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From The President's Chair

Dear Friends,

Your Board of Directors are hard at work and we need your help, as members, with activities, too! If you would like to volunteer your time for the July Antigo Liberty Days to assist in the Forest History Association of Wisconsin booth, please contact Miles Benson at mkjbens@charter.net or (715)423-4203. July is a busy

month with Family Forestry Expo at Camp 5 in Laona on July 22. FHAW will again be represented with our display. Come and volunteer and/or visit these events!!

The 31st Annual Meeting of the FHAW will be held at Camp 5, September 22-23. The Registration form is in the Spring/Summer Chips and Sawdust and will also be mailed with the Renewal Membership at the end of June. The Registration Form is on our website: www.foresthistorywi.com REGISTER EARLY!!

At the September Annual meeting, Charles Day, author of Silent Ones: Glider Invasion Test and Experiment, will be traveling from Ohio for our conference. Do not miss this opportunity to hear the expert on WWII gliders speak! Mike Monte, Editor of "Pioneer Express" and author of Cut and Run will talk about "The Evolution of Modern Logging." Brad Pagel, historian and archaeologist has made amazing discoveries on railroad lines in his paper, "The Goodyear Lumber Company." Author, Robert Laplander, of the new book, The Lost Battalion will be recounting the "Lumberjacks of Northern Wisconsin in WWI. Finally, you can see and learn about the traveling museum exhibit at Camp 5, going to museums throughout the United States, "Wisconsin's Flying Trees" Wisconsin's Plywood Industry's Contribution to WWII."

After this winter of consulting on a logging wagon in Montana from 1907, a stamp hammer collection, and seeing snowy owls, your President has attended the National Soaring Museum Symposium in Elmira, New York, continuing research. Visiting the Deep River Historical Society in Connecticut, a plywood mahogany section of a WWII glider wing made by Roddis Lumber and Veneer Company in Marshfield- will be available for your viewing at Camp 5 during the annual meeting.

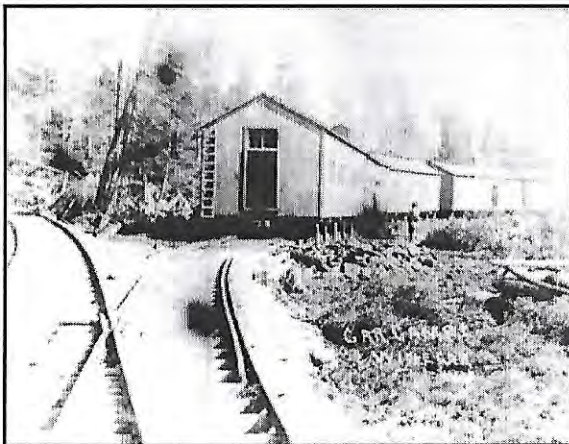
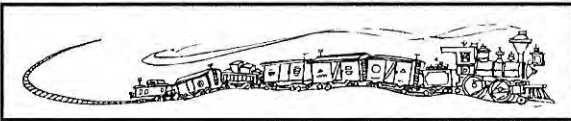
It was an honor to be elected your President of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin on its 30th Anniversary on October 1, 2005. My election followed the induction of my mother, Mary Roddis Connor, into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame. For my family it was a special day on the 5th Anniversary of her death. She was co-founder of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin. I have enormous shoes to fill.

Sincerely,
Sara Witter Connor

VILAS COUNTY LUMBER COMPANY

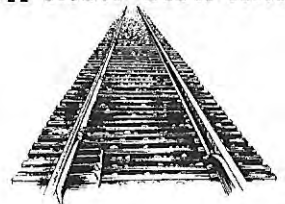


Dining Car, Vilas County Lumber Co. Car Camps, Fosterville, WI

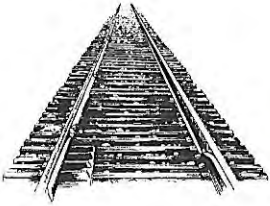


Car Camps • Winegar

"The town was named Glosterville, later Winegar after the owners of the mill. After the mill closed, it became Presque Isle. They had their own railroad and some of the camps were...just a spur off their own line.



They also had some camps that were built of regular buildings.

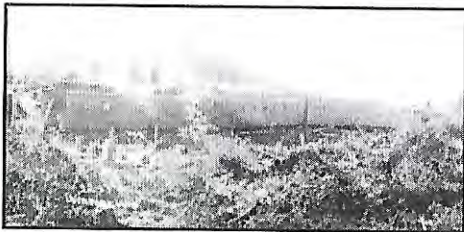
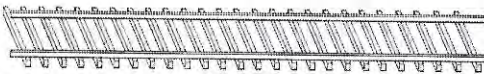


Car Camps • Vilas County Lumber Co.



Wimegar, WI

The Turtle Lake Lumber Company of Winchester also had some car camps. Both towns were also connected to the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad.



Wimegar, WI



Section of the Vilas County Lumber Company's Car Camps, Fosterville, WI

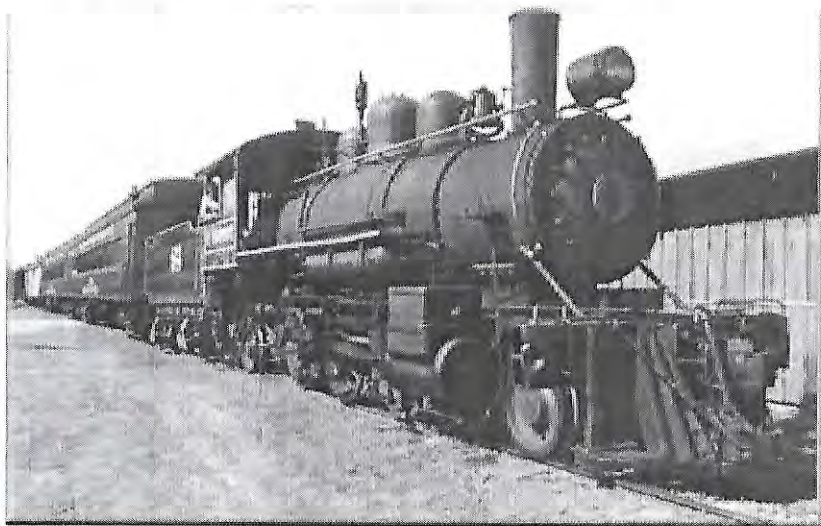
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Forest History Association of Wisconsin
31ST ANNUAL MEETING

Camp 5 Museum

Laona, WI

September 22 & 23, 2006



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE!!!

Friday, September 22, 2006

- 8:00 a.m.** Meet & Register at Camp 5
- 8:30 a.m.** Leave from Camp 5 for Tours
- Tour of Cleereman Industries (Maker of Sawmill Equipment & Sawmill Carriages)
 - Tour of Pine River Lumber Company: Forest Management & Logging Camp Archaeology

Lunch

1-1:30 p.m. Charles Day, reknowned expert on WWII Gliders
Author of *"Silent Ones: Glider Invasion - Test & Experiment"*

1:45-2:15 Mike Monte, Editor "Pioneer Express" and author of "Cut & Run"
"Logging and Tales of the Northwoods"

2:30-3:00 *The Connor Award*
The Fixmer Award



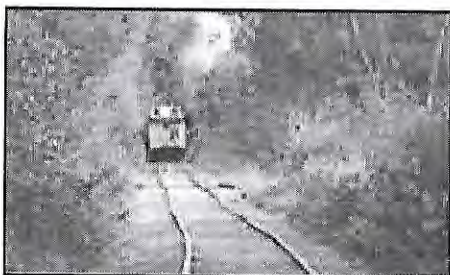
3:00-3:30 FHAW Annual Meeting

3:45

- Director's Meeting
- Heritage Hunt Club (Optional & Sign-Up Required!!!)
Sporting Clays or Pheasant Hunting

5:00 Social Hour at Camp 5

6:00 Dinner & Auction at Camp 5



Saturday, September 23, 2006

8-8:30 a.m. Coffee

8:45-9:15 Sara Connor, Director of Education/Curator Camp 5
Museum Foundation; Editor - *FHAW Chips
& Sawdust*

*"Wisconsin's Flying Trees: Wisconsin Plywood
Industry's Contribution to WWII"*

9:15-10 Brad Pagel, Historian

"Goodyear Lumber Company" in Vilas County

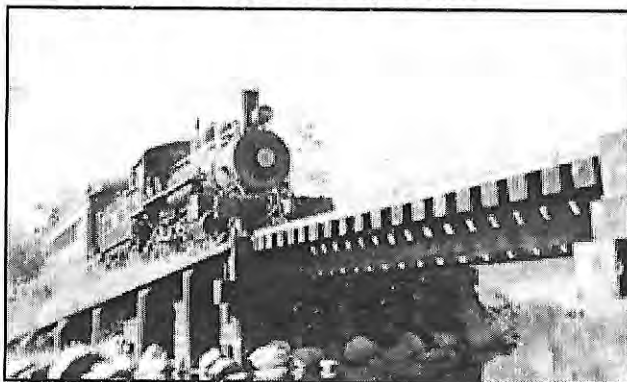
10-10:10 Break

10:15-10:50 Robert Laplander, author of *Finding the Lost
Battalion: Beyond the Rumors, Myths And
Legends of America's Famous WWI Epic*
"Northern Wisconsin's Lumberjacks of WWI"

11 a.m. - Fall Activities and Fun at Camp 5
- Tour of Camp 5 Museum
- Award Winning Green Treasure Forest Tour

Noon Lunch on your own.

- Tour of Award Winning Camp 5 Logging Museum
- Heritage Hunt Club - Sporting Clays or Pheasant Hunting
(Optional & Sign-Up Required!!!)



FHAW 31st Annual Meeting

Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Friday Tour: # _____ @ \$45.00 = _____

Includes: bus tour, coffee & rolls, lunch, dinner & auction (cash bar) at Camp 5

Sat. Registration: _____ @ \$37.00 = _____

Includes: coffee & rolls, meeting & Lumberjack Special Steam Train
Ticket & Camp 5 Museum Fall Tour

Sat. Lumber Jack Special & Camp 5 Admission

Ticket Only: _____ @ \$17.00 (adults) = _____

_____ @ \$6.00 (children) = _____

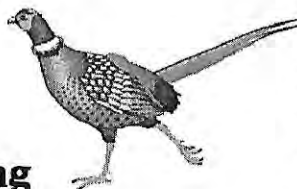


Heritage Hunt Club (Optional) Registration

Sporting Clay 10 Stand

Friday: \$15.00 _____

Saturday: \$15.00 _____



Pheasant Hunting

Friday: \$54 for 3 birds _____

\$18 @ for extra birds # _____ Total \$ _____

Saturday \$54 for 3 birds _____

\$18 @ for extra birds # _____ Total \$ _____

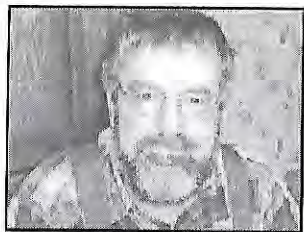


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Meet our FHAW Annual Meeting Speakers

Brad Pagel



After receiving his Associate's Degree in Conservation Technology at Fox Valley Technical Institute, Brad Pagel has been involved in everything in forest management from planting trees, marking timber, logging, to working various tasks in sawmills.

The topic of his presentation for the upcoming annual meeting is about undocumented railroad grades of the Goodyear Lumber Co. that were built in 1900 in the Stella Lake area of Vilas County.

See the results of his field research that reveals 29 spurs totaling 12 miles of logging railroad grades which will be added to the inventory of former railroads. This inventory was begun by the late James P. Kaysen.

Mike Monte

Mike Monte comes from a family that logged for generations. Monte was a logger for about 18 years of his life, starting a logging business after attending UW-Stevens Point. He purchased the almost bankrupt Pioneer Express, a shopper/community paper in 1987. Always a collector of logging stories and interested in the history of the area, he started an archive of historical photos and negatives, many of which are pictures of the early logging industry. He also freelanced for Timber Producer magazine and Northern Logger magazine and is the author of a logging history book called Cut & Run, Logging Off the Big Woods. Monte is a lifelong resident of Forest County.



Charles Day

Charles is a graduate of The Ohio State University Business School, a retired traveling salesman and a data base application developer.

As a small boy in Wilmington, OH during World War II, Charles watched the overhead flying activities of the USAAF Glider Branch Test and Experiment operations conducted at the Clinton County Army Air Field. As well as remembering the tugs and gliders flying overhead, Charles remembers his mother taking him with his brother and sisters to an open house at the air base while his father was serving in the Navy in the Pacific Theater.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 44, Wilmington, OH, Charles slept in the troop built bunkhouse constructed from glider crate wood at the troop camp a short distance from the air field. In 1997, after conversation with the Director of the Clinton County Ohio Historical Society, Charles began researching information and photographs with the idea of creating a short history of the glider test base. After four years of research, attending glider related reunions and collecting photographs from more than 32 sources (men who were there and museums) Charles published the 300 page, Silent Ones WWII Invasion Glider Test & Experiment, Clinton County Army Air Field, Wilmington, Ohio.

In 2001, Charles gladly provided history information of the glider test base and many glider photographs to the Silent Wings Museum, Lubbock, Texas in preparation for the opening of that museum. Charles continues to research the history of the military gliders and collect relative photographs. He attends reunions of the glider test base, George Koskimaki's "Lunch Bunch", the Michigan Chapter of the 101st Airborne Association and the WWII Glider Pilots Association. Charles has visited the archives of the Silent Wings Museum, National Museum of the USAF, National Soaring Museum, Deep River Historical Society, Museum of Army Flying at Middle Wallop England and has provided information to the Assault Glider Trust at Shawbury England as well as several glider related web sites. In addition, Charles recently has worked with Sara Connor providing information and photographs for her "Wisconsin's Flying Trees" project.

Sara Connor

President of FHAW and Editor of Chips & Sawdust. With an M.S. in Curriculum - Instruction from UW Milwaukee. Ms. Connor has presented at museum, educational and professional conferences.

For the past 19 years, she had been Director of Education at Camp 5 Museum Foundation. As Curator of exhibits, Ms. Connor has implemented and coordinated numerous cooperative community exhibits involving students, seniors & veterans. "Wisconsin Flying Trees; Wisconsin Plywood Industry's Contribution to WWII" is the first nationwide traveling exhibit curated by Ms. Connor. The interceptive exhibits highlight the precision of glider and Dehavilland Mosquito Operations. The exhibit also tells the manufacturing story of the Wisconsin plywood industry for the Allies during WWII. War brings technological innovations & genius, Dehavilland, Henry Kaiser & Howard Hughes.

Finally, the exhibit tells the story of "Spruce Goose", made in Wisconsin.

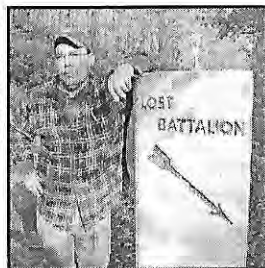


Robert Laplander

On the evening of October 2nd, 1918, Major Charles W. Whittlesey lead almost 700 men under his command into the Charlevoix Ravine, deep within the Argonne Forest of northeastern France. That night, they were surrounded by the Germans on the high ground around them, cutting them off from all support - by that time almost a kilometer in their rear.

Five days later, 194 survivors walked out.

It has taken 88 years to tell their complete story....



In his new book, Finding the Lost Battalion: Beyond the Rumors, Myths and Legends of Americas Famous WWI Epic, author Robert J. Laplander has dug farther and deeper into the true story of what really happened during this legendary episode of WWI than ever has been done before. Eight years research, across seven states of the union and during four trips to France to the actual site of the event, have gone into this work. No other book on the Lost Battalion spells out the story as in depth and completely as this one does. With 100 photographs, 15 maps and written in a fast paced and highly entertaining style that everyone can enjoy, this book will appeal to the adventure reader as well as the casual reader just looking for an engaging story. Sure to quickly become a favorite on your shelf! Just read these recent reviews:

• Robert Laplander has the gift of narrative, with the well-honed senses of a keen researcher. From meticulous work and repeated visits to France, Laplander brings back to us the anonymous faces of the boys who became men who left their homes and daily lives to experience the adventures of war. What these troopers found waiting for them was the horror of slaughter and the bitter decisions of duty.

Laplander gives you the feeling of the trenches with an extraordinary series of character sketches that make you feel like the men of the Lost Battalion are your own friends, your own comrades in arms....

-Bryon Scarbrough, Author, They Called Us Devil Dogs

• Let me preface this by saying that for me, the First World War is my passion. I teach it at a university level, and I am a published author in the field. One of the triggers for this was when I read the Pratt and Johnson book on the Lost Battalion as a ten year old. As a result, I have always had an interest in the incident, and I have picked up all of the recent books on the topic, and there have been several. I could have saved my money by waiting for the Laplander book....

- Thomas Hoff, Author Doughboy: 1916-1919

I have been involved in WWI research for more than two decades and my second book on the Lost Battalion will likely be out in early 2007. The 20th (Forestry) Engineer Regiment is a sub-passion of mine and one which might lead to a book of its own. The WWI 20th Engineer items that are on display in the museum at Camp 5 were donated from my personal collection, and I and my group of WWI living historians (reenactors) come to the Camp 5 every year in August and portray Company E/2nd Wisconsin National Guard Regiment in the summer of 1917.

**FHAW sadly regrets to announce the loss
of one of our Board of Directors.**

JAMES L. ADAMSON

ADAMSON, JAMES L. "JIM" - 72, of Green Bay entered into eternal life on Friday, May 12, 2006. He was born January 18, 1934 in Paint Lake, MI, the son of Carl and Alice (Johnson) Adamson. Jim graduated from Iron River (MI) High School in 1952 and received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1956 from the Michigan College of Mining & Technology (Michigan Tech) in Houghton, MI. He served in the U.S. Army in the Critical Skills Program. Jim married Lois Ann Globokar on August 1, 1959 in Biwabik, MN. Since 1963, the couple has lived in Green Bay, where Jim worked 25 years for James River Corporation (retiring in 1988 as Superintendent). Jim and Lois lived for shorter periods in Hibbing, MN and Monroeville, PN, where Jim was employed by US Steel Corporation. They raised three daughters together. Jim had an energetic array of diverse and creative interests. His rustic cabin on the shore of Lake Superior was the pride and joy of his retirement. He showed his grandchildren and others the joys of a simpler time: Jim loved cooking over an open fire, he had a wood-burning Finnish sauna, and he enjoyed picking berries. He planted countless trees and shared with everyone his love of nature. Jim was a skilled woodworker known for his craftsmanship and artistry. He was an avid hunter in earlier years and won awards for marksmanship. Jim was an active member of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin and served on their Board of Directors. He also worked for years as a Brown County poll worker. Jim took special pride in his family and their achievements. Jim, Lois and their children enjoyed traveling in the U.S. and abroad, and they went camping throughout North America. He took pleasure in taking and looking at family photographs. Jim was a longstanding loyal Packer fan until his recent illness; he attended every Packer home game over the past 42 years with only two exceptions.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, two sisters and three brothers-in-law.

Jim is survived by his devoted wife, Lois; their three beloved daughters: Jean (Tom) Theisen of Sun Prairie, WI; Nancy (Chris) Tueter of Beavercreek, OH, and Mary Lynn (Philip) Miscimarra of Hinsdale, IL; eight grandchildren: Steven and Laura Theisen, Anne, Nathaniel and Matthew Reuter, Andrew, Joseph and Eric Miscimarra; brothers and sisters: Dorothy Johnson, Kenneth Adamson, Pat (Bruce) Valine, Joan Barbacovi, Donald (CeCe) Adamson, Ralph (Gail) Valine, and David (Barbara) Adamson; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Jim will be remembered most as a person who could always be counted on to provide a helping hand, support and encouragement to others in times of need. Jim never retreated from a challenge, and demonstrated by his example that a person can overcome adversity.



Our fellow board member,
Tom Albrecht
hard at work -
catching walleye &
northern in Ontario.

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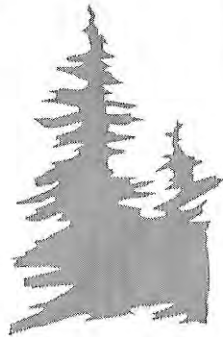
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