



Sugar Creek District “Creekside” January 2016



Crossroads of America Council

County Roundtables in February

By: William Turner

On February 11, 2016, the commissioners will be bringing the monthly roundtable closer to the units in each county. Please encourage all scouters and parents to attend this great opportunity to network with other leaders in your county! The commissioners in each county will plan a program tailored to each county. It would be great if we had several leaders from each unit in attendance.

- Boone County: St. Joseph Catholic Church, 319 East South Street, Lebanon
- Clinton County: St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 1951 Wilshire Dr, Frankfort
- Montgomery County: Byron Cox American Legion Post #72, 101 Walter Remley Drive, Crawfordsville



Jamboree 2017

By: David Hovde



David Hovde is actively recruiting for 2017 Jamboree staff – Extreme Sports Skateboarding. Please let David know if you are interested: davidhovde@comcast.net
Subject line: Extreme Sports Skate. To register:
<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers/>

You must be at least 16 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree. No you do not have to know anything about skateboarding or ever get on a skateboard.

Commissioner's Minute

By: William Turner

Thank you to all units who have submitted your recharter paperwork! This has been an especially difficult year for rechartering because we lost our district executive during recharter season. I thank all the volunteers for helping try to make it run smoothly, but no single one of us has quite the same ability to follow up with units and travel to the far-flung reaches of the district. We have also had a couple units going through major reorganizing, and I thank the volunteers who are helping them.

The last I heard, all but a couple units had submitted their recharter paperwork, but many units still have missing items that need to be fixed. Some of these may have already been submitted, but the registrars in Indy have such a backlog of paperwork, it may be a while before we see the records updated accordingly. This was one of the biggest benefits Tom gave us as D.E.: he kept track of all the recharter paperwork and defects and was able to give the registrars only complete packets. I have tried to do the same, but not being in the office means anything submitted to the office has gone to the registrars first, which both adds to their backlog and delays our ability to identify and fix any problems.

We will have our January roundtable at the normal time and place, and on February 10th, we will have county roundtables in Boone, Clinton, and Montgomery counties. Please encourage all scouters in the district to attend! The commissioners in each county are planning the programs tailored for each county.

Now is also the time to start looking at the 2016 Journey to Excellence requirements. The JTE scorecards work best as a planning tool to help your unit plan its program for the year. You can find all the scorecards online at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>.

Finally, remember to submit nominations for the district awards. We have many deserving leaders in the district, but unfortunately often the awards committee receives only a single nomination for an award. Please nominate everyone you think might deserve it. Do not leave it to someone else because then it might not get done. I would love to see nominations coming from every unit in the district! All nominations are due to Paul Rusk by the end of the January roundtable.

Remember, the commissioner corps is here to help the units serve the scouts. If you need our help with something, or have any ideas on what we can do to improve roundtables and our service to individual units, please let me or one of my commissioners know. We are here to serve you!

Yours in Unit Service,
William Turner
District Commissioner, Sugar Creek District

Northern Tier Registration

By: David Hovde



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
NORTHERN TIER HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM

2016 Registration for Northern Tier
Adventures Is Now Open:

<https://scoutnet.scouting.org/mml/a/mml2/activity/pr oxy.aspx?Method=LoadMessage&MessageCode=F636928B14F2444D888A897092376987>

Up Coming Events

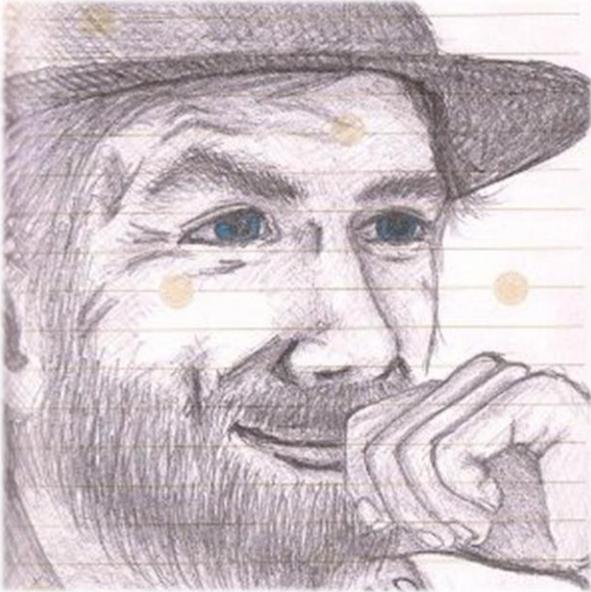
Klondike Derby – Feb 12-14th

District Dinner – March 5th

Spring Camporee – April 29th-May 1st

Boy Scouts of America Lost One of Its Best Leaders this last Month Claude A. (Chuck) Prass

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Claude A. "Chuck" Prass, 62, passed away at 10:18 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015, at St. Elizabeth East Hospital in Lafayette; he had been chronically ill for some time. Mr. Prass was born in Fairfield, Calif., on July 31, 1953, where his father was stationed at nearby Travis Air Force Base. The family retired to his parents' home in Indiana when Mr. Prass was young, first to Indianapolis, then Anderson, and then Lafayette in 1957. He attended St. James Lutheran School and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1971. He was also a graduate of Midwestern Broadcasting School in Chicago, and Walker Career Center in Indianapolis. In the early 1970's, he resided in Portsmouth, Va., Pentwater, Mich., and Chicago, Ill., before returning to Indiana where he lived in

Rossville until 1978. He then moved to Lawrence and later Greenfield. By 1982, he returned to the area, living in Pymont and then Colfax for the past 30 years.

Mr. Prass first married Linda Faye York in 1971, and later divorced. She passed away in 1979. He later married Marcia Sue Dolby in 1973; she preceded him in death in 2012.

Mr. Prass was founder of the Indiana Alligators Inc., a non-profit radio group that raised funds for handicapped children in North-Central Indiana, and served as its first president and later secretary-general of the organization.

Mr. Prass was also a Scout Leader, serving as Cubmaster and Scoutmaster for Pack and Troup 321 in Colfax, and Advisor for Explorer Post 922. He later served as district Activity Director for the Sugar Creek District of Crossroads of America Council for several years, planning and running Camporees, and he was in charge of the annual District Scouting for Food collections.

In the 1970's, Mr. Prass worked at the former Schwab Safe Company, the former Essex Wire Corp., and the former Uniroyal Corp. before launching Fair Deal Tune-Up and Repair Shops in Greenfield. He worked as a mechanic for more than 20 years. For 22 consecutive years in Frankfort and Lafayette, Mr. Prass was a former league bowler, winning several league championships. He served as a four year member of the Lafayette Bowling Association.

For 13 years, he and his wife, Marcia, traveled around all five Great Lakes doing lighthouse photography prior to her passing. For over 40 years, he compiled an extensive genealogical family history for both his and his wife's family lines. Mr. Prass is survived by his sons, Samuel Prass, Daniel

Prass, and Arthur Prass; two daughters, Gloria East and Tanya Schimmel; ten grandchildren; and two brothers, James Prass of Ohio, and Paul Prass of Pennsylvania. In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Donna Hammer Prass; and one son, Matthew Prass. Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015, at Genda Funeral Home Rossville Chapel from 9:00 a.m. to the start of the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Greg Eberhard will officiate. Burial will follow in Rossville Cemetery. Online condolences may be directed to www.gendafuneralhome.com.

From Russ Kasper:

Chuck had a love for scouting and a good deal of stamina and patience too. I remember sometimes he would definitely have his hands full with Colfax troop and kept it going against all odds. Chuck would step up to lead the Sugar Creek Camporees, if needed and enjoy the fun of Scouting as he went. When all the work was done at the Camporees, Chuck and I would play our share of Chess....and generally had some pretty good games together. If I remember right, seems like he was pretty handy with keeping the cars going too. Chuck had a wealth of knowledge to pass on to the Scouts around him. He will be missed.

From Steve Artz:

I remember how pleased he was when we did "Chuck Themed winter I think camp out) 6 or 7 years ago.

Natalia Agudelo:

Chuck Prass - you will be missed by many. Thanks for all your time and love given to scouting.