

## Infrastructure Department

Bob Carlson decided to paint the cabinets in the front room, which was badly needed. Bob did not think it was a big deal, but it saves the council from buying paint and hiring a professional painter. Another example of many small Flintlock projects adding up to help the council.



## World War II Veterans Department

Joe Schott was honored with a biplane flight on Sept 12, to commemorate his Navy service in WWII.



## Sabattis Improvements

George, Frank, and Jim Cutler spent some time at Sabattis electrifying the barn. They build a scaffold to install the LED ceiling lights. Also installed were the cable to the generator, camp siren, switches, circuit panel, and 100 feet of wiring. Another nice improvement to Sabattis. Thanks, Flintlocks!



Scenes from around camp. Clockwise from below, starting on the upper left: John Kazazis and Jim Cutler; Jeff cleaning out a vacuum; Joe and Bill Debiec building shelves; Chris S cutting; lunch time; Randy, Leo, Al, & Tom repairing latrine roof; Bob Pysker packing craft kits; Mike and Russ drinking coffee - somebody has to do it.



# FLINTLOCKS BSA Inc THE POWDERHORN

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## Fall 2021

## President's Message

After a long shutdown Flintlocks jumped into getting Winnebago ready for summer camp. Damage from the 2019 storm still needed attention, cabins and other buildings needed repairs, and the electrical system of areas of camp needed to be restrung. We finished the new and improved winter lodge (aka the A building). Wait until you see the terrific improvements of paneling, bunks, and kitchen area! At the entrance to camp, the cub family camping area will soon be started. In addition to the pavilions and tenting areas, improving the area for cub families to camp out. The Wink Dousa cabin will also be upgraded with expanded sleeping areas. A group went to Sabattis for a week to prepare the camp for winter and do some repairs. At Mount Allamuchy, the OA Lodge is being upgraded.

We hope that your units will soon take advantage of these improvements for many enjoyable weekends in the woods. Our camps have a lot to offer: program areas, hiking trails, and general outdoor fun. You may have seen us at some of the Cub events this Spring, teaching our Woodworking programs.

On a sad note, I also have to mention that one of our members passed away over the summer, Peter Aivars' smile and good cheer around camp will be missed.

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The Flintlocks will be returning to volunteer at the camps, but with the proper precautions: masks, social distancing, hand sanitizer and temperature checks. Guests are always welcome! Thursday mornings from 8 am to 1 pm at the first building on the right in Camp Winnebago. Please check Facebook for any updates before you come.



Flintlocks provide 5,000 hours of volunteer skilled services to help the council camps.

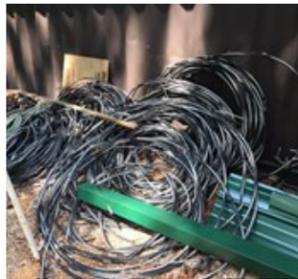


**Snipe hunting season** is in full swing. Since hunting season was cancelled last year due to COVID, there are an overabundance of snipe this year. Therefore, the DEP has cancelled the requirement for hunting licenses. The recommended method to catch a snipe is to stand in the woods at night with a pillow case held open. Use a stick to scratch on the ground to attract their attention. They will run right into the bag looking for a place to hide. Good Luck!

# Guess the Flintlocks Game



Frank Wallace  
 Michael Hart  
 Joe Schott  
 Jeff Huppert  
 Al Thomas  
 John Koneski  
 Chuck Hoeckele  
 Bob Carlson  
 Craig Bizjak  
 Harold Bork  
 Randy Johnson  
 Russ Jenkins  
 Bob Germinder  
 George Van Dyke



## In Memoriam: Peter Aivars

Peter Aivars passed on 7-21-21. He was featured in the Winter '20-21 newsletter. He joined the Flintlocks in April 2018. He arranged to have a metal jig made gratis for the arrow of light plaque. Peter and his family came to the US from Latvia after WWII. Peter was an extremely active member of the Latvian Boy Scouts continuously for 65 years, eventually serving as the Chief of all Latvian Scouts outside of Latvia for 9 years. He ran the International Latvian Scout Jamboree in 2014 at Camp Winnebago when he discovered the Flintlocks. Peter had also been active in an International Boy Scout program called "Peace Light" since 2006. The purpose of the program is to promote peace, harmony, and unity throughout the World. One Boy Scout travels from Austria to Israel to light a candle from the 1,000 year-old continuously burning flame in the grotto of the nativity in Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. The flame is then spread by Scouts throughout the world to bring a little extra light during the Christmas season. Peter was married to Nora for 42 years. They have two children: Ilze and Peteris and two grandchildren. He clearly was a wonderful guy and will be missed.

# Getting to Know Your Flintlocks



Jim Cutler

Jim grew up in Westfield, NJ where he was in the Boy Scouts Troop 273 as a lad. He has been married to Cheryl for 42 years and has two sons, both of whom are Eagle Scouts. Jim went to Kent State University, graduating in 1977 and receiving his license to practice architecture in 1983. Jim ran the Township of Andover construction department full time for 18 years, plus Newton and Lafayette part time for over 20 years, some other townships, and for Rutgers University. He points out that he was skilled at drawing by hand before the computer programs came out. As a professional, he was a member of the Sussex-Warren Code Officials Association and served as Treasurer. They offer scholarships to the students, and participate in trade shows. Jim retired in November 2019 on his birthday.

Jim joined Flintlocks shortly after retiring in early 2020. He especially likes working in renovating the Winter Lodge, the Allamuchy Tree House, and the Winnebago Cabin.

When his two boys were in scouts, Jim volunteered as a leader. He started as a den leader in 1998 and has been in a leadership capacity continuously ever since for the past 21 years. He has served as an assistant den leader, committee member, assistant scoutmaster, committee chair, mentor, and crew advisor. After his boys left Troop 96 in Hampton Township, he joined Troop 83 in Stillwater with Al and Harold. Jim earned his Wood Badge in 2021. Jim likes going on the camping trips, canoe trips, and hiking trips with the Scouts.

At the district level, Jim served as a district member at large and merit badge counselor for architecture. He was awarded the Sussex District Star Award in 2020. At the council level, Jim has served on the activities committee with Frank and Al for 4 years and the Flintlocks.

As far as public service, Jim was a member of the Hampton Township recreation commission for 13 years. Service to youth includes being a soccer coach for 2 years with his sons' soccer teams, a band parent helping with fundraisers, and a swim team parent.

Jim's hobbies include woodworking, home improvement, biking, fishing, and musical keyboard. He still goes with the Scouts on camping trips, and enjoys the Jersey Shore for vacations.



Barry Bird

Barry grew up in Elmwood Park, NJ, but was not in Boy Scouts as a lad. He joined when his middle son wanted to join. Barry is married to his wife, Alana, for 47 years and they have 3 boys ages 38, 41, and 44. One boy earned Eagle and the other two made Life. Both Barry and his wife are Silver Beavers. An impressive Scouting family.

Barry has been active with Troop 186 in Hillsborough / Manville for 32 years. He was the Scoutmaster for 30 years and assistant Scoutmaster for the past two years. He has been on every scout trip: camping, backpacking, hiking, canoeing, and bicycling. He has spent over 500 nights in a tent. He accompanied his troop to Allamuchy for summer camp every year for 30 years, and taught merit badges there. He is a registered merit badge counselor for woodworking, engineering, welding and composite materials.

Barry has been awarded the District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster of the Year, and the Silver Beaver in 2021. Barry was the district site manager for the NJ Jamboree, and has run the town in the klondike derby.

Barry graduated from NCE in 1974 with a degree in mechanical engineering, and worked for Owens Corning for 43 years. He holds several patents. He was the lead project manager for engineering, which included construction, design and project management. After hurricane Sandy, he ran a 41-million-dollar project to rebuild a roofing plant in Kearney in only 6 months.

Barry retired in 2017 and joined the MACC group which works at Allamuchy on Wednesdays. He worked on 40 boxes for tents and constructed the shutters on the main office. When they closed Allamuchy due to COVID, Barry switched over to Flintlocks at Winnebago. He renovated many latrines with Tom and Leo, along with working on many other projects.

Barry's favorite hobby is sailing in the British Virgin Islands. He is a certified charter boat captain and has sailed catamarans up to 50 feet. The funny thing is- he first learned how to sail at Boy Scout summer camp with his boys.