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 Campsite cooking tables  
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 In Memory of David Hart  
 In Memory of Chris Kennett  
 In Memory of Fred Midlige  
 In Memory of Jack Spiegel

The Flintlocks also purchased a large brick for the Cedar Knolls Scout Plaza in support of the council.

Flintlocks BSA, Inc. is a 501c3 corporation. Your donations are tax deductible. 100% of the funds received go towards building projects for the camps.

Join in on the fun and help Scouts!  
 Flintlocks meet on Thursday mornings, at Camp Winnebago. Reopening in the spring. Check our Facebook Page "Flintlocks". Guests are always welcome.



Bob Carlson claims that he is not "lying down on the job" but is fixing the underside of a chop saw. Do you believe him? See left.



**Scenes from the craft shop:** Clockwise from the upper left: President John taking temperature of Scout Executive Marc Andreo; Bob Pysher making up craft kits; George Van Dyke with American Flag; Ron Jaremca making bench tops; Ted Marquardt making handles for Handy Boxes; Peter drilling holes in handy box sides; Mike cutting holes in bench tops; Jeff making signs; Bill cutting with chop saw; Bob S and Al Tuttle helping with trailer; John Kazazis constructing tent; Bob Germinder and Al Thomas making oak table from a tree which fell on the camp property.



# FLINTLOCKS BSA Inc THE POWDERHORN

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## Winter 2020-21

### President's Message

What a year we have had, with the virus causing shutting down things everywhere. The Flintlocks were only able to work 5 months this year. Yet we were still able to accomplish a lot of our goals, doing 334 days of work at Winnebago and Allamuchy. Our craft kits are still selling at the scout shops as Cub Scouts still worked through it all. We participated in the Toys for Tots collection. Pinewood derby cars were cut to shape for Scoutreach programs. We participated in the virtual University of Scouting thru a video presentation of craft kit building. Many of us have stayed active in the council committees we belong to. While the world is taking a pause, Scouts and Flintlocks are still active.

During 2020 we lost 3 of our valued members, Fred Midlige, Christopher Kennett, and Jack Spiegel. We will miss them and the contributions they made to Flintlocks. May the Great Master of all Scouts keep them until we meet again.

We hope that everyone will have a safe holiday season, wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays! See you at camp in 2021!

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The Flintlocks are in the Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Edition of the blog seen by 1 million volunteers!

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Flintlocks donate to the Patriots' Path Council's drive to collect Toys for Tots. This program is run through the US Marine Corps and provides new toys in the original package to disadvantaged children.



Photo of Flintlocks Officers and Trustees elected for the coming year: back row left to right: President John Koneski; Vice President George Van Dyke; Trustee Bob Germinder; Trustee Frank Wallace; bottom row: Secretary Michael Hart; Trustee Ted Marquardt; Trustee Bob Pysher; & Treasurer Jack Trainor.

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.

## Staff Trailer

This project is paid for and constructed entirely by the Flintlocks, and will be donated to the council. The trailer sleeps 8 staff members. Includes 4 rooms, electricity, a metal roof, and can be moved to wherever it is needed.

Construction scenes below. Clockwise from upper right: Bare bones; walls up; Brian installing wires; George wiring; beams shown; Frank and John insulating ceiling; insulation done; George and Bob Germinder admiring the trailer with windows and roof installed; inside ceiling installed; four outside doors installed to create four separate compartments.



Above: Frank installing four outside doors on the staff trailer. He claims he is not sticking out his tongue- but who knows?

# Getting to Know Your Flintlocks



Peter Aivars



Ron Jaremck

Peter has been married to Nora for 41 years, they have a daughter and a son, and one (and a half) grandchildren. Peter's parents left Latvia at the end of WWII. He grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan and enjoys the friendly midwestern lifestyle.

The Latvian Boy Scouts are sponsored by the Latvian Lutheran Church and follow the BSA program. Peter joined the Scouts at the age of 7 and has been active continuously for 65 years. After Boy Scouts and Rovers (Explorers), he became an adult leader, then was district commissioner for 10 years for the northeast. Followed by serving as the Chief of all Latvian Scouts outside of Latvia for 9 yrs. He helped organize the Latvian 11<sup>th</sup> International Jamboree in 2014 at Camp Winnebago and was impressed with the camp. Since the Latvian Boy Scouts do activities with the Latvian girl guides, the whole family could go together on Scouting trips. He joined Flintlocks in April 2018.

For Peter's professional career, he was a salesman for a sheet metal working machinery. Peter retired 7 years ago. One of his clients is right down the road from our camp in Rockaway- Service Metal Fabricating, Inc. Peter arranged for them to donate the manufacture of the metal cover plate for our Arrow of Light jig.

Peter started the Crystal Lake Homeowners Association 20 years ago, which includes 53 houses. The dam needed to be repaired, so he took the initiative. Now it includes social events, a newsletter, and a book club, and gives a nice friendly community feel.

Peter has been active in an International Boy Scout program called "Peace Light" since 2006. The goal 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 spread throughout Europe and the USA at Christmas.

For hobbies, Peter enjoys wood carving, travel, and working around the house.

His best scouting memories are from his 20 plus years leading the Rovers section of the Latvian Boy Scout Association, including camping, hiking, cooking on an open fire, and white-water rafting. Peter says that making new friends and memories with the Flintlocks makes life more interesting.

Ron has been married to Patricia for 34 years and has a son and a daughter. Ron earned his BA in English and worked in graphic arts for 16 years. He started doing paste ups, then became manager, then ad manager. Afterwards, he decided to go back to school. He earned his masters in teaching with a concentration on industrial arts. He taught at Ridgewood High School for 19 years and advised the yearbooks for 10 years.

Ron joined Scouts with his son in 1998 and has been active continuously for 22 years. He was active as an assistant scoutmaster and crew chief for 16 years for his son's unit. He was also a leader for his daughter, who joined the Girl Scouts. His son earned Eagle and his daughter earned Gold award. Ron's son worked at Camp Winnebago over a few summers, which is when Ron became interested in the camp.

Ron started as a merit badge counselor in 2007 and has continued teaching Scouts since. He has signed and collected over 300 blue cards.

He has volunteered to help at Winnebago summer camp for many years, including being the trail to eagle director for 3 years and the camp director. He has been helping the Flintlocks formally and informally for many years, going back to the time of the old building.

Fifteen years ago, Ron purchased a sawmill to help make wood for both his classroom and the Scout camp. One notable project the Flintlocks did with the sawmill was to make boards from an oak tree, which was knocked down by Hurricane Sandy. The boards were sanded, tongue and grooves were routed in the shop. Ron helped install the boards into the Wink Dousa Cabin kitchen addition: floor and polyurethane them.

Ron has painted most of the buildings at Camp Winnebago. He made and painted the Smokey the Bear display. He also cut all the wood for the split rail fence on the parade field. He has made many signs for the camp. For the National Camp Accreditation of Winnebago, he used his graphic artist skills to create a publication to illustrate the short-range and long-range plans for the upkeep of the camps.

His hobbies include woodworking, furniture repair, gardening, hiking, model railroading, piano playing, and oil painting.

## Staff Trailer Construction



Above: Randy Johnson with Russ. Notice that Russ does not have his coffee cup! Top right- Joe Schott making 12 cooking tables.



Right- Moose spotted in the Flintlocks building! (Chuck and Frank)



Joe Schott (center) with two of his former Boy Scouts- both made Eagle: brothers Craig (left) and Brian Bizjak. Now all 3 are Flintlocks with gray hair.



### In Memoriam: Jack Spiegel

Jack was a life long scouter. He used his profession as a graphic artist to help the Flintlocks. He ran our Facebook page and newsletter from 2007 to 2017. He will be missed.