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Wagion Heads To NOAC

by T-Bird Times

Even as this issue of the *T-Bird* is being mailed, 31 brothers of Wagion Lodge are at the 1994 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. While there, Wagion contingent members will be involved with the great training opportunities as well as other activities and competitions.

The Communications Committee will be looking to bring home a national championship this time with the *T-Bird Times*. In 1992 at the University of Tennessee, the *T-Bird* finished second overall and earned National Honor Newsletter honors.

In addition to the newsletter competition, Wagion plans to compete in a wide array of athletic events. One of the goals Wagion has set is to recapture the tug-of-war titles in both the youth

and adult divisions. Several members of Wagion are planning to run in some of the long distance events and a volleyball team has been assembled.

For those Wagion members whose interests spread away from athletics, Regis Dunn is putting together a team to compete in the O.A. Jeopardy contest. Also, Wagion is preparing a booth for the Founders Day Festival, centering on the Hometown Flavor theme.

Following the four days at the conference, Wagion's contingency will spend some time in Cincinnati, Ohio. The stay will include a day at King's Island.

As just about anyone who has attended a National Conference will attest, the training and fellowship opportunities cannot be equaled at any other scouting event. Watch for all the details of the 1994 NOAC in the next issue of the *T-Bird*

Times, including results and pictures.

When the lodge gathers for the August Fellowship Weekend, the memories of this year's conference will still be fresh in everyone's mind. There is no better time than that to begin planning ahead for 1996. Listen for details at the August Weekend on how to get in on the ground floor of planning for the next trip in two years. By signing up early and spreading the payments over two years, the cost is much more manageable.

Preliminary details, including dates and location, will be officially announced at the August Weekend. Unofficial rumors are that the 1996 NOAC will return to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Give it some thought and come prepared to reserve a spot on the roster with just \$25 at the August Weekend.



Pictured above is the contingency that Wagion Lodge 6 sent to the 1994 Section 5 Conclave at Camp Custalogatown, June 10-12. Wagion sent 65 members, a new all time high for Wagion Lodge. With no limit on next years conclave at Heritage Scout Reservation, Wagion members can come out in full force.

Training Announced For E.C.

Lodge officer elections were held in June at the service weekend, following Saturday evening dinner. The results of the elections are as follows:

Chief: Jeremy Nazimek
Program vice-chief: Jim Bittner Jr.

Administration vice-chief: Jeremy Steck

Treasurer: Matt Show
Secretary: Andy Ayers.

A lodge officers training

was scheduled for July but plans had to be altered due to illness and work commitments. The lodge officers training has been moved to coincide with the executive committee training weekend on Aug. 26-28. The incoming lodge officers are expected to report on Friday night and the rest of the executive committee on Saturday morning.

The officers training will happen Friday evening and Sunday morning. The rest of the executive committee will train all day Saturday followed by a large evening meal and possibly a trip to the Somerset County Fair that evening.

Details will be provided to those that will need to be in attendance.



Adam Mates (left) the Vigil Honor Chairman presents Jay Rutter of Troop 111, Connellsville, Pa. with his Vigil Honor award. Rutter's Indian name is Wasin Bloka Nopeya Cikala Cantagmiynpi, translated as Large Man Who Drives a Small Car.



Newly elected lodge officers Jeremy Nazimek (left), a chief and Jimmy Bittner, Jr., program vice-chief are busy filling executive board positions for the coming lodge year.

UpComing Events

30 Jul - 6 Aug 94
19, 20, 21 Aug 94
26, 27, 28 Aug 94
7, 8, 9 Oct 94

NOAC
August Fellowship Weekend
Executive Committee Training
October Service Weekend

Purdue University
Camp Conestoga
Camp Buck Run
Camp Conestoga

Fellowship Activities Planned

The Activities Committee would like to announce the plans for the upcoming August Weekend. That weekend is the yearly fellowship weekend, which means that work service is not a requirement, but having fun is.

This August will see the third annual August carnival. Each committee

will be required to set up a game booth with the proceeds going to the 1996 youth contingency fund to help offset the costs for youth participants for the National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Also on tap for the weekend will be movies on Friday night, a special snack on Saturday night followed by the midnight

auction. Anyone having auction items to please bring them to the weekend. The pool will be open weather providing and rumors of a volleyball game and horseshoe pitching are floating about.

Remember, this is a fellowship weekend so everyone come on out for a fun-filled weekend.



Wagon Lodge members show their winning style during the Section 5 Conclave volleyball competition. Wagon finished third this year and will be competing at NOAC. Try to become a member of the team by participating during the August Fellowship weekend.

Remember the 12th Law

During each Wagon Lodge #6 weekend, we hold religious services. The Protestant service is held Saturday evenings after dinner at 7:15 in the dining hall. Catholic mass is held at 7:15 in the O.A. building.

A lot of hard work and

planning is put into bringing clergy to the weekends, so please attend and participate in your respective service.



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Lodge Merchandise Available at Weekends

by Brain Ihlenfeld

As the Lodge year is beginning to close, there are a few thoughts and reminders that I need to pass on to the Lodge Brothers. First, the Finance Committee sells all types of Lodge merchandise throughout the weekends. The hours are as follows: during registration on Friday evening, 8:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, and during Snack Saturday evening. The Finance Office is closed on Sunday. A reminder that most Lodge merchandise is on sale at the Council Service Center and can be purchased during regular business hours. Also, the current price list for all Wagon Lodge merchandise is printed in this issue for your convenience.

Anyone attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) be aware of this information. Lodge flaps will be at the Council Service Center for any youth or adult interested in purchasing them to trade or sell at the Conference. Next, any one Brother having ideas or suggestions for new types of Lodge Merchandise that the Finance Committee could sell should either contact Brian Ihlenfeld (925-8255) or Regis Dunn (532-1867). We would like to sell what the Lodge members want to buy, so suggestions are greatly appreciated.

A reminder that the 75th Anniversary is fast approaching. The Lodge will begin its celebration at the August Weekend next year, so plans must be made soon. If any youth is interested in

serving as a chairman for the 75th Anniversary Committee or if any adult is interested in serving as an adviser to this committee, please contact Brian Ihlenfeld or Matt Ayres (925-3903) as soon as possible.

Finally, I have a message to pass on from Froggy and the members working in the Kitchen: All Lodge Brothers,

please register Friday evening in the O.A. Lodge even if you have prepaid at the Council Service Center. It is essential that Froggy gets an accurate account of members so he can purchase enough food for everyone.

Thanks to all Brothers for paying attention to these reminders. I hope to see everyone in Aug.

We send our little Indian boys and girls to school, and when they come back talking English, they come back swearing. There is no swear word in the Indian languages, and I haven't yet learned to swear.



Gertrude S. Bonnin

(Zitkala-Sa)

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T-Bird Announces New Advisers for 1994-95

by T-Bird Times

After three and one-half years as adviser to the Communications Committee, Rich Ashford has announced that this will be his last issue as adviser of that committee. Ashford will turn over the committee to co-advisers Laurie Koronowski and Doug Dorula.

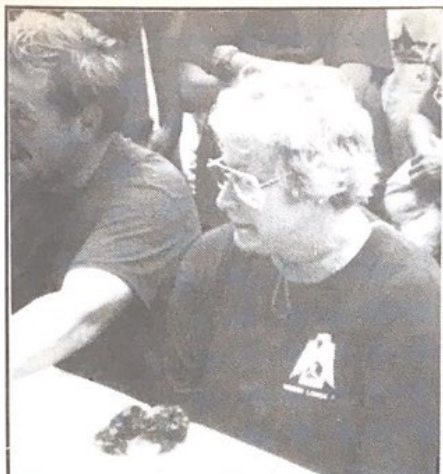
Ashford took over the committee in 1991 and guided three talented editors into the current system and style. The old *T-Bird Times* was printed on Xerox copy machines on 8x11 paper. The current system includes tabloid size newsprint and has allowed to committee to expand into an operation that is similar to a real newspaper. There is an editor, writers, a photography department and an advertising department to help supplement the financial costs of printing and distribution.

With Ashford as adviser, the multi-talented **Ken Koncerak** as editor

was able to enter the *T-Bird Times* for the first time in national competition at the 1992 NOAC. The *T-Bird* finished second in the nation overall.

This year at the 1994 NOAC the *T-Bird Times* is hoping to capture the National Championship with entries from the editorship of Regis Dunn and Scott Husband.

Ashford would like to thank all of the people that have provided the youth members of the committee the best possible facilities to bring the *T-Bird* together. He would personally like to thank the three editors that have worked with him, all of the secretaries at the Council office that have been ever so helpful with the mailing, the staffs of the two printing facilities that have printed the *T-Bird*, Vandergrift Printing and the Somerset Newspapers and finally to the staff of the Penn-Franklin News for opening up their computers and layout facilities to us.



One of the contests that allowed adult competition at the 1994 Section 5 Conclave was the jello eating contest. Laurie Koronowski shows her form that earned third place honors.



Legal Notice

At the June Weekend, June 17-19, 1994, the Wagon Lodge Executive Committee proposed raising dues, weekend late fees and the deadline for the collection of yearly dues. A vote by all youth members of the lodge will take place during the business meeting, Sun-

day August 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Due to foreseen financial problems in the near future dues need to be raised from the current \$6.00 to \$8.00. Late dues will be raised from the current \$7.00 to \$10.00.

The deadline for dues collection has been pro-

posed to be moved to the October weekend and drop notices to be sent out on Dec. 1.

Regular weekend fees will remain at \$6.00 but late fees to be raised from \$8.50 to \$9.00 to eliminate the necessity of making change.

Registration for August Service Weekend

August Service Weekend
\$6.00 (\$8.50 walk-in)

19, 20, 21 Aug.
Camp Conestoga

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Address: _____ District: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed (nonrefundable): \$ _____

Mail to: O.A. Weekend Registration
Westmoreland-Fayette Council, Inc.
2 Garden Center Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601-1393

Council Phone # (for telephone reservation): (412) 837-1630
(412) 837-1630 Checks payable to Wagon #6, B.S.A.

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Success Shines on FAC

The First Aid committee would like to report that the committee is enjoying continued success. The FAC has enough personnel to safely attend to the needs of the lodge, but they will not turn down any help that might be offered.

If you are interested you can contact chairman Mike Howard at 837-4985 or either of the advisers, Brenda Howard or Jim Bittner Sr., 438-4648. Or you can stop in the Health Lodge at the August Fellowship Weekend. If you do decide to join, you are eligible for a FAC t-shirt for only \$2.00.

Just because we are not in desperate need of help does not mean that we do not need some things. The following is a list of supplies that are still in need:

Trauma dressings, Peroxide, Rubbing alcohol, Sting kill, Rubber gloves, Nasal cannula, CB's or radios

Dance Team Needs Help

by Dave Kruckvich

Hello Brothers! I am writing this article because the dance team needs your help. It would be greatly appreciated if the lodge members who hunt or know someone who hunts, would please donate feathers from geese, ducks, turkeys, pheasant, and crow. The hides of fox, muskrat, and rabbits would also be greatly appreciated.

If anyone would like to sign up to join the dance team, please call me at 887-4233, Eric Kreinbrook at 547-8229, or Adrian Horvath at 837-2754. New members are always appreciated because of the busy schedule we have. This past February we went to three Blue and Gold banquets, two mall shows and, of course, the OA Banquet. We also have more dances coming up in the months ahead. We will be going to a bunch of Pow Wows this summer.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the new Ordeals and Brothers and encourage them to sign up for the dance team. If you can't reach any of us, we will be at the August weekend. Will we see you there?

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Adv: Doug Kelly	887-3158

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Adv: Gary Steck	864-4593

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Adv: Adrian Horvath	837-2754

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Adv: Wayne Krienbrook	547-8229
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Adv: Jim Bittner Sr	438-4648
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'94 Conclave

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Nominating

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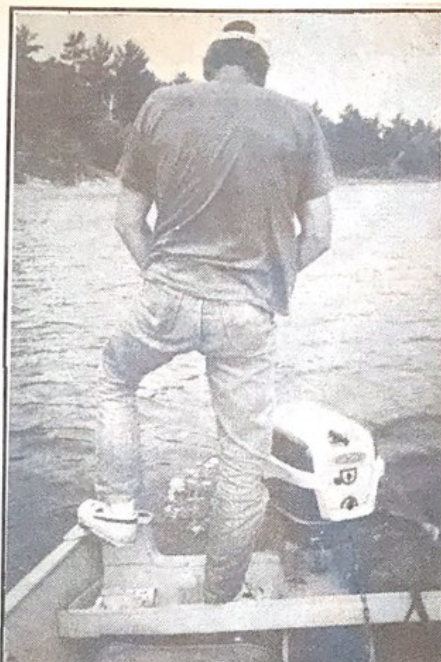
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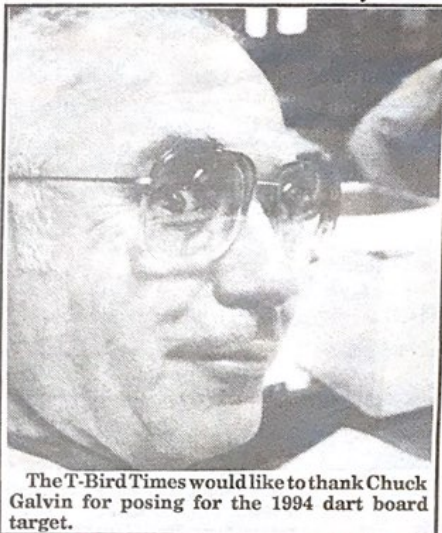
Chr: Adam Mates	887-4975
Adv: Rich Browning	378-7602



In the above picture how many water safety violations can you name? The person who correctly identifies as many as possible will be given a special prize. Tie breaker: Name of person and the activity he is engaged in. Send replies to T-Bird Times, c/o Scott Husband, 1347 Conway Dr., Greensburg, PA 15601.

Top Ten

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| <p>Top 10 Names For The New Council If We Had Consolidated With EVAC</p> <p>10. West-Fay-Valley</p> <p>9. Allegheny Trails Fodder</p> <p>8. Bob</p> <p>7. Mistake without the Lake</p> | <p>6. Westmoreland-Fayette</p> <p>5. EVAC (Eternal Vacation from our Accumulated Cash)</p> <p>4. Playground for the Rich and Famous</p> <p>3. Ferguson's Folly</p> <p>2. The Money Pit</p> <p>1. New Jersey</p> |
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The T-Bird Times would like to thank Chuck Galvin for posing for the 1994 dart board target.

Ways and Means Aids Conservation

by Mike Currykosky

This past June weekend, the Ways and Means committee did a stupendous job for a variety of reasons. One was that other than doing all the work to set up the circles for the ceremonies and making sure everything went off right, they helped the Conservation committee plant the 500 seedlings that were donated by the PA Game Commission. A special thanks to Matt Hough who was a major part of this donation. Included in the seedlings were Norway Spruce, White pine, Mugo pine, Flowering Japanese crabapple, American

Bittersweet, Washington Hawthorne and Mountain Ash.

The second reason that it was a great job that weekend was the help the Ways and Means com-

mittee received from Rel Orzechowski and Keith Miller who stepped up to take control in my absence. I would also like to thank any others that helped out with all of the

work.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Jeremy Nazimek, who was elected chief for the coming year. I know he'll do a great job for the lodge.



Jeremy Steck, lodge secretary, puts on a demonstration during the Spring Nature Walk.