



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

October 2017

White Horse District – Garden State Council

Riding in the MS 150

By Magnus P.

The MS City to Shore bike ride is a thing to remember, especially when you're one of the riders. I was one of those riders, and I rode 74.3 miles on that trip. It was tough, yes, but to be honest, it was worth it, and I loved it. It all started early on Saturday, September 23rd. I was at the starting point with Mike. After some time, Mike and I got on our bikes and we started to ride.

It was not long until we ran into our first problem, which was Mike getting a flat on his tire after hitting a clump of potholes. That led to a flat that had to be repaired. Thankfully, there was a nice couple who helped remove the flat, and a mobile repair shop not too far behind us, so it did not take long for that flat to be replaced. Once it was replaced, we were back on the road.

So far, the bike ride is pretty simple, with me flying ahead of Mike and stopping to wait for him every once in a while. As the day kept going, it got lighter. Everything was getting easier to see, and it was also getting warmer by the minute. The temperature of that day was predicted to rise up to 85 degrees, so that sounded like fun.

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Mike's Minute

by Scoutmaster Mike McCormick

The most exciting part of Scouting is the camping, and the Scouts have put together a GREAT schedule for this year!

Biking at Valley Forge, canoeing the Wading River, a summer fishing trip, and exploring the cliffs opposite New York City at Alpine... 2017-2018 is shaping up to be awesome. See everyone out there!

Need to buy food? Want to support Troop 48? Why not get Shop Rite gift cards!?

Just see Kellie Walker at any meeting to get Shop Rite cards! Troop 48 gets a percentage of each card bought!

Alumni Corner: Ian Denholm

By Scout Scoutly

Ian Denholm spent many years with Troop 48, earning his Eagle Scout in 2000 under Scoutmaster Gary Lake. He learned a lot of skills during his time in Scouts, but one of the more unusual was how to use Amateur Radios (better known as Ham Radio), which he used to communicate with all the different expeditions during summer trips. These were in the early days of cell phones when few folks had them, so this was an interesting skill to pick up, and a valuable one for Troop 48 at the time. Ian even earned his operator's license.



Ian then went off to college in Hoboken, way up in North Jersey, and just across the Hudson River from New York City. There, on September 11, 2001, Ian stood on the steps of his dorm room and watched the Twin Towers fall.

As many in the United States did in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, Ian felt the desire to help in any way that he could. It was the way that he could help that surprised him.

“I used my Amateur Radio License to work as a radio operator for the Red Cross at one of their relief sites in the days after September 11th,” said Ian. “It was something that I never would have learned without scouts and I was glad to put the skill to good use.”

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“Life without adventures would be deadly dull.”
~ Sir Robert Baden Powell, Founder of Scouting

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I was able to see a bunch of things that I had not seen on the ride last year. I saw some areas that seemed to be somewhat rural. Some were nice picturesque scenes that were pleasant sights due to the rising sun.



While I was riding, I found a way to entertain myself, besides pedaling away at my bike, and that other way was riding behind someone and eavesdropping in on their conversations with their friends. I got to hear some

interesting things by doing that, I'll tell you what. Other times I listened for anyone who brought their speaker to the ride, and rode behind them for as long as I could, listening to their music. I remember sticking close behind one man who was blasting Bruce Springsteen.

One thing that was an enemy of mine last year decided to come back this year, and that enemy was pain. Last year on my last bike ride, I got a burning sensation in the top of my thighs within the last five miles. This year, I got that same burning pain within probably the last 30 miles, however, it was not as bad this time around. It wasn't anything a little bit of ibuprofen couldn't handle.

As I'm riding, I notice that the folks who aren't riding are still cheering us along as much as they can. I appreciated their support for us very much. I also saw something that seemed very, very interesting, which was an old 1920s dark green car riding down the road, honking its train whistle. I must say, that was very loud, and very, very cool to see. Another interesting thing about it was the fact that the steering wheel was on the right side. Around the time that happened, we had less than ten miles to do.

One part of this ride that was challenging were the bridges, which although they weren't as steep this year, they were still very, very long. Some people, at this point, decided to walk their bike up this bridge.

However, I was not as inclined to do so. I shifted my bike to the lowest gear possible and pedaled all the way up, and glided back down. I repeated this on the second hump, never getting off my bike except for at the stops. I reach the bottom of the second bridge and get to the intersection, where police were stopping the bikers due to the heavy traffic. At this point, we were at the last mile, and we stuck together the whole way to the end, and I must say that I felt proud of myself for biking 74.3 miles on the MS City to Shore.

Next trip: Friday to Sunday, October 13-15 – Goshen Pond Trip! We'll be heading out to Goshen Pond, where we'll host an open house for Cubs and non-Cubs interested in Boy Scouts! Activities usually include an obstacle course, a hike, campfires, and lots of games.

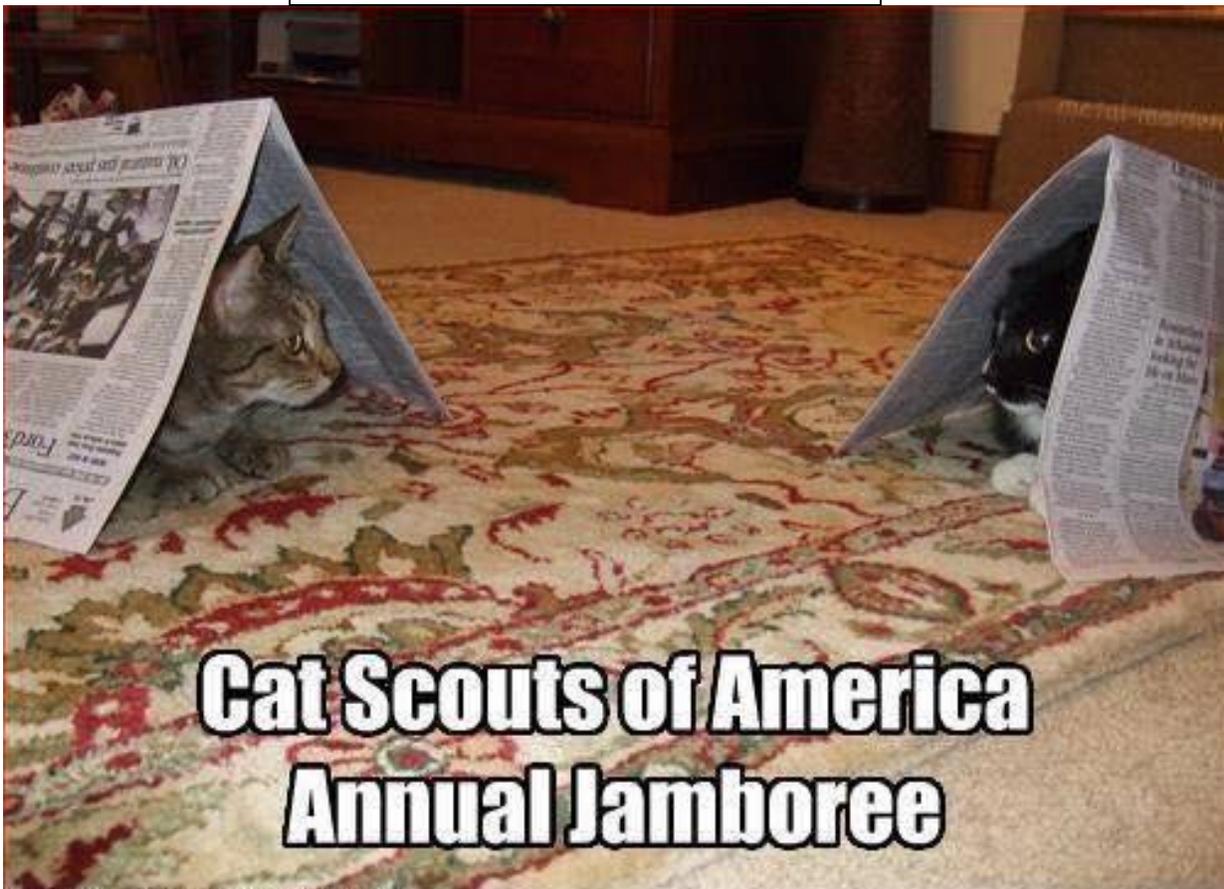
This trip costs \$25 per Scout, with a \$10 early bird discount for those paying by Wednesday, October 4th!

Bike MS Report

by Paul Pascu, Troop Committee

Last weekend was the MS City to Shore bike ride. As usual, our Scouts manned the Century Loop rest stop which receives over 1,000 bike riders who are doing the full 100 miles for MS research. As usual, our Scouts did a fantastic job. We always get wonderful compliments for the MS folks. The MS lead volunteer for the rest stop is always so happy to see us. We make her job so much easier. And we always get an earlier email each year asking if we'll be back again.

Scout Meme-of-the-Month



Troop 48 Trivia

Where was Troop 48's first summer trip?

See page 5 for the answer!

Upcoming Events - 2017-2018!

Friday to Sunday, October 13 to 15 – Goshen Pond Campout – Shamong, NJ

November – Scouting for Food

Saturday, November TBA – Hoagie Sale – Berlin, NJ

Friday to Sunday, November 17th to 19th – Monmouth Battlefield. Camping – Allaire

Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Support Our Troops Event – Battleship New Jersey – Camden, NJ
(if held. Was not held last year because of lack of deployments!)

Friday to Sunday, December 8th to 10th – Palisades/Camp Alpine

Wednesday, December 13 – Annual Court of Honor celebrating 53 Years of Troop 48! – Berlin, NJ

Friday to Sunday, January 26th to 28th – White Horse Klondike Derby

Friday to Sunday, February 16th to 18th – No-Be-Bo-Sco

Friday to Sunday, March 23rd to 25th – Poconos/Crystal Cave Trip

Friday to Sunday, April 27th to 29th – White Horse District Camp-er-ee

Friday to Sunday, May 4th – 6th – Valley Forge – Valley Forge Fire Company – Schykyll River Trail Philly to Valley Forge or Valley Forge NHP

Saturday, May 26 – Memorial Day Flag Placement – Berlin Cemetery, Berlin, NJ

Saturday, June 2 - World War II Reenactment – Reading, PA

Friday to Sunday, June 8th to 10th – Canoeing – Wading River – Camping Bodine Field

Friday to Sunday, July 13th to 15th – Fishing trip

Saturday to Friday, August TBA – Summer Trip

Friday to Sunday, September TBA – Beach Jam - Wildwood, NJ

Friday to Sunday, September 28 to 30 - MS 150 Campout

Date TBA- Fort Mifflin Campout, Troop 48 Ski Trip

Answer to Trivia Question: Lake George in New York