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JEREMIAH YOUNG EARNS GMA!

DISTRICT RANGERS OF THE YEAR



Jeremiah's involvement in the Ranger program is as follows. Jeremiah entered Straight Arrows at the age of 6 in September of 1983. Royal Rangers played a major role in his salvation on January 11, 1984. After earning his first pin, he advanced to Buckaroos where he earned the Greenhorn, Wrangler & Range Rider pins. He remembers Commander Johnson having scripture memorizing contests that he participated in and won.

In Pioneers, Jeremiah earned all ratings through Master Rating and participated in his first Pow Wow. In Trailblazers, he was on the District Honor Guard. He advanced through Recruit, Second Class, First Class and Master Rating.

As an AST Sea Ranger, Jeremiah earned all of the merit awards qualifying him for the GMA which is the highest award in Royal Rangers. He also recalls going on the best backpack hike that he's ever been on. That was to Mt. Kinsman with Commander Pettersen, Commander Poirier, and Shawn Noonan.

Jeremiah, his family, outpost and church can be proud of his accomplishment in receiving this award.

—Lenny Petterson

This year's District Ranger of the Year testing was held on February 25, 1995 at the Christian Worship Center, Barrington N.H. Boys from three sections came together to demonstrate their skills in areas such as first-aid, compass and firecraft, just to name a few. In addition to these tests, scores compiled from the outpost and sectional testing were also added in. Congratulations to each of the boys who participated. Tim and Steve Corum will be competing in the Regional testing on April 14th and 15th.

PIONEERS

- 1ST Place: Michael Nagel, Outpost 5, S.E. Section
- 2ND Place: Jonathan Moulton, Outpost 40, W.M. Section
- 3RD Place: Brian Charland, Outpost 9, Central Section

TRAILBLAZERS

- 1ST Place: Steve Corum, Outpost 40, W.M. Section
- 2ND Place: Sven Granholm, Outpost 24, Central Section

AST

- 1ST Place: Tim Corum, Outpost 40, W.M. Section

On February 8, 1995, Outpost 3 honored Sea Ranger Jeremiah Young at an awards ceremony. He was awarded the Gold Medal of Achievement by District Commander Gary Cloutier. The guest speaker of the night was Sr. Commander Craig Litalien of Outpost 27. Jeremiah received many gifts and certificates from state and political dignitaries. The ceremony was held at Christian Bible Church, Nashua, NH.



If the boys thought that the "93" JLTC was good, this one is better! Prepare them now, get 'em hyped! This is *THE* event of the year for being challenged. The applications will be out very, very shortly, even as your eyes are reading this.

The dates are July 13 - 16 for the JLTC. In addition, Advanced JLTC will be starting on Wednesday night, July 12th for those who are invited. The requirements for attending JLTC are that the boy is at least a 2nd class Trailblazer. The camp will be at Camp Light of the World in North Wilmot, NH. (This is the same place as last fall's NTC). Get Ready and Lets Go!

—Steve Melcher



THE VISION

Can you imagine where we would be today if people with a vision decided to give up? Royal Rangers may not even exist today. Johnny Barnes had a vision that would reach boys and young men throughout the entire world. I believe this vision was not to gain notoriety among his peers or be known as the individual that created this fantastic boy's program. I believe his vision was to rob Satan of thousands of souls and see them get to heaven. Johnny could have easily said it's too much work and I don't have time, but he did not. He had two very important things going for him, a vision and the Lord. I believe we should have the same basic vision. I am praying that God will put a burning in your hearts for the souls of boys in your community. Our time on this earth is short and there are kids all around us that are heading for an eternity in hell. We must do our best to reach them with every means we have at our disposal. We should not stop with the information given to us in all the manuals, but we should endeavor to go on ahead and develop new godly ways to reach out to every boy we can. If done with conviction, Royal Rangers is one of the best harvest tools the church of today has to reach out to every boy. If I only had one chance to say anything to you, it would be **PRAY PRAY PRAY PRAY** for a burning in your heart to spread the gospel to everyone. Your vision should be looking forward to the day of judgement when you can stand before an awesome God, and tell him you did everything in your power to reach, teach and keep boys for him. Remember:

If you do your best, then God through Rangers will do the Rest

The *Pony Express* is a quarterly publication of the Northern NewEngland District Royal Rangers, Gary Cloutier - District Commander. The *Pony Express* is an excellent way to promote what is happening in your outpost, section and district. We welcome you to submit articles, photos etc. Please send your articles to the address found on the back page. Articles may also be sent to us via the internet at READYPAGE@aol.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 14-15 - Regional Ranger of the Year Testing. (Pray for Steve and Tim Corum!)
- April 29 - District Pinewood Derby Portsmouth, N.H.
- May 12 - 13 - FCF Family Rendezvous Pittsfield, N.H.
- May 27 - Straight Arrow/Buckaroo Roundup - Laconia, NH
- June 16-17 - FCF Phase I testing Pittsfield, N.H.



Greetings from the Den of Woolly Bear!

The King's Pine chapter just held their annual business meeting and I would like to pass on some of the results. The King's Pine has some new officers and I would like to introduce them to you. Our new Scribe is Tim "*Little Owl*" Swan and I know he will do an excellent job of keeping and preserving the records. The new District Scout is Tim "*Turkey Feathers*" Corum and the new Assistant Scout is Steve "*Burnt Offering*" Corum. Yep. They're brothers in real life, not just in the Lord. To do their duties they need your help, so how about it Rangers. The duties of the Scout are to relay the Rangers (boys) feelings to the District Staff. They can be reached by mail at this address:

Tim / Steve Corum, Outpost 40, Plymouth Assembly of God, R.R. #4 Box 2168, Plymouth N.H. 03264, so let them know what's up.

We also did planning for the upcoming year, and the first event is the **FAMILY RENDEZVOUS**. I don't know if I can wait until May 12-13, 1995 for it to begin. Let me tell you some of the things we planned for the rendezvous. Some of the events are: sack races, hawk throwing, seed spitting, rolling pin toss, hoop racing, just to name a few. We will have the noon meal together again so bring a side dish as the King's Pine will provide the meat. It is hard to explain how great the Family Rendezvous is unless you have attended one. The greatest blessing is the worship and fellowship we share—oh, what a blessing it is. If you haven't attended one, then what is holding you back? Remember, you can bring a friend if you desire to. This is the time of the year to get together

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with the Brothers and Sisters of the King's Pine chapter, so I really urge you to go.

Some of the other events we made plans for are the Phase 1 testing, Frontier Adventure, Pow Wow, Trace, and Territorial Rendezvous. The Phase 1 testing is right around the corner (June 16-17) so if you want to join, please see any FCF brother or contact me (Sid "Wooly Bear" Bean, 79 Sixth St. Dover, NH. 03820) and we will be glad to get you started on your way into FCF. Remember, this is the only testing for this year so don't miss it. Really, it's not that hard, especially since we'll help you.

Until more news arrives from the Den, may our Lord hold you and yours in His hand. I pray that I will see you at the Family Rendezvous and share a blessing with you. God Bless,

Wooly Bear

Wooly Bear

S.W. SECTIONAL PINWOOD DERBY



The S.W. Sectional Pinewood derby was held on March 18th at the Charlestown Foursquare Church. The following drivers will be going on to the District Pinewood derby.

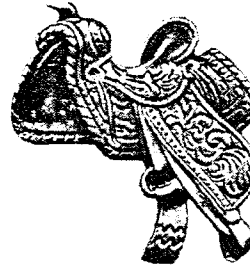
Straight Arrows	Outpost
1st: Nathan Franklen	13
2nd: Willian Neilson	45
3rd: Aaron Dugan	7

Buckaroos	
1st: Jordan Barney	7
2nd: Ben Buckwold	7
3rd: Keith Franklin	13

Pioneers	
1st: Aaron Bascom	45
2nd: Scott Bortner	7
3rd: Richard Neilson	45

Trailblazers	
1st: Ben Bascom	45
2nd: John Maynard	45
3rd: Greg Bascom	45

From Where I Sit...



Rev. Gregg Randall
Director Men's
Ministries

The words royal and ranger are full and rich in meaning of what a commander's life and ministry is all about. Other words for royal are majestic, noble, regal, stately, kingly, and princely. The word ranger carries with it the idea of keeper, custodian, protector, guardian, explorer, traveler, wanderer, adventurer, pilgrim, and scout. Wow! What responsibilities and what possibilities are before you. How exciting and how challenging!

BUT NEVER EVER FORGET THIS; YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND POSSIBILITIES BEGIN FIRST AT HOME WITH YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN. Effective Royal Ranger ministry begins and ends in the home. Your effectiveness as a commander will in a large part be influenced by how successful a husband and father you are at home. Make the following six basic principles a lifetime priority and commitment.

(1) **Be the leader and head of your family.** For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. (Ephesians 5:23) Male leadership should be respected by all members of the family. The husband is a servant-leader, just as Christ is Head of the Church. It is a leadership of love.

(2) **Be an ideal lover.** Ephesians 5:25 states, that the husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the Church. We are commanded to, "love your neighbor as yourself". (Matthew 19:19) It is a sacrificial kind of love that the Bible speaks of. Love that is given shall be happily returned. Love is more than a feeling. It is a command and can be learned. Study I Corinthians 13:4-8 for the characteristics of Biblical love.

(3) **Be the primary breadwinner for the family.** God laid down this principle in Genesis 3:19, "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food

...". Man has been accountable for both the financial provision and the psychological and physical protection of his family throughout the Scriptures. Paul clearly states our responsibility in 1 Timothy 5:8, "If anyone does not provide for . . . his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

(4) **Be the family provider.** You are the protector not only from physical evils but also from emotional and spiritual hurts. You are a father-teacher. Psalm 127:3 teaches, "Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him." If God has given you children, you will be held accountable for them. Being a good father takes work, sacrifice, and time, but there are built-in blessings from being faithful in this area.

(5) **Love your children.** "Fathers, do not exasperate your children." (Ephesians 6:4) Children need love from their father, as well as teaching: "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." We are to train them by example and precept in the ways of our God. Children are to be disciplined, for self-discipline, self-control, and self-denial are essential in maturing to adulthood.

(6) **Be the priest of the home.** Teach your children love for the Word of God, the importance of prayer, and faithfulness to the house of God and the things of God. Teach your children stewardship by the example of your own life.

Yes, at times it may seem like a difficult task or even an overwhelming responsibility, however, **NEVER EVER FORGET THIS; IN CHRIST WE CAN DO ALL THINGS AND BECOME ALL THAT HE WANTS US TO BE.** Be a Royal Ranger!





FOCUS ON THE STAFF

ROYAL RANGER SUPPLIES

(This is the first in a series of articles to help introduce our readers to each of the members of the District staff.)



Meet Don Filena! Don has been working with boys for most of his life. He started in Boy Scouts as a Tenderfoot and went up the ranks to Scoutmaster and eventually became a trouble shooter for the district.

It was on a July night in 1982, that the Lord Jesus Christ took on a new meaning to him. Christ came into his life on that summer night in Indiana. He became P.T.A. president at the Fall River Christian school in 1989. It was at that time that he became the gym teacher for the 6th through 8th grade. He was richly blessed by working with those young people and he became not only their teacher, but friend and counselor.

For a long time, he desired to become a part of the Royal Ranger ministry, but because of his job with Amtrak, it wasn't possible. After moving

to New Hampshire, Jesus opened the door to this wonderful ministry. He became a commander of the Trailblazer outpost and within one year was the senior commander of outpost 40. He continues to fill this role while at the same time taking on various responsibilities on the sectional and district levels. Prior to his recent appointment as Deputy District Commander of New Hampshire, Don held the position of Deputy Sectional Commander for the White Mountain Section.

His goal for the coming year is to visit every outpost in New Hampshire and Vermont. *"I praise the Lord for what he has done in my life and what he is still going to do. I praise God for each and every commander in our district. Keep up the good work; those boys need you."* He, along with the entire district staff, are here to help you in any way we can. Don, his wife Alice and daughter Sarah attend Plymouth Assembly of God. Don can be reached at (603) 536-4208.

Watch for more from Don in a future issue of the Pony Express, when he will be sharing about Light for the Lost.

The "Mainah Tradah" operated by Steve and Cheryl Melcher is off the ground and running. A display at National Council was highly received by other district leaders. This mail order business offers **Boys Uniforms** at great prices; **Dress Blazers** for men; **Brown Campaign Hats** (for khaki A & B uniform) for leaders; **Hudson's Bay Blankets** for below market prices, and **Trophies and Plaques** at great prices. More will be added later but boys uniforms are a big need now. Take advantage of these great prices. A flyer is being sent to each outpost. Spread the word commanders!

MAINE YUKON DAY

The first winter activity for the Maine or Eastern Division was held at Bethany Acres in Winthrop on February 18th. A total of 105 were in attendance. Outposts represented were Lewiston #16, Gray #24, Windham #33, Brunswick #30, Thomaston #6, Bangor #29 and Fryeburg #18. Many thanks to the several wives and teen girls that helped with the meals. The Rangers enjoyed sledding, snow sculpturing, capture the flag, horse rides sleigh rides and we ended the activities with an outpost freight run which was to see how many people an outpost could get on a refrigerator sized box and make it down hill. Of course, there's always one show off group (Lewiston) that had to do it standing up!! The day was concluded with a snack and a devotion in the horse barn, and that's no bull.

—Steve Melcher

Shown at left:
Snow sculpturing at Maine Yukon Day.



WHY I TOOK LEADERSHIP TRAINING

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth”. These words found in 2 Tim 2:15 should be a challenge to each commander of the Northern New England District. As commanders, you are in a unique position in the lives of every boy you interact with. You are setting a standard for the boys to follow. How are your meetings? Are they challenging? Thought provoking? Fun? How about your appearance? Do you show that the uniform is important? Are you enthusiastic about your meetings? Of course, we know that not every meeting is going to be perfect and yet the secret to a successful meeting is **prayer** and **preparation**. One of the very best ways you can begin to prepare is by studying to earn your Leader’s Medal of Achievement. As you work your way through this material, you will gain new insights into how to run your meeting, how to lead a boy to Christ, how to counsel with your boys, etc.

In the many years that I’ve been doing Royal Rangers, I’ve found that I am most enthusiastic right after having gone through some type of training. Whether the training was via training offered from the district or some type of national training camp, I have never failed to be challenged to be the best commander I can be. Part of this is that you gain confidence in yourself as you go through the training. Another reason is the gathering together of other men dedicated to the same goal. Whatever the reason, the outcome is a better commander and a better outpost.

Wouldn’t you like to be the best commander you can be? Training is a great step in that direction. Your district training staff is **READY** to supply that training. We will be offering Leadership Training Classes in various locations this year. Why not plan now on attending? For more information contact Clarence Bonner, your district training coordinator or any other member of your district staff.

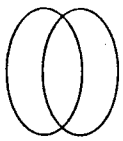
—Gary Besaw

CONGRATULATIONS COMMANDERS!

The following commanders have recently earned their Leader’s Medal of Achievement. Congratulations on their outstanding accomplishment!

- Hoyt Bowman / Outpost 3, Nashua NH
- Tim Corum / Outpost 40, Plymouth NH
- Pamela Dorsett / Outpost 40, Plymouth NH
- Richard Dorsett / Outpost 40, Plymouth NH
- Rev. Jack Ferrara / Outpost 40, Plymouth NH
- Ronald Fields / Bennington VT
- Billy Gray / Outpost 27, Nashua NH
- Clyde Masterson / Outpost 40, Plymouth NH
- Robert Peare / Outpost 9, Sanford ME
- Bruce Purdy / Outpost 9, Sanford ME
- James Spaulding / Outpost 7, Canaan NH
- Richard Swan / Outpost 41, Laconia NH
- Kenneth Umlar / Outpost 40, Plymouth NH





2ND ANNUAL COMMANDERS AND SPOUSE CONFERENCE

The 2nd annual district conference for commanders and their spouses was held on March 10th and 11th at the Institute for Christian Instruction in Alfred, Maine. Although attendance was poor, the conference was rewarding. The Friday evening service included the dedication of Steve and Cheryl Melcher's newest addition, Gabriella Hannah-Elizabeth. This latest bundle of joy in their lives was born on Royal Ranger prayers. The rest of the evening was devoted to leaders and outposts paying their thanks and respects to the years of service of our retired District Commander, Warren Clark. The highlight seemed to be a presentation by Steve and Sue Granholm of a game board called "Warren's D.C. Adventures". It highlighted many well-known facets of his ministry and some not so well known ones! He must bring it to Pow Wow. The evening was concluded with a short devotion from Pastor Ron Korzeniowski, who was our district's very first GMA recipient.

Saturday was started with an early morning session for leaders. Some new things were shared that should be of great help to all the outposts. In the second session, Brother Gene Petty shared on Child Abuse Prevention measures that are so important to working with children today. The afternoon business session was packed with information about changes coming down from the Springfield National Office. The Royal Ranger ministry is on the move! New areas are being opened up and the vision of Johnny Barnes of impacting our boys nationally is beginning to come to pass.

Saturday evening concluded our conference. A few awards and expressions of thanks followed by a challenging message from Pastor Ron and a good time praying for one another in small groups concluded our conference.

—Steve Melcher

COMING NEXT ISSUE

There are a lot of changes coming to the Royal Ranger ministry. We'll be looking at some of those changes and what they mean to you!

The 1995 District Round up will be history by the next issue. We'll be featuring the goings on.

The FCF Family Rendezvous.

A sneak preview of whats in store for you at *Pow Wow!*

All this and more in the next issue of the *PONY EXPRESS!*

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