



FLINTLOCKS BSA Inc THE POWDERHORN

An Association of Volunteers providing service and support to the Patriot's Path Council, BSA

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Flintlocks at Fall General Meeting



President's Message John Koneski, President, Flintlocks BSA, Inc.

As another year closes, we look back on all we have accomplished. For the Flintlocks, it was a busy year, we had a lot of activity at both Winnebago and Allamuchy, repairing and upgrading buildings, making tables and benches, adding new signage. You may have seen us if you participated at in some of the Cub Scout PPC Adventure programs as Bird Watching or Holiday Workshop, University of Scouting, or perhaps around Summer Camp. We are always appreciate you taking advantage of our efforts in keeping the Scouting program fun and interesting. Flintlocks again championed the Toys for Tots toy collection program which is going very well again thanks to chairman Dr. D. Michael Hart. This year a number of Flintlocks were recognized by Council with Ted Marquardt receiving the Silver Beaver, Chuck Hoeckele receiving the Trailblazer Award, Frank Wallace inducted into the Camping Hall of Fame for Camp Wheeler, Robert Germander receiving the Alumnus of the Year, and Dr. D. Michael Hart being inducted into the Eagle Scout Hall of Fame. The Flintlocks also received the NJ Governor's Office volunteerism Award. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year, in which we hope to see you at Scout activities.

Guests are Always Welcome.

Please join us on Thursday mornings, 8 am to 2 pm.

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Meet Your Flintlocks

Roger Ruggieri

Rebuilding Cherokee Pavillion

Clockwise, from start to finish.
Destroyed by a huge tree falling on it



Roger Ruggieri grew up in Scotch Plains and currently lives in Fanwood. He is married to his wife Beth for 43 years. They have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. Roger attended Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina, and then worked in computer software development, including 31 years for Airco Industrial Gases, Dun & Bradstreet and RMS as a programmer and computer consultant. In 2011 he decided to go into electrical contracting. He did mostly residential, but also some commercial and industrial construction. He also installed a lot of residential generators after Hurricane Sandy. He is semi-retired, and still works part time in electrical contracting with a longtime friend.

Roger was in scouts for only 2 weeks as a lad, but made up for it by joining with his first son in 1990, and has been active with Troop 104 in Fanwood as an Assistant Scoutmaster ever since, for 34 years. Both of his sons are Eagle Scouts. He loved going camping with the troop every month. The troop did many weekends up at Camp Winnebago. He attended Sabattis high adventure camp every year, even continuing after his sons left scouts, right up until the camp closed. He was a member of the Friends of Sabattis, and when that folded, he was in the successor organization. Roger was also active in the Sea Scouts Ship 228 out of Linden for 3 years. They sailed on many trips including up the Hudson River to West Point, Sandy Hook, Connecticut and Rhode Island coast. Roger did some volunteering at the Fanwood Recycling Center with the Troop.

Roger's hobbies in addition to Scouting are wood-working in the basement, cooking and baking. He likes doing things with his hands. He also makes hard apple cider, likes tinkering with electronics, and programming on his laptop. For summer vacation, the family goes Wildwood, NJ every year for a big family get reunion.

He likes the Flintlocks because he likes working with his hands and staying busy.



Infrastructure Projects

The Flintlocks dedicate 6,000 volunteer hours per year to improve and maintain the camps; and help run Council Programs.



Above from left: Joe making 8 Nok Hockey Tables for the scouts; Tom, Barry, Leo, and Dave renovating latrines at Allamuchy; Bob Carlson mounting brass plaques.

Below: Photos of projects: clockwise from upper left. Five Flintlocks trying to remove one very stubborn screw; Flintlocks volunteer to help run the Council Holiday Workshop with Santa- building craft kits; Richard and Bob Germinder designed and constructed a Plinko game for the council; Flintlocks donating toys to the Council Toy Drive, which will go to the US Marines Toys For Tots program; John Kazazis and Denis building picnic tables for the camps; Flintlocks who have been inducted into the Camping Hall of Fame: from left: George Van Dyke; Chris Szymczak; Frank Wallace; Joe Schott; Russ Jenkins; & Bob Germinder. Missing Ray Brandes (deceased).



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Hart, Michael - to honor his father, David Hart

Hoecke, Chuck

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Koneski, John

Ruggieri, Roger

Silbernagel, Bob

Sullivan, Denis

Watts, Ernie

Westfield Rotary Club Foundation

arranged by Mike

Westfield Service League-

arranged by Mike



Above: Flintlocks taking Youth Protection Trainings- all passed! Below: Michael Loughman and President John discussing the next Cub Scout Craft building project.



Above: Who looks older?
Joe (on left) or Mike?

Left: Chef Bob Silbernagel donates the food, makes the salads, cooks the hot dogs and treats us all to the Flintlocks Fall Picnic. Seen here with Ed Sharpless.