



## Gold Rush ready to roll, Feb. 9-11

Lace up your boots...pull on your gloves...load up the sled and fire up the handwarmers. It's almost time for our annual Gold Rush competition on February 9-11.

And, with the winter we've had so far, snow seems likely.

The event will begin Saturday at 9 a.m. Competing groups will be divided into two categories: junior (ages 14 and below) and senior (ages 15 and above). Lunch and dinner that day will be served in Kimble Hall, and a campfire and awards ceremony is planned for that evening.

Groups should bring the following in a small pack: compass, pencil, small notepad, rope for lashing and a watch.

Unit check-in will begin Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the museum. A patrol leaders meeting is scheduled for 9 p.m., with a unit leader's crackerbarrel at 9:30.

The \$7 per person event fee includes the two meals and an event patch. Camping fees are additional. For more information, call 330-859-2288.

## Ghostly miner sighted at camp

Have you seen Tuscazoar's phantom miner? A recent e-mailer to the Ghosts of Ohio organization claims to have encountered the ghost of an old miner at camp. Supposedly, this miner once lived in the area in a cabin that still stands. He carries a lantern and comes to the aid of lost hikers. In fact, he may have saved a hiker from stumbling over Buzzard's Roost. True? Come and decide for yourself...



## Fee schedule adopted

The Board of Trustees has adopted a new camp fee schedule. The new schedule will not impact current pricing, but clarifies rates for entire camp usage, daily camping, kitchen rental and other usage fees. Items of note:

- **Use of Old campsite is free until further notice** to Foundation members and youth camping groups
- A special rate has been established for pre-summer camp usage by Scouts. During the Buckeye Council Summer Camp season, **Troops en route to Seven Ranges can rent Hoover Lodge at 40%** of the regular weekend rate for a Saturday stay. Troops must check in after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and depart before 11:45 a.m. Sunday (prepaid reservations required)

For more details on the new fee schedule, contact the camp Ranger at 330-859-2288.

## Tuscazoar Foundation receives first international member

Volunteering is a rewarding experience ... all around the world. CTF trustee Brian Criswell has had a life-saving kidney transplant, and so has Takashi Sakabe of Hyogo - prefecture, Japan. Takashi works for the school system in Japan and volunteers his skills using the school's video camera for events and group activities. After his mother donated a kidney to him 5 years ago his improved health and enlightened spirit made him yearn to expand his horizons. He now volunteers time to local youth and studies English. As e-mail penpals, Brian and Takashi have discussed pastimes and interests, which led "Taki" to visit the Camp Tuscazoar web site ([www.tuscazoar.org](http://www.tuscazoar.org)). Seeing Brian's efforts on behalf of Camp Tuscazoar, Takashi wanted to help. Now he is CTF's first international member! Welcome aboard Taki and please know you are welcome to attend our meetings! Best of health and luck in all you do and thank you for your support.



Takashi Sakabe

# Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

For reservations or additional information, contact Camp Tuscazoar at 330-859-2288

**Think Spring! It's only three months until our annual**

## *Dover Dam Weekend*

**May 4-6, 2001**



**Campwide activities  
Tours of Dover Dam  
Campfire program  
First camp photo contest  
Three Saturday meals!  
Much, much more!**

The \$8 per person event fee includes all activities, a patch and all Saturday meals. Make your reservations right away!

## **Helpers needed for museum photo project**

Hundreds of photos from the camp's past are not currently displayed in the W.C. Moorhead Museum due to space restrictions. Many of these photos are part of "Cece" Moorhead's collection or have been donated by other long-time Tuscazoar campers. The Foundation would like to scan these images to present them on computer in the museum. The photos could then be categorized into several presentations. If you have an interest in assisting with this project, or if someone in your organization needs an Eagle project, we would greatly welcome your efforts. The Foundation can provide a computer and scanner. If you are able to assist, please contact the camp at 330-859-2288.

## **"Primitive Gathering at Tuscazoar" scheduled for June 16 & 17**

Camp Tuscazoar will host its first "primitive gathering" June 16 and 17. This family-oriented fund-raiser will display the primitive skills of atlatl throwing, primitive archery and flint knapping. A range will be open to offer visitors an opportunity to participate in primitive archery, which requires that the equipment be made of wood, horn or sinew only - no fiberglass or aluminum.

An atlatl range will also be open for visitors to try their throwing skills. You don't know what an atlatl is? Then plan to attend one or both days of this unique event. The camp gates will open at 9 a.m. and the event will close at 5 p.m. Cost is \$5 per car. A concession stand will also be open. On Sunday at 3 p.m., primitive items will be auctioned in the camp dining hall.

Trustee Barb Watson is helping to organize this fund-raiser for the Foundation. If you have questions, or if you are interested in participating or assisting, please contact Barb at 330-343-2549.

Watch for more details in the next issue of the Breeze and on the Camp Tuscazoar website at <http://www.tuscazoar.org>.



## **Icky's Camp Journal**



### **Eagle Award**

Sean Smith (right) and his father Steve stopped by the museum in early December and were excited to see their Eagle Brick and hold it before its installation. They are with Troop 1 from Akron. Not in the picture were the other 30 some members of their troop with whom they shared the moment. Sean passed his requirements in October 1999 and received his award in January 2000. He is 15 years old.

# Zoarville Station Bridge - A Rich History

by Dave Tschantz

One of the pioneer iron bridges in the United States was designed by a German immigrant named Albert Fink for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in the early 1850s, for which he received a patent. The Zoarville Bridge at Camp Tuscazoar is based on the Fink truss design and was built in 1868 as one of three highway spans crossing the Tuscarawas River and Ohio-Erie Canal in Dover, Ohio. It was moved to its current site in 1905, was abandoned in the 1940s and was purchased by a neighboring farmer in 1969 for \$50.

Railroad technology was often adapted for highway bridges, and few bridges that relate to the early history of railroads remain on any road or railway in the United States. One other Fink truss of this type existed in New Jersey, but was demolished several decades ago. The Zoarville bridge is older than the majority of wooden covered bridges still standing in Ohio. While it may not appear as quaint and picturesque as a covered bridge, from a historical point of view, it is just as important and actually much rarer.

## Phoenix Columns

What makes this bridge significant is that, not only is it the rarest of the rare - in terms of the style of bridge - but the end towers, upper chords and intermediate posts are Phoenix Columns, iron structural tubes of curved plates riveted to each other at flanges and fitted onto iron boxes at the joints or panel points. The bridge was built as a 108-foot-long through truss by the engineering firm of Smith, Latrobe and Company of Baltimore, Maryland, later known as the Baltimore Bridge Company.

The president of this company, Charles Shaler Smith - or "Shaler", as he was called - was credited with introducing the use of Phoenix Columns in railroad trestles. Shaler was considered the greatest American engineer of his day, responsible for an enormous amount of work, including four bridges over the Mississippi, one over the Missouri, and one over the Saint Lawrence. His company advertisements boasted of 13 miles of bridges, together with many other works such as roofs,

depots, foundations, roundhouses, piers, etc. Shaler was most famous for his daring and innovative solutions to difficult engineering problems. Shaler died in St. Louis, Missouri in 1886 as the result of a fall while directing the erection of machinery at an exposition building. At his funeral, an elaborate model of a truss bridge with a railroad train, constructed of flowers stood at the altar rail.

Other members of this company included Benjamin Latrobe, whose greatest achievement was overseeing the extension of the B&O across the Allegheny Mountains, an undertaking considered impossible.

Benjamin's son, Charles Latrobe, was also a member of the company. He was famous for his work on the Arequipa Viaduct and the Verrugas Bridge in Peru, which at that time was the highest structure of its kind in the world.

The least known member of the firm was Frederick Henry Smith, probably a brother to Shaler. Frederick was appointed Engineer of Bridges for the City of Baltimore in 1873. He was also a consulting engineer for the Seaboard Air Line and held seven different patents.

## Restoration begins

Restoration began in July 1997 when the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation acquired the bridge and the land under it. The Foundation quickly began to raise money with the goal of dismantling the bridge before it collapsed, then rebuilding and re-erecting it for recreational use. Upon completion, the bridge will carry the Zoar Valley Trail, the intrastate Ohio-to-Erie and Buckeye Trails, and the interstate North Country Scenic Trail. The bridge will also give the youth using the camp access to the Ohio-Erie Canal Corridor and the towpath trail.

Work has now begun on raising the approaches and abutments, and funds are currently being solicited to finish that work, as well as for the restoration and re-erection of the bridge itself. The bridge is listed on both the Ohio and National Registers of Historic Places, and designations of National Historic Landmark and National Historic Civil



*In September, the Zoarville Station Bridge was dismantled and its components were placed into secure storage.*

Engineering Landmark are pending. The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation was also recently presented with an Ohio Historical Marker, which will be emplaced upon completion and dedication of the bridge. Updates on our progress can be viewed at [www.tuscazoar.org/ZSB.htm](http://www.tuscazoar.org/ZSB.htm).

## Contributors deserve credit

We could not have made progress thus far without the help of numerous organizations: The Ohio Department of Transportation, the Tuscarawas County Commissioners and Engineer, State Senator Greg DiDonato and State Representative Kerry Metzger, the Ohio-Erie Canal Association, the Ohio Historical Society, local contributors such as the Frease, Rosenberry and Haman Family Foundations, Wayne Mutual Insurance Company of Wooster, Ohio, the Stark-Wayne-Tuscarawas Joint Solid Waste District, the National Park Service, the Ohio Bicentennial Commission, the Longaberger Basket Company and, most recently, the Marsh Foundation of Dover. A project of this magnitude must involve people at all levels of private business and government. For what has been accomplished thus far, these contributors deserve the credit.

Note: Much of the material in this article was derived from the Historic American Engineering Record, Zoarville Station Bridge, #OH-84, authored by William M. Lawrence, Historian. HAER's website: [www.cr.nps.gov/habshaer](http://www.cr.nps.gov/habshaer)

## New trustees, officers elected for 2001

Four trustees were elected to four-year terms at the Foundation's annual meeting in October. They were: Greg Bialota, Ted Novak, Norm Saeger and Dale Tschantz. Also, Dan Gier was recently elected to fill a vacancy on the board. Officers elected for the coming year are:

President:	Bob Spencer
Vice-President:	Ted Novak
Secretary:	Eric Schoenbaum
Treasurer:	Nancy Schoenbaum

Congratulations to those elected!

## Coming Events:

Feb. 4	CTF Board Meeting
<b>Feb. 9-11</b>	<b>Gold Rush Competition</b>
March 4	CTF Board Meeting
April 1	CTF Board Meeting
<b>May 4-6</b>	<b>Dover Dam Weekend</b>
June 3	CTF Board Meeting
<b>June 16-17</b>	<b>Primitive Gathering</b>
July 1	CTF Board Meeting

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## Fate of Keppler Lodge painting remains a mystery

*The afternoon sun shimmers across the placid lake. On the far shore, a wooden lodge stands nestled within a grove of tall, spindly pines. Nearby, a row of tents lie waiting for their scouts, who have left for a day of outdoor adventure...*

Forty-seven years ago, Mrs. Charles Ridenbaugh donated a large painting to hang above the fireplace in the brand-new Keppler Lodge (photo at right).

A newspaper story described the lodge's dedication ceremony on June 7, 1953:

"Dedication services were held at Camp Tuscazoar by McKinley area scouts yesterday for the Homer Keppler Memorial Lodge. Nearly 200 present heard an address by the Rev. Harold Braun of the St. Peters Episcopal Church of Lakewood...

As part of the ceremonies a painting by Mrs. Charles Ridenbaugh...daughter of the late Mr. Keppler, was presented to the lodge by members of the family. The painting was reproduced from a color slide made by Mr. Keppler at the old Massillon area camp at turkey foot."

This painting hung in Keppler Lodge for more than 30 years, until it disappeared in the mid-80's. The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation and the Keppler family would like to locate this painting and return it to the camp. If you have any information on its whereabouts, please call the camp Ranger at 330-859-2288.

