

# Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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A pleasant June evening, with its long twilight, awaited the almost twenty of us – Dot Blenis, Connie Teator, David & Harriet Gumport, Martha Turon, Len Gardiner, Walt Ingalls, Harriett Rasmussen, David and Judy Rundell, Jeanne Bear, Betty Vaughn, Mimi Weeks, Larry and Dot Hesel, Rosemary Lambert, Stephanie Ingalls, Ron Golden, and Don Teator. A change of setting was in store; because the Assessment Review Board needed the large community room worse than the GLHG did, we ended up in the library itself.

Don passed around the 2003 Greenville High School yearbook – an often forgotten but useful piece of local history. As you might imagine that took us through a few side stories.

Stories about the Greene County Historical Society's Home Tour in Greenville the Saturday before this meeting were told. The Prevost Manor, of course, was a highlight, as was Russ and Abby Carlsen's Hickok House. Most agreed the tour was a worthy one.

Dave Rundell brought in an AP newspaper article that made its way through many papers across the country. I've reproduced it in this newsletter. Thanks for the sharp eye, Dave.

Don made mention of the Boy Scout Recognition Banquet for Troop 42 at Baumann's Brookside. I have reproduced the booklet's pages of scoutmasters and Eagle Scouts. This event was a classic local, home-grown event that also saw our Assemblyman Dan Hooker (an Eagle Scout himself) speaking, as did a representative for our NYS Senator Seward. Also appearing at the banquet were charter scouts Orlie Bear and Len Gardiner. We couldn't let Len go without regaling us with a few Scout stories.

Harriett had a couple of projects in progress she reported on. One was a correspondence with a woman wanting Post and Gordon information. As Harriett gathers more information, she'll share more.

Second was a write-up about the Craw family, aided by June Clark's family tree poster. Charles Craw (1824-1893) married Caroline Ingalls (1824-1894) and had nine children: Carrie (m. Elisha Simpson), Georgett (m. Rev. Wm. Washburn), Charles (m. Margaret Linden), Ellgreen (m. Roxanna ?), Alice (m. Henry Wm. Chesbro), Sarah (died young), and Thurlow (marriage, if any, unknown). Harriett and June had drawn up the next generations, show local

names Pierce, Cameron, Roe, Hoose, Briggs, Hladik, Hunt, Jennings, Vadney, Hempstead, Tallman, and a few more. In addition, Harriett listed information about Charles' two brothers, Erastus and Francis. Her notes will be part of the historian's family file.

Mention of Dot Hesel's quilt depicting the hot air balloons was made. It appears the raffle winner was a corporation from Middleburgh, which decided to return the quilt to Greenville.

And, in between, were stories and stories, the worth of which was much enhanced by being present.

The next meeting will be July 14. Tentatively scheduled is a showing of Doris Hempstead's genealogy index cards, all the thousands of cards if I can find another strong back to help me carry them (I think my son has a strong back!).

Till then, take care,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word.

# Exotic trips lose luster amid fears

## Travelers likely to pick nearby vacation spots

BRAD FOSS  
Associated Press

GREENVILLE, N.Y. — At the Greenville Arms in the Catskills, owner Eliot Dalton exudes springlike optimism as a new coat of paint is applied to the backyard studio and flowers come to life.

Bookings are decent enough ahead of Memorial Day that he contemplates raising the rates at the inn, which is a retreat for artists.

"We're off to a slow start," Dalton said, noting the economic slump, "but it looks like we'll make up for it."

While the economy, SARS and terrorism are discouraging global tourism, domestic destinations near major cities could experience a boost in activity this summer as vacationers avoid air travel and faraway places, travel industry officials said.

Travel agents said they're seeing — and promoting — interest in road trips — to places ranging from the southern tip of the Appalachian mountains to northern Michigan's Mackinac Island, and across California's Sierra Nevada range.

By heightening the terror alert to orange this week, the government may have given travelers another reason to avoid airports and major metropolitan areas.

"Anything with a non-urban area ring to it is doing well," said John Stachnik, president of Mayflower Tours, a Downers, Ill.-based travel company specializing in bus and air travel.

This summer, Stachnik added, motorcoach trips are the "shining star" of his business, accounting for more than 50 percent of revenue.

AAA, the Heathrow, Fla.-based travel agency, said the decision to raise the terror alert to orange would not affect its prediction from last week that 84 percent of all Memorial Day vacations will be by car and 11 percent by air.

Owners of resorts and inns in Greenville, about 120 miles



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Jean Hutter works on a painting in the Hudson River Valley Art Workshops hosted by the Greenville Arms Inn in New York.

north of New York City, say advance bookings are flat or down 10-15 percent from a year ago, but they expect a burst of business once it gets warmer and families and couples seek reprieves from cabin fever.

"It's not as good as I'd like it to be, but I've been through this before," said Jyl DeGiovine, whose grandparents founded the Balsam Shade Resort in Greenville nearly 70 years ago. "It usually picks up at the last minute and everything is fine."

Airline industry analysts have less reason to hope, given the sorry state of passenger demand.

The total number of miles flown per passenger is down 7 percent from a year ago and more than 15 percent compared with 2001, the most recent Air Transport Association data show. A closer look reveals how fears

of terrorism and SARS are altering travel patterns. For example, domestic bookings for North American and European air travel in June are slightly higher than a year ago, while travel demand to Asia, Africa and the Middle East are down sharply, according to Sabre Airline Solutions, the consulting arm of the Southlake, Texas-based travel reservation firm.

While the airline industry is seeing pockets of improved bookings, that demand is being generated at a price: cheap tickets.

The average leisure fare on the 100 busiest U.S. routes is 7 percent cheaper than a year ago and 13 percent less than in 2001, according to New York-based Harrell Associates, a consulting firm that tracks airfares.

Ray Neidl, Blaylock & Partners'

airline analyst, described industrywide yields, or revenue per mile flown, as "exceptionally weak."

Anemic demand for air travel is forcing travel agents to come up with other options, such as cruises and preplanned road trips.

"We're finding more and more people wanting to do things within a comfortable driving radius of, say four to five hours," said Dale Eyerly Colson, president of Travelstar Inc. of Westport, Conn.

Adds Dennis Fenton, owner of Your Travel Connection in Albany, Ga., "We're pushing Destin, Fla., and we're pushing certain areas in northern Georgia," such as Blue Ridge and Dahlonega, where weekend packages cost as little as \$175 per person.

Even Travelocity, the Internet site whose logo is airplane taking off from a city, has latched on to the road trip trend, exhorting customers in mass e-mails to plan trips "just a short drive away."

The Clubb family of Jacksonville, Fla., is putting a slightly different spin on that theme.

In mid-June, Pamela Clubb, 40, her parents and two children will fly to Las Vegas to begin a two-week road trip through Nevada and California. The Clubbs will take their rented van to Yosemite National Park, San Francisco and the Napa Valley — all for about \$1,500 per person. Clubb's husband, who was laid off by bankrupt Adelphia Communications and recently started a new job, will not be joining them.

While gasoline prices have come down sharply in recent weeks, at \$1.49 per gallon, regular-grade gas is still 10 cents per gallon more expensive than a year ago, according to Energy Department statistics.

Doug Yoder, owner of the Bay View bed-and-breakfast on Mackinac Island, said it's having a noticeable impact on his business.

"When gas prices go up, people tend to travel more in their own state . . . and we feel that," Yoder said. Business is off to a good start, but he's getting fewer reservations from Californians and Texans.

## Greenville Troop 42 Eagle Scouts

1952 Kenneth Bott	1973 Randy Hood Philip Kearns Douglas Welter Al Cardamone, Jr.
1976 Garrin Welter	1977 Lawrence Smith
1978 Neil Baumann	1979 John Conlon John Whittaker
1980 James Whittaker Richard Schreiber	1982 Michael McAneny
1983 Steven Greiner Christian Martens John Rose Jeffrey Whittaker	1984 Dan Conlon Christopher Hynes Jeffrey Margiasso Capt. Donald Wells Mark Whittaker
1985 David Pflug	1987 Brian Blake John Lafferty Richard Wells
1988 Dr. Walter Hubicki Fred Wienberg	1992 Helmut Philipp Terance Blake Matthew Gough
1997 Jeremy Kropp	1999 Darren Ricci
2000 Gabriel Meringolo	2001 Brian Monteverdi

## Troop 42 Scoutmasters

1931-1932	William Kingsley
1933	Zina C. Rose
1934	Don Mabee
1935-1936	Alvin Ten Pas
1937	Robert Slater
1938	Allen E. Bailey
1939	Maurice J. Cooke
1940-1941	John L. Dorman
1942	Robert O'Keefe
1943-1944	James C. Shaw, Jr.
1945	Captain L. Gumpert
1946	Galatin Yeomans
1947-1948	Charles Rice, Jr.
1950-1951	John W. Frey
1951	Rev. Francis Potter
1951	Harold Bender
1952	John H. Welter
1953-1954	Clement H. Hulick
1955	Kenneth Rose
1956	Arthur E. Jones
1958-1959	Gordon T. Rennick, Jr.
1960	Harry A. Barber
1961-1964, 1966	Matthew L. Breitenbach
1963, 1965	Harold Bender
1967-1968	Edward J. Trudell
1970	David Van Benthuysen
1971 to Present	David Battini