico.

Albert Hellar, ACOV Executive Board Member, decided to visit the councils in Alaska and Hawaii to make sure they received their murals. Big Al would often say, "someone has to do it."



Al found the mural at the Aloha Council, Honolulu, while visiting with Scout Executive Rees Falkner.



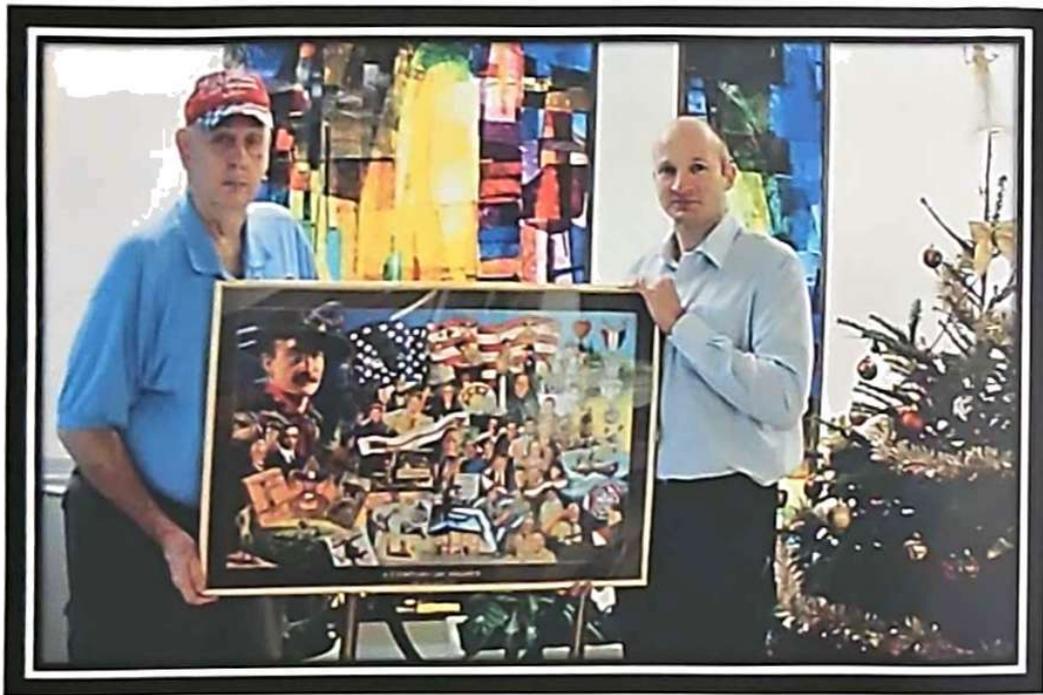
Mr. Hellar posing with council staff at the Maui County Council in Wailuku, Maui.



Albert thanking Scout Executive Clifford Crismore of the Midnight Sun Council in Fairbanks, Alaska.



Al traveled to Anchorage to visit the Great Alaska Council and Scout Executive William Haines.



Special Centennial Mural Print #2 was PERSONALLY delivered to Gilwell Park, Chingford, England, by Team Chief Mauri Marshall. On December 23, 2013, our portrait was presented to vice-archivist, Andrew Lannin.



Dave Oakley (on left) and Norm Tabaka presenting the mural to Michael Patrick of the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve on June 27, 2015.

The painting is located in the Scott Visitor Center.

The Summit Bechtel Family National Reserve (SBR), located in Fayette and Raleigh counties, near Beckley, West Virginia, is one of four facilities managed by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Summit Bechtel Reserve is the current home of the National Scout Jamboree, the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base, the James C. Justice National Scout Camp and the John D. Tickle National Training and Leadership Center. The reserve comprises properties totaling over 14,000 acres. The facility's opening event was the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.

# VICTORY LAPS

(March 13 thru October 25, 2010)

Our team personnel took a month off after arriving back in Michigan on February 12, 2010. For the next seven months we kept busy with visits to events, covering 62 days of additional road days. Teams participated in numerous local and state parades, council camporees, day camps, Scout camps, Scout reunions and museums. We also had three major events outside the state of Michigan undertaken by various team members. These included: the Greater St. Louis Council's Centennial camporee on June 3-7; The Suffolk County Council's camporee on October 15-18, in Long Island, New York; The Piedmont Council's Centennial rendezvous on October 22-25, in Shelby, North Carolina.

The major event that our ACOV members attended was the 17day adventure to the 17<sup>th</sup> National Boy Scout Jamboree from July 22 to August 7, 2010, at Fort A.P. Hill, Bowling Green, Virginia.

## TEAM JAMBOREE



Bob Wolf (back row, left to right); John Dam, Mauri Marshall, Lou Pezet, Mike Orzol, Chuck Warren (in blue, front row), Al Hellar, Frank Mallon.



National Boy Scout parade in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, July 26, 2010.



Mauri Marshall and Al Hellar setting up our mural display.



John Dam supervising Scouts that are taking our mural quiz. Top winner each day received a free centennial portrait.



One of hundreds of Scouters that studied the mural before taking our quiz.



Team member Bob Wolf instructing Jamboree Scouts about the many interesting facts about the motorhome and mural.



Notice our ACOV patch on the Giant Jamboree Board. Our patch is located near the City of Detroit.



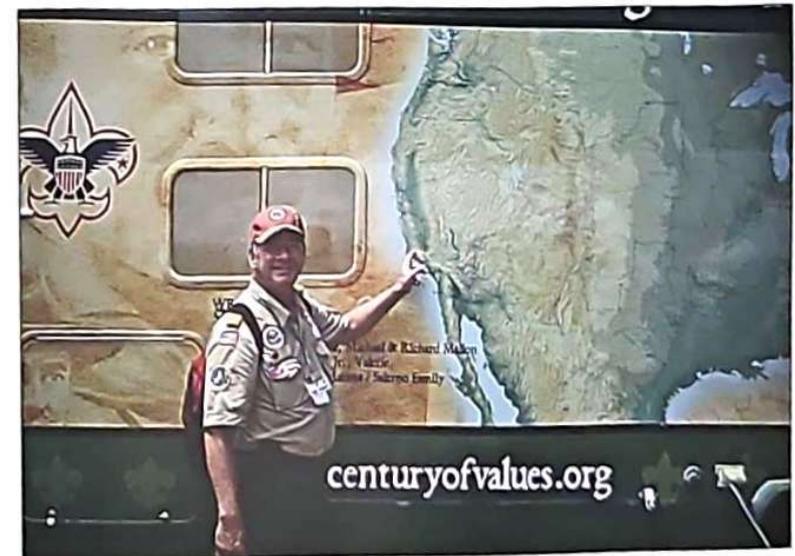
Great Lakes Council banner set up at our motorhome Jamboree exhibit.



Lou Pezet and Mike Orzol returning early from their break. It was extremely hot during this Jamboree. Our motorhome's refreshing air conditioning was a blessing.



Mauri and Frank displaying our Laingsburg kick-off flag.



Former Detroit Area Council Scout Executive Rick Williamson drops by to say hello. Rick was a strong supporter of the ACOV National Road Journey.

## TEAM PENTAGON

In June of 2014 another team of ACOV volunteers spearheaded a special trip to Washington, D.C. Their mission was to deliver Centennial Mural Print #1 to the United States Pentagon. Three of our five executive board members went on this final victory lap adventure.



Darrell Corp (left to right), Larry and Nancy Burtka, Katie Hunt, Earl Moorhouse, Sharon & Frank Mallon.



Print ONE was gifted to the office of the Historical Exhibits.

It is currently hanging proudly in the right alcove wing of the Pentagon 3<sup>rd</sup> Level 1/2 Apex. Albert Lee Jones, Curator, coordinated our presentation. Brenda was our Pentagon host.



Sharon, Warner, Earl and Darrell on the D.C. site seeing trail after our Pentagon presentation earlier in the morning.



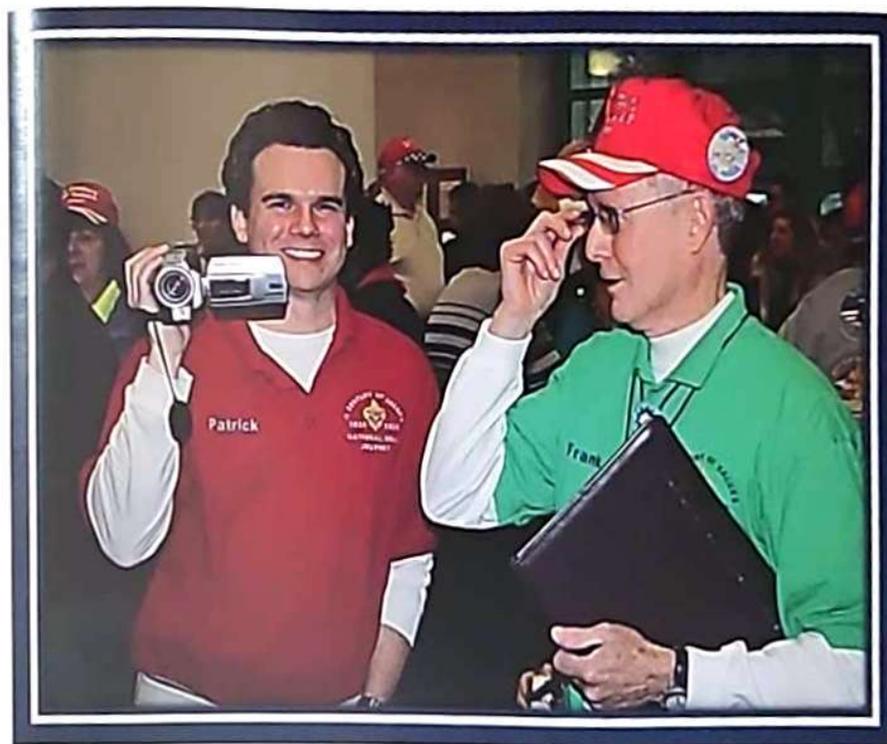
Our hosts while we were in the Washington, D.C. area were Gene and Penny McGrath (center of photo) of Burke, Virginia.

## FRANK'S FEW

Our Centennial Anniversary dream did go, "Where no Scout adventure has gone before." This Century of Values road journey created a flywheel of energy and enthusiasm. It should encourage our next century of Scouts and Scouters to keep this organization called the Boy Scouts of America, ALIVE, EXCITING AND STRONG. God Bless the Boy Scouts and the United States of America.

The trip is done,  
Gone the sun,  
From the east,  
To the west,  
All is well,  
Safety pray,  
God is nigh.

By Bob Freehan



"Thanks Dad, Let's do it again in 2110."

On March 1, 2015, the "A Century of Values" executive board members presented the Great Lakes Council a gift of \$100,000. The donations are to be used in the council's following Scouting programs.



- \$20,000 for Cole Canoe Base pavilion construction.
- \$14,000 to the Tom Trainor Scout museum at D-A Scout ranch.
- \$25,000 for the establishment of an ACOV Eagle Scout scholarship fund.
- \$25,000 to the Order of the Arrow campership fund.
- \$14,000 to the Wood Badge National Youth Leadership Training programs.
- \$2,000 for two bronze ACOV recognition plaques for D-A and Cole Canoe Base scout camps.



Baden Powell would have said: "Where do we begin in giving all these wonderful folks a giant 'Scout Salute' for their unbelievable ACOV support."



Coachman Industries, Penske Corporation, Ford Motor Company, EPEDX Corporation and KOA Campgrounds (our major sponsors). American Legion and VFW posts, Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs, Shelby Patch Company, Comerica Bank, Our Credit Union of Royal Oak, Blue Media, AJAX Trailers, Meadowbrook Art Center, Graphik Concepts, WJR radio, DeCarlo's Banquet Center, ACOV travel and support personnel, Detroit Area Council staff, Scout camp and state park rangers, Scout Executives and their staffs throughout America, Penske maintenance crews, All-American Homes. ACOV staff and

friends to include but not limited to: Norbert Chmielarczyk, Kaylene Scott, Harold Hanna, Steve Linne, Andrea Mack, Bill Morrison, Ramo Salerno, David Ball, SE Rick Williamson, Myron Lofton, Bob Shoemaker, Paul Bannon, Darrell Corp, Roy Hill, Kevin & Mike Fox, Bob Freehan, Rich Johnston, Randy List, John Hurst, American Legion Post 248, Kevin McPhail, Jerrold Martin, David Downton, Sam Prisk, Kim Terry, Mark Wrase, Norm and Sandi Bateman, Bob France, Steve Donohue, Leon Stirm, Carl Veith, Mayor Mike Culpepper, Sean Goldsmith, Chuck Lang, David Lloyd, Earl Moorhouse, Gene McGrath, Bob Mersereau, Linda and Dave Booth, Mark Stevens, John Garbacik, Ron Scott, Richard McLaughlin, Sue Larabell, Dave Oakley, Norm Tabaka, Russ Brown, Gordon Draper, Paul Ruzinsky, Tom Turek, Art Snook, Paul Zalenski, Mike Orzol, Carl Lowry, Sharon, Patrick and Michael Mallon, Roger Penske, Warner Iseppi, Kevin McPhail, Ray Williams, SM Harley Koepf, Chuck and Sarah Warren, Bob and Katie Hunt, George Borst, Mark and Michele Hodges, Al Hellar, Mauri and Maureen Marshall, Don Ray, Bob Sommerfeld, John Dam, SE John Resor, Thomas Trainor, Chet Klos, Dennis Kallio, Al Weirmeir, Mark Stimac, Jeffery Mallon, Jody Batten, Larry and Nancy Burtka.

Finally, to the thousands of Scout and Scouter fans we met along the trail. To the many other businesses, non-profit organizations, city leaders, private citizens, family members and to the thousands of "unknown" Scouts and Scouters who directly or indirectly supported this historic Centennial Scouting adventure throughout the United States of America.



Michael Mallon admiring the "A Century of Values" bronze plaque displayed at the Tom Trainor Museum at D-A Scout Ranch in Metamora, Michigan.

**MAY THE GREAT SCOUTMASTER OF ALL SCOUTS  
BE WITH US UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN**



The McKenzie Statue