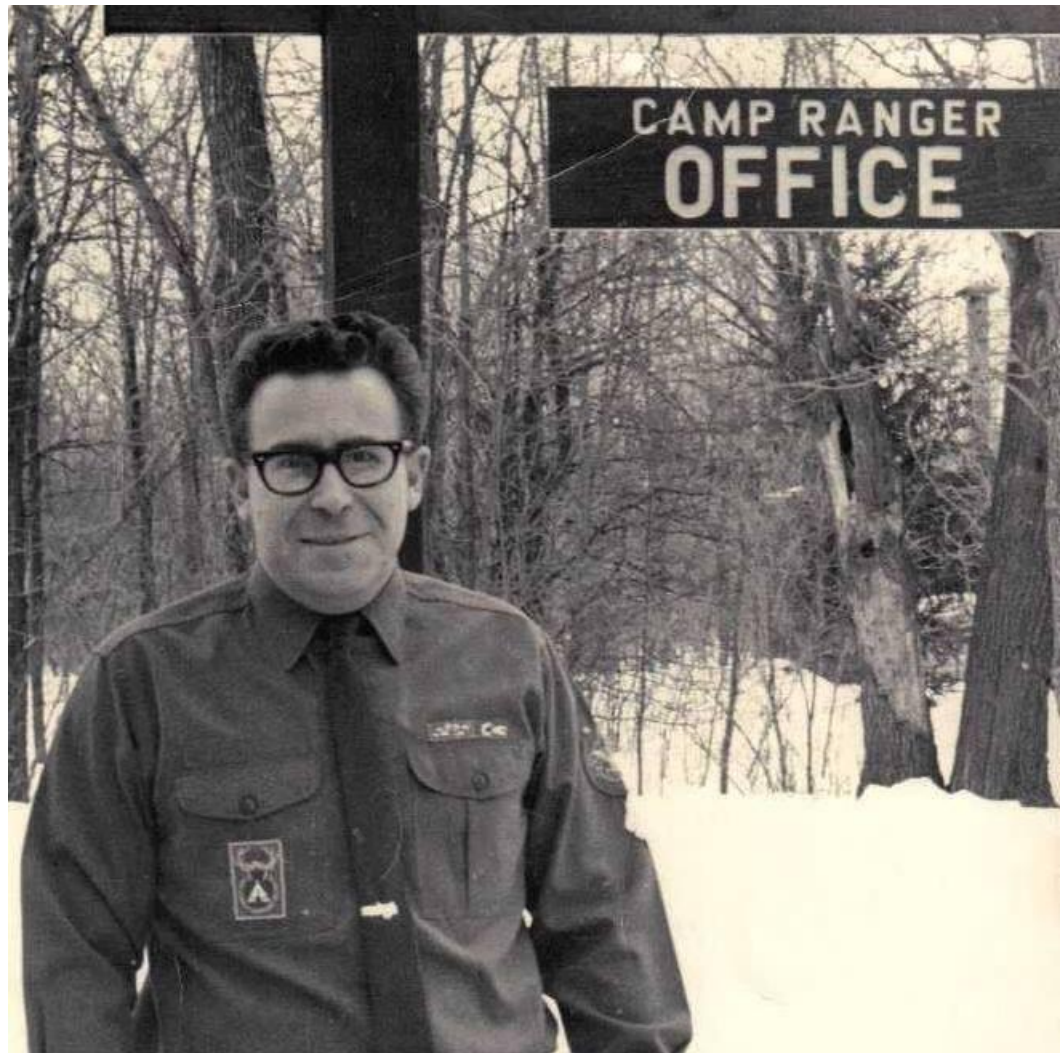




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Robert King: Friend and mentor, you will be missed.

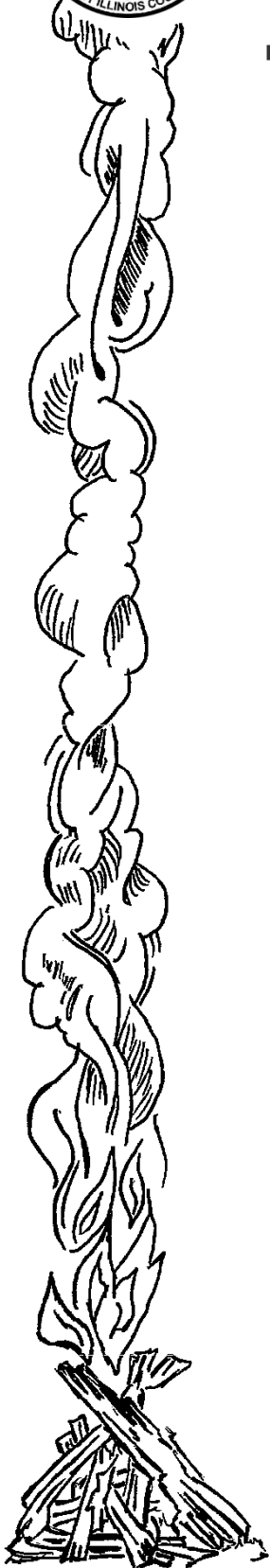


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Letter from the Editor

Nicole Ludmer

Fellow Alumni,

This issue of Smoke Signals is in dedication to our friend, mentor, and creator of Smoke Signals, Mr. Robert King. We were saddened to hear the news of his passing, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family, Pat, Steve, Bill, and Christopher King. Articles regarding the Memorial Service of Mr. King, as well as a fundraiser set up in his honour are included in this issue. Learn how you can become one of Bob's Rangers and how you can help contribute to the Robert G. King Maintenance Area!

Also, check out all the MAA activities planned for Vigil Weekend! Please be sure to sign up on the link provided which will take you to a Google document. The Activity Calendar has more information regarding After Glow locations following each of the O.A. Fires.

Ever wonder where your donations go? Check out page 11 for the new Skid Steer that was purchased using MAA donations.

Finally, Mr. Brian Dennen organized a group of former Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan staff to participate in the Ragnar Run: Chicago. Check out his article and pictures of their run from Madison, Wisconsin to Chicago, Illinois!

Yours in Scouting,

Nicole Ludmer

Smoke Signals Publishing Guidelines:

We want to hear from YOU!

Want to contribute a Snippet of your camp memories or experiences?

Follow the guidelines listed below, and send it to us for publication!

Smoke Signals Publishing Guidelines:

The Smoke Signals Editorial Board invites all members to submit articles, reviews, Trivia, and/or Blast from the Past stories according to these Guidelines.

-K. Nicole Ludmer, Editor-in-Chief

Submission:

Please send your works for publication with a brief suggested title to K.Nicole.Ludmer@gmail.com; please include "Smoke Signals" in the subject line. All acronyms and abbreviations must be defined. Any photos or other graphics to be used must be sent in a separate file with proper citation.

Review Policy:

The Smoke Signals editorial board will review all submissions regarding format, style, and language.

Vigil Weekend Schedule

Vigil Weekend Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Schedule*

Friday July 14th

2:00 pm MSR Entrance Sign Dedication

4:00 to 6:00 pm Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association / Vigil Candidate Brat Fry in Gilwell Field (Everyone invited)

OA Fire around dark

MAA After Glow get together after the OA fire at Hills Still

Saturday July 15th

9:30 am - MAA gathering mid morning coffee & Rolls at Country Store

10:30 am - Remembrance Service at Chapel

12:30 pm - Robert G. King Maintenance Center Dedication Ceremony at Barn

***Upon arrival at camp please sign in at the Jim Chandler Welcome Center (Administration Building) in the main part of camp to receive guest passes and details of the weekend.**

Please, click on the link below to register for any or all the events scheduled for Vigil Weekend as well as receiving more information regarding the 90th Anniversary!

[Click here to register!](#)

Bob King Memorial

Photo Credit: Mark Dunn



Robert G. King passed away on May 17th 2017 after a brief stay in the hospital. Bob's memorial service was held at Generations Funeral Home in Tomahawk Wisconsin on Friday May 26th.

The Memorial service was attended by a large number of family and friends along with a large number of Bob's Scouting friends. Scouting friends included Larry & Connie Newman, Steve Dereby, Kim Goluska, Quinn Ryan, Peter White, Richard Lamer Mayer, Mark Dunn, Bob Fresen, Alice & Bob Brown, Ian and Jodi Hopkins, John Kyle, Larry Young and Chris & David Smith.

A highlight of the Memorial Service was the traditional Masonic Lodge Tribute to Bob's life that was very solemn and moving. Bob always had a love for bag pipes and the haunting sounds of the pipes evoked many an emotional response within the crowd.

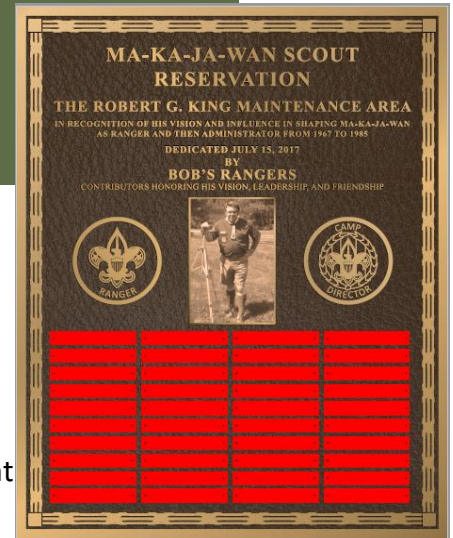
Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob's immediate family: Pat, Steve, Bill and Christopher King. A large part of the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association members were greatly influenced by Bob's contributions and mentoring. His memory will live forever in our hearts.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at the dedication of the Robert G. King Maintenance Area on the 15th of July.



Robert King Fundraiser

Paul Jordan



Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni;

Last September, the Northeast Illinois Council announced The Robert G. King Maintenance Area because of Bob's influence in the development of program and property at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation. Bob was thrilled! We need your help to raise funds for Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan on Bob's behalf specifically earmarked for needed maintenance area equipment. A bronze plaque shown above honoring Bob will be displayed in the Area. Although all contributions are welcome and needed, those contributing at least \$500 will be recognized on the plaque as Bob's Rangers. The plaque honors Bob and serves as a lasting memorial of your own support of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan and Bob. Please make your contribution on the Council site at today at <http://www.neic.org/Alumni/MAA/Store/Product?p=679>.

The response has been immediate and overwhelming, and donations continue to pour in daily, with a number of individuals making contributions well in excess of the \$500 level. As of June 21st we have raised over \$25,000 which is a tremendous and touching testament to Bob's impact on MaKaJaWan and on our Council - and most importantly reflects the unique value Bob has left to many future generations of Scouts who will experience the presence of Bob's work at Camp for decades to come. The funds will all go in Bob's honor toward the new skid steer and trailer which has been purchased by the Council for MSR.

Because of this strong response, we have extended the deadline for inclusion of names on the bronze dedication plaque until the actual ceremony on Saturday, July 15th at MSR. A final "proof" of the plaque with the names of all those who have made a contribution of \$500 or more will be on display on July 15th, allowing anyone who attends the ceremony and donates to still join the ranks of "Bob's Rangers" and be duly recognized in perpetuity. (An in-progress mock-up of the plaque text is attached showing the names of those who have made a contribution of \$500 or more as of June 13th – the final plaque will have a high resolution image of Bob along with the BSA patches for Ranger and Administrator.)

To those of you who have already made a contribution, please know that it is most appreciated. Kim had the opportunity at the King family's memorial service several weeks ago to share with Pat, Steven, Bill and Chris what a great response we had already gotten at that point which was a very nice message to deliver to Bob's family.



Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation

THE ROBERT G. KING MAINTENANCE AREA

In Recognition of His Vision and Influence

in Shaping Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan as

RANGER and then RESERVATION ADMINISTRATOR

1967 to 1985

DEDICATED JULY 15, 2017

BY

BOB'S RANGERS

HONORING HIS VISION, LEADERSHIP, AND FRIENDSHIP

MIKE BIRDLEBOUGH	ROBERT A. FRESEN	BRIAN MCILWEE
STEVEN & DEBRA BURG AUER	NORMAN GOLLUB	TOM & KATHIE MOORE
DUSTY CLAMPITT	KIMBAL & JET GOLUSKA	FRANK, ALDONA, TOM & JAMIE OLSON
STEPHEN DAVIS	CORY HINZ	JIM SANDERS
MARK DUNN & ELIZABETH SEAGER	DAVID B. JOHNSON	PATRICK SHEEHAN
DAVID EDWARDS	PAUL G. JORDAN	DAVID SMITH
JIM C. ERICKSON & FAMILY	RICHARD J. LAMERMAYER	MICHAEL TAGER
CHRISTOPHER FARDOUX	JOHN LILLSTROM	PETER S. WHITE
GARY FRESEN FAMILY	ERIC LILLSTROM	WILDERNESS ENGINEERING SOCIETY
	STEVEN L. LOESCHEN	

Membership

Congratulations to our **Lifetime Members!** Thank you for your support!

LIFETIME MEMBERS

**CHARLES BAUM
JOSEPH BEHLES
STEPHANIE BROOKS
JOHN FOX
SAIGO FUJII
JAMES HINZ**

**CARL JOHNSON IV
JAMES NEUBAUM
CHARLES PINT
JOHN ROPIEQUET
JOHN L. ROPIEQUET
DELVIN RYAN III**

Instructions on how to join or renew can be found online at: <http://msraa.org/129/join/>.
Beginning this year we are also offering Young Alumni & Lifetime memberships.

3 Types of Membership:

- 1. Young Adult: 18-25 years; no dues payment**
- 2. Regular Membership: \$20/year**
- 3. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$201.29**

Activity Calendar

June						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Week 1	27	28	29	30 OA Fire Afterglow: Hummer's (Wolf's Den)		

Activity Calendar

July						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
26 Week 1	27	28	29	30 OA Fire Afterglow: Hummer's (Wolf's Den)	1	2
3 Week 2	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Week 3	11	12	13	14 2PM Entrance Sign Dedication 4-6PM MAA Brat Fry @ Gilwell Field OA/Vigil Fire Afterglow: Hill's Still	15 9:30AM MAA @ CS 10:30AM Re- membrance Area @ Chapel 12:30PM Rob- ert King Cere- mony @ Barn	16
17 Week 4	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Week 5	25	26	27	28 OA Fire Afterglow: Hummer's (Wolf's Den)	29	30
31 Week 6						

Where Do Your Donations Go?

*Check out the
new Skid Steer
your donations
helped purchase!*



Ragnar: Chicago

Brian Dennen

Over a slightly more-than-pleasantly warm weekend this June, a group of alumni decided to drive to Madison. And then run back the roughly 200 miles to Chicago. These good times were had as part of the Ragnar Relays—an annual 12 person team road race (except we only had 8...but we still ran all the legs).

I had wanted to do a Ragnar run since I first saw one finish on the lakefront trail a few years ago. It might have been possible to gather a team through work, school folks, or others, but really it was a never question that the most entertaining way to go

about this endeavor would be with camp folks. And, one smashed car window, 50 or so cliff bars, one 'future van' (with, importantly, cooled seats) and 200 miles later, it was a pretty good time.

Members of the “Bozo Patrol” included: Cory Hinz, April Lillstrom, Clay Weber, Nick Ludmer, and I as runners. Nicole and Matt Ludmer (and their daughter, Osita) were course volunteers. And, on the final leg, we swapped out the Ludmer siblings, and Matt became a (Happy) pinch runner, too.



Exchange between Cory Hinz and Nick Ludmer; Cheered on by Brian Dennen, Clayton Weber, April Lillstrom, and Osita Ludmer



The Remembrance Area

During the summer of 2004, the Remembrance Area was dedicated at a special Chapel Service at the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation Chapel. Since its conception, the purpose of the Remembrance Area has been to honor individuals who were part of the Northeast Illinois Council and/or Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation.

These honorees may have been a youth member of the program, adult leader, former staff member, OA member, WES member, a professional Scouter and/or local Pearson/Pickerel citizen. Each gave of their talents and time to the council or camp.

The individuals added to the display boards:

Merle F. Axford
Gerald Bard
Pat Coleman
Lucious A. Copeland
Dr. Donald Funk
Mildred Funk

Thomas "T.J." Jones
Richard J. Kuzmanoff
John Lauger
Homer Lincicome
Pamela Carr Mitchell
William A. Randolph

Walter Reed
Vic Radin
Donald Santeler
Andrew Singleton
Frank Steinhart
Mark Zblewski

The above list of honorees and past additions to the Remembrance Area can also be found on the website.

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Prayer

*'Neath these tall green trees we stand,
Asking blessings from your hand.
Thanks we give to you above
For your help and strength and love;
For these waters crystal blue;
For all Scouts strong, brave, and true.
Guide us well from morn to night
With Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan's pure light.
Grant that all we see and do
Is a living prayer to you.*

Amen



How to Sign Up for SSS#129 and MAA

Join Ship 129!!

We encourage you to join the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association (MAA) to reconnect with your friends and beloved camp. You can enhance your MAA membership and experience by joining Sea Scout Ship (SSS) #129. This is an active Scout unit in the Northeast Illinois Council (NEIC) and is comprised by current and former staff members.

By joining SSS#129 as an adult leader you can reconnect with Scouting and Northeast Illinois Council. Members of the Ship receive the National BSA Council's monthly magazine: "Scouting" for adult leaders and all NEIC's publications and e-mail newsletters. For an additional fee, you can subscribe to "Boy's Life" magazine.

To be eligible for adult membership:

- You must be over 18 years of age;

Working in cooperation with the broader Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association, the goal of the Ship is to bring together, in a support organization, all those who have experienced that unique adventure of being a member of the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation staff or as a long-time volunteer. **Membership in SSS#129 requires the completion of the "online" Youth Protection Program every two years to maintain your membership. Annual SSS#129 membership renewals will occur every May.**

The official adult application forms can be accessed on the Internet using the following link and printed out on your printer.

Select "Adult Application" and print the forms. You may also request applications by contacting John Lillstrom at:

John.Lillstrom@gmail.com or calling him at (715) 623-6629.

To complete Youth Protection Training you must go to: www.myscouting.org and create your account. Once your account is established you can click on the Youth Protection Training tab to complete the 20-minute course.

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| • Yearly membership for MAA | \$20 |
| • MAA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP | \$201.29 |
| • Yearly membership for SSS#129 | \$24 |
| • Yearly subscription to <i>Boy's Life</i> | \$12 |

A check for \$56 gets all three yearly memberships. A check for \$237.29 gets you a Lifetime Membership for MAA and a Yearly membership and subscription to SSS#129 and Boy's Life Magazine, respectively. If you are a registered Scouter, there is no charge to add SSS#129 as an additional unit. *Boy's Life* is an optional fee.

Completed applications, Youth Protection certificate (if necessary), along with the appropriate check made payable to: **Northeast Illinois Council** will then be mailed to:

**Sea Scout Ship #129
c/o John Lillstrom
W8986 Claire Rd
Deerbrook, WI. 54425**

Upon acceptance of your application, you will be commissioned as a *Skipper's Mate* in SSS#129. (This is equivalent to an Assistant Scoutmaster position.) A certificate of

membership in the *Camp Staff Veterans of Sea Scout Ship #129* (if qualified) will be sent to your mailing address. You will receive your Ship registration card from the National Council, BSA. As a full member of the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association you will be alerted to alumni events, activities, and important information regarding your Scouting alma mater.

Please direct any questions regarding registration to:

Brian McIlwee

Brianm@mcilweemillwork.com

or John Lillstrom john.lillstrom@gmail.com



Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association Application

INSTRUCTIONS

Join online at neic.org/alumni OR mail this form with dues payment to:

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association
2745 Skokie Valley Road
Highland Park, IL 60035

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Birth Date (must be >18 to join): ____/____/____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (____) ____-____ E-mail: _____

May we share your name and e-mail with the Association Membership? __ (Y) __ (N)

OTHER INFORMATION

Please mark all that apply: Camper ____ Leader ____ Staff ____ Friend ____

First Year at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan _____



Relationship to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan (e.g. years, E/W/R, Unit, etc.): _____

Professional Information (job, employer, city, industry, etc.): _____

Are you interested in participating in the Mentorship Program? __ (Y) __ (N)

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:

Annual Dues (check box)

<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18 to 25 years of age)	Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>  Lifetime 	\$201.29

Additional Contribution _____

Total Enclosed _____

Dues are on the calendar year and not prorated. Make checks payable to "Northeast Illinois Council BSA," place "MAA Membership" in the memo line. Any additional amount contributed will be used in direct support of the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation under the supervision of the Association and the Council Executive Board. MA-KA-JA-WAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Honoring Yesterday  *Connecting Today*  *Supporting Tomorrow*

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