\***Aim High In Steering**: the further ahead you see and think, the safer your reaction can be.

**\*Keep Your Eyes Moving:** Do Not Stare. Consider, decide, move on. You can do nothing

about what you are not aware of. THEREFORE:

**\*Get The Big Picture:** Notice everything. Ignore nothing. Check your mirrors. Sounds? Flashes?

**\*Make Sure They See You:** Use your signals, lights, horn judiciously. Eye contact?

 Do the folks around you really SEE you?

\***Leave Yourself An Out:** Play the “”WHAT IF “” game.

 == From the Smith System Driver Training System ==

**White Oak District Scout Round Table News**

***Round Table*** *… Mark your calendars :*

WHEN: Second Wednesday, commencing 7:00pm for GATHERING, *Official* Stuff at 7:30pm.

 WHERE: The Peoples Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Rd. Silver Spring MD

 about 1/4 mile WEST of New Hampshire Ave***.***

After all, **"the work is done by whoever shows up”**

**WHO** will show up from **YOUR** Pack? **YOUR** Troop? **YOUR** Crew?

***Go to***  copy and paste to your brwzr… <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/>

*“Favorite” mark this one now!* Updating and corrections ongoing!

AND on FACEBOOK!!

<https://www.facebook.com/WhiteOakDistrict/?fref=ts&ref=br_tf>

**Where Can We Hike, Camp? Where are the GOOD places? Who’s been there, done that?**

 **We have ! ! The OA Outdoor Guide . . .**

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Where-to-Go-Camping-Guide-.pdf>

\* \* SEE (newly updated) Program Launch Calendar for alotta details. <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2015/10/2017-18-Program-Launch-Packet-White-Oak-District.pdf>

 **Wednesday 9 January 2019**

 **Happy New Scouting Year !**

**Getting Personal** **Sometimes** **you have to go back to basics.**

I hope you always enjoy the top header. I tend to call them “thinkers”, just something to give you a chuckle, to jar your consciousness a little. I like finding things that make me stop and consider. Lots of folks have gone before and we ignore their experience at our peril.

This “thinker” is from a driver training course I was taught (and teach !) called “The Smith System”. It’s purpose is not the mechanics of automotive driving (turn the key, point the car, etc.) but to get the driver to consider their larger purpose and results. In reviewing it, I found myself asking, “Can this apply to Scouting, too?” Well, could it?

\***Aim High** in your future planning: Think months, years ahead. Activities? Opportunities?

Set Goals for yourself and your Unit.

\***Keep your View** of the World **Moving,** not static: How to react to the threats to Scouting.

 Is Scouting “appropriate” today?

\* **Get the BIG picture** of the Whole Social and Physical Area around you :

How are things working out ? Can your Scout Unit serve the families in your neighborhood? Do you know WHY kids are leaving your Unit? Joining your Unit?

NOT joining your Unit?

\* **Make Sure They See You:** Do you (your Scouts?) wear Scout stuff (hat, tshirts, jacket…)

 anywhere else? Is Scouting KNOWN in your neighborhood?

 Signs, PR, service projects, Social Media….

\***Leave Yourself an Out:** When things don’t work, Is There Another Way? Be Prepared?

I’ll be thinking more about this parallel in the future. Look for it…

See you on the trail.

**<< >> << >> << >> TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT ! Does THIS affect YOU ?**

From the National Commissioner: Position-specific training courses for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts (Scouts BSA) are being updated and will be available January 2, 2019. Any progress on current training materials will not carry over to the new learning plan so plan to complete any in-progress training before December 31, 2018. Look for more official information on **my dot scouting dot com**

<< >> << >> << A Scout Is Helpful

**Your Pack/Troop/Crew can lend a hand.**

**Many possibilities for the**

 **“MLK Day Of Service” 21 January 2019 and later . . .**

 **This is the Main Page:** <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/MLK.html>

 **This is for Olney area:**

<https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=388784>

 **This is for “Silver Spring” and elsewhere:** <https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/>

 >> << >> << Blood Drive In Cooperation with MLK Day of Service:

 If you are old enough (18 and up, 16 with Parent permission) consider a blood donation. Might take 30 minutes if things are not busy. Easy, worthwhile…

 **What:** Red Cross Blood Drive

 **When:** Monday 21 January 2019, 10am to 2pm.

**Where:** Shaare Tefila Congregation, 16620 Georgia Ave. Olney MD

**Why:** Because it could save YOUR life, or someone you know.

**How Much & How Do:** No bucks, maybe an hour of your time. You may just “show up”,

but they do appreciate folks making an appointment: Phone 1.800.RED.CROSS or website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter ””Shaare Tefila Congregation””

 **> > > > Fox Haven Offers Scout Winter Training :**

 **What:** ***Fire & Frost:*** Outdoor Skills, Survival skills practice and training fun.

 **When:** 1pm - 4pm Saturday 19 January , Saturday 23 February, Saturday 23 March

 **Where**: Fox Haven, 3630 Poffenberger Road, Jefferson, MD 21755

 **Who:** Scouts, kids age 7 to 12, (older may be accommodated, contact trainer)

 **What again:** Fire-building, reading the landscape and navigating it with

and without a compass, tracking, and building shelters out of

what we bring and what we can find will be part of the fun. Real life

 survival stories will be shared along the way. Youth will be

encouraged to use the information and skills they learn to predict

what actions the people in the story should take to survive.

 **By Who:** Scout experienced teachers (I know at least one of them, JEL)

 **How Do and How Much:** $22 for one Saturday, $60. For all three days.

 For all the details, ask questions, sign up:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fire-frost-winter-survival-skills-and-fun-tickets-53688281094>

 << >> << >> Model Railroads and Christmas?

Bawlmer calls them “TRAIN GARDENS “

**Take your family, Cubs, RRMeritBadgers to see . . .**

<http://www.wvmgrs.org/TrainGardens.htm>

 If you have never had the pleasure, you will be very pleasantly surprised and pleased with the effort, artistry and craft that folks will expend in the small recreation of a railroad scene, either fictional, or from real life. Peruse the list, find an evening or afternoon to visit them. You and your kids will *NOT* be disappointed.

**< > < > < >** Scout History:

**From Ernest Thompson Seton’s Granddaughter:**

**History of Camp-Fire?**

<http://etsetoninstitute.org/wp-ontent/uploads/History_of_Conservation_CFCA-Adams.pdf>

**< > < > < > History Rampant > >**

**Montgomery County Historical Society Conference.**

**Public (Scouts ! ) Invited. Saturday 26 January 2019**

**Check Out:** <http://montgomeryhistory.org/events/historyconference2019/>

 > > > > Philmont Spots Available !

Troop 233 has FOUR open slots for some adventurous Scouts… .

 Troop 233 has been awarded 12 slots for a 12-day Philmont backpacking adventure, from lunchtime on July 22 to breakfast on August 3, 2019.  Eight slots are filled, four are lacking…
A deposit of $535 is due to hold a spot.

Make your check out to "**Troop 233**" and get that check ASAP to Mr. Mac Thornton, Asst Scoutmaster, Troop 233.  **SOON !**

Contact Mr. Thornton ASAP potomacgorge@gmail.com or call (301-814-4155)

 **DO IT TOMORROW !!**

> > > > > Merit Badges Galore . . .

Fairfax Parks Offer a LARGE Program of Merit Badges.

**See’m here:** <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows/scout>

 > > > > Speaking of Merit Badges… **Merit Badge College ,** **lots of possibilities…**

**What:** Merit Badge College, many, many MBs offered.

**Where:** Elkton High School (110 James St., Elkton, MD**)**

**When:** two days, Saturday 5 January and Saturday 23 February, 2019.

 (some MBs may require attendance BOTH days ! )

**Who:** Any registered Scout.

**How & How Much:** delmarvambc2018@gmail.com $25. The day…

 SEE: <http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/area1mbc>

Pay attention especially to the “prerequisites” ! !

> > > > > And MORE Merit Badge Opportunity . . .

 **Jewish Committee Sponsors a Merit Badge and Faith Award Day.**

**Open to ALL Scouts: Saturday 6 January 2019**

 **DETAILS**:

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-JCoS-Merit-Badge-Fair-Flyer-Jan-6-2019.pdf>

 > > > > > > Scout Led? ABSOLUTELY !

National Youth Leadership Training :

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training/>

 **This is the ultimate Scout training around. Two heavy duty weekends. Your SPLs and Troop Guides and Instructors and PLs and APLs …. any Scout aspiring to greatness should consider it. Ideas for the Troop when they return? Resume for school? Apply to life? I should hope so. Excuse for camping? Of course. Make new friends? Added plus !**

 **(Hint: They need a Bugler)**

<< >> << >> Enough Boy Led, Already. Adult Lead**…. WOOD BADGE**

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>

 Yeah, yeah,,, any excuse to go camping….

Scouting’s PH.D of Scouting. Often accepted as academic credit. Yes, it is a serious commitment of time and pelf. ***Any*** adult registered leader (Cub, Scout, Venture, Sea Scout, Explorer) is eligible. It is recommended you have a year or two of Scout Leading and all your appropriate position training completed . Scholarship help can be found: in Council, at work, from your AFofL-CIO union, your Scout unit…

 Do not let such trivialities hold you back. Back? BACK ? Back to Gilwell, happy land….

Scouter Classifieds

 \*\* Still got a **Full Size Basketball outdoor pole, fiberglass backboard, hoop and net.**

Good condition. Help me pull it out of the ground (PLEASE !) , it’s yours. Call James Lehman.

 \*\* Still some more **small trees and saplings** to cut down. Contact James Lehman for

availability. Flag poles, lashing practice, hiking staves, etc.

\*\*\* Firewood future: Contact James L., we may have lots of cordwood to dispose of in the near future. Either the Arborist, or you can haul it away…

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To have names added or deducted from our email list OR to suggest/donate/forward stuff of interest to Scouters, Write to James Lehman, Jr., Esq. below….

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**Past issues of the WODSRTNews now archived and available** (thanks, Donna**):**

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/roundtable/boy-scout-roundtable/jim-lehman-newsletter/>

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 **Everything About the Scout Year** (the **EASY** Chair?): *Oh, so very vacant*