

## **BSA Chainmail 9/26/2012 (Chain Bridge District e-newsletter)**

October Boy Scout Leader Roundtable Planning, "Wonders of Flight" Fall Camporee, Training Extravaganza on Oct. 27, Jamboree-on-the-Air, Lowe's Eagle Scout Project Impact Grants Still Available, Membership News, In the News..., High Adventure Opportunities, Email Changes, Quick Reminders

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Greetings to all.

1) October Boy Scout Leader Roundtable Planning  
(from Tom Ballew, Roundtable Commissioner)

Our next Chain Bridge District Roundtable featured Boy Scout 'Troop 128' is scheduled to conduct the opening Flag Ceremony on Thursday evening, 11 October 2012 at 8:00 PM. at our normal Roundtable Location at the Arlington LDS Church, which is located at 1600 N. Inglewood St., Arlington, VA 22205.

We would ask your representative senior scouts in Troop 128 to arrive by 7:45 PM and bring along their U.S. and Troop Flags to conduct a 'Pledge of Allegiance Ceremony', in the larger gym. Once we adjourn into the smaller break out room for the Boy Scout leaders meeting, it is there where we do the Boy 'Scout Oath' and 'Scout Law'.

We would like your attending Scouts to prepare a short 5 - 10 minute 'History of Troop 128' to include who your Charter Organization is and where you meet, how many Eagle Scouts the Troop 128 has produced over time, places where the Scouts like to go camping, do high adventure activities, etc. After they have given their 'Troop History' talk and taken a few questions from the attending adult leaders, they are free to leave.

Roundtable Topic:

Scoutmaster Bob Leggett brought forward the October Roundtable topic: "Patrol Method." Folks I don't know about you but 'I feel guilty'. I personally fully support Baden-Powell's Patrol Method, but honestly the only time it really works for my unit is during our many weeks of summer activities. During the school year months, just like in your units I suspect, our assigned "Patrols" continually fall apart and we're constantly re-constituting "Patrols" on the go to virtually all our many overnight activities. I think it's partly because of the area we live in with all the wonderful competing activities our Scouts have to choose from, and that they are involved in?

CBD has some of the most successful small, medium, and very large Scout Troops within our Council. I bet many of our Scout leaders within CBD are also struggling to make the by-the-book "Patrol Method"

function in your units? My suspicions are we have very effective Patrol Leader's Councils (PLC) within our units that make us so successful, not necessarily 100% by-the-book functioning Patrols on our outdoor outings (at least during the school year session months). This is a topic we all need to share our many good ideas on; 'guilty me' for one will be on the edge of my chair listening to what all of you have to say on this topic.

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Scoutmasters,

At the end of our September 2012 CBD Boy Scout Roundtable, I requested return of the "Sign-In Roundtable Sheet for September 2012".

Unfortunately someone inadvertently had it in their stack of handouts and that Scoutleader left the meeting early with it. Shame on them!

With no "Sign-In Sheet," I quickly tried to capture all the Troops that had attended the September Roundtable but some had left, as our meeting had already adjourned. Here's who I have listed that I know attended (but there were others that are not listed): Troop 111, Troop 141, Troop 162, Troop 167, Troop 641, Troop 647, Troop 822, Troop 1130, Troop 1148, Troop 2535, Ship 1942.

We keep attendance lists of all our Roundtable Meetings for the District's Journey to Excellence metrics. If your Troop is not listed above, please send an email to Roundtable Commissioner Tom Ballew letting me know your attendance at September's Roundtable? E-mail address is: [tballew-at-cox.net](mailto:tballew-at-cox.net)

Now the FUN part...For the Scout leader that snuck out the door early with the September Roundtable sign-in sheet, you will be duct-taped to the top wing of the Flying Circus bi-wing aircraft and taken to 10,000 feet for our Fall Aviation Camporee aircraft inverted spin demonstrations, until you turn green (which will occur very early). Make sure all your complete Troop is in 100% attendance at our October 19 - 21 Aviation / Space Camporee, as they all will want to see that 'go green' demo.

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2) "Wonders of Flight" Fall Camporee  
(from Kelly Wise and Rob Faris)

The information & registration packet is now available! See links below. Chain Bridge District's Fall Camporee on 19-21 Oct at Flying Circus Aerodrome, Bealeton Virginia will treat your Scouts to an old time "barnstormer" airshow (weather permitting) and fun activities including model rocket building, aviation and space exploration. In this "STEM"-oriented program, Scouts will be able to earn Aviation and/or Space Exploration Merit Badge(s) and will build and fly their own model rocket. Fellowship, a great camping experience and a terrific campfire will round out the weekend.

Deadline for preregistration: 11 October (bring to District Roundtable at 7 pm & attend camporee meeting)

Cost: 19 per scout, 10 per adult (model rockets extra - come to Oct. Roundtable for details)

Additionally, there is a more immediate deadline for an optional part of the weekend. The pilots who fly the airshow are offering non-acrobatic airplane rides to Scouts. These airplane rides are purely optional (not required for any merit badge) and are relatively expensive (\$40-\$75 depending on the airplane - fee in addition to camporee registration). If a Scout wishes to take an airplane ride, his parent or guardian must sign a BSA liability waiver/consent form which must be filed with National Capital Area Council no later than 5 October 2012. The BSA form can be found at [www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf) and must be submitted by the Scout's Troop to Council along with an additional "Flying Plan" form (page 1 - The Aerodrome will complete the remainder) by Friday 5 October 2012. Unit Leaders who want their Scouts to have the option of taking an airplane ride should start putting this paperwork together now. For more information see the camporee guide at the link below.

Call for Volunteers:

We are looking for commercial and military pilots, NASA employees, Aeronautical engineers, and other subject matter experts. If you can come out for the day or even for a few hours, you will make a real difference to a great many boys. You could be the spark that gets them interested in a career or other lifelong pursuit! We are also looking for all sorts of other help to run the logistics and program of this camporee. If you can help or to find out more, send email to Kelly Wise : [kellythewise](mailto:kellythewise) - AT - [hotmail.com](mailto:kellythewise@hotmail.com) AND [chainbridgewonder-at-gmail.com](mailto:chainbridgewonder-at-gmail.com) (official camporee email ).

Camporee Info Packet:

[www.boyscouts-ncac.org/document/chain-bridge-district-fall-2012-camporeev20/116145](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/document/chain-bridge-district-fall-2012-camporeev20/116145)

Camporee Registration Form:

[www.boyscouts-ncac.org/document/registration-form-chain-bridge-district-fall-2012-camporee/116146](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/document/registration-form-chain-bridge-district-fall-2012-camporee/116146)

District Event Information:

[www.boyscouts-ncac.org/OpenRosters/View\\_Homepage.aspx?orgkey=2015](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/OpenRosters/View_Homepage.aspx?orgkey=2015)

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3) Training Extravaganza on Oct. 27  
(from Glen Johnson, district training chair)

A Chain Bridge Scout leader training extravaganza will be held on Saturday October 27, 2012, starting with check-in at 8:00 am at the LDS Scotts Run Church, 1325 Scott's Run Rd.; McLean, VA 22102. Youth Protection Training in English and Spanish, Scoutmaster/ASM training, and Venturing Coach training, Troop Committee Challenge, Merit Badge Counselor training, and Chartered Organization Rep training will all be offered. For schedule and registration info, contact Glen Johnson, Chain Bridge Leadership Training Chair at [johnson.glenh-at-gmail.com](mailto:johnson.glenh-at-gmail.com)

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4) Jamboree-on-the-Air  
(from Pete Collat, CmteMbr-821)

Station W4B (Washington 4 Boy Scouts) welcomes all Scouts to participate in the annual worldwide Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). JOTA Radio Station W4B will be set up at the McLean Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 2034 Great Falls St, Falls Church, Virginia.

We will be operating from 0700 (7:00AM) to 2200 (10:00PM) on Saturday, 20 October 2012.

The station will be a field set up, with an antenna hung between the trees, just as if it were an emergency, with all other communications infrastructure failed. This event helps fulfill many of the requirements of the Radio Merit badge.

For more information, contact: PCollat-at-cox.net or see [www.scouting.org/jota](http://www.scouting.org/jota).

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5) Lowe's Eagle Scout Project Impact Grants Still Available  
(from David Christensen, CBD Advancements)

Home improvement retailer Lowe's has teamed with the Boy Scouts of America to provide grants for candidates working on their Eagle Scout Project. The grant is a \$100 gift card usable on supplies for the project. NCAC still has 90 gift cards available. They will be granted on a first come, first served basis, but the project and all reporting requirements must be completed before the end of 2012. Please encourage any Scouts you know who are currently working on their Eagle Project to download an application right away!

The link is: [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/TrailToEagle.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/TrailToEagle.aspx)

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6) Membership News  
(from Larry Hume, Membership Chair)

Turning in Applications  
The Chain Bridge District membership POC is Larry Hume, e-mail to CBDMembershipChair-at-gmail.com, phone no. [703.577.3048](tel:703.577.3048) (mobile).

Membership applications may be turned in from 6:30-8pm before the next CBD Roundtable on October 11, 2012. Please see [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/document/chain-bridge-district-membership-program-launch-2012/115517](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/document/chain-bridge-district-membership-program-launch-2012/115517) for tips for further information on processing applications and

avoiding possible problems.

The Membership Chair and NCAC only need you to turn in the "local council copy". To reduce the clutter and confusion of unnecessary papers being submitted, please omit the instruction sheet, unit, and chartering organization registration copies. That is, only one piece of paper for a scout, and 3 pieces of paper for an adult scouter - signed disclosure form, YPT certificate, and completely filled-out application. Units and Chartering Organizations should keep their own copies.

The District leadership strongly encourages all units to process their adult scouter and youth applications through the Membership Vice Chair in an effort to avoid the dreaded "exception" pile at Council, which may take some time to resolve. As both rechartering and applications submitted after rechartering continue to show, this is particularly important for adult scouter applications which will not be processed without all information being filled out and YPT certifications and disclosure authorizations being provided in the required manner.

Common mistakes to avoid on adult Scouter applications:

1. Missing COR and/or Committee Chair signatures.
2. Missing date of birth
3. Missing SSN
4. Missing YPT certificate
5. Missing signed disclosure form (a separate paper that is included in the application packet)
6. Missing unit type and number
7. Missing position code (most common positions are listed in the instruction sheet).
8. Missing 3 references and their phone numbers (COR should check references prior to submission of an adult application)
9. Unit membership account at NCAC has insufficient funds (even by a few pennies holds up processing)
10. For a "multiple registrant" (at no additional cost) in NCAC units, missing BSA ID number.

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## 7) Upcoming Training Opportunities

### TRAINING:

Every Scout deserves a trained leader! Chain Bridge District's Leadership Training Committee is responsible for helping to train you our adult volunteers in the principles and methods of the BSA, and to give you the knowledge and resources needed to ensure that you can deliver a safe, high-quality Scouting program. Providing an exciting, age-appropriate program full of fun activities, enjoying and respecting the great outdoors, and challenging oneself through high adventure programs, are all critical factors that help us improve the overall quality of the Scouting program. These in turn lead to better retention, advancement, and participation by our youth in all that Scouting has to offer. Having a number of well-trained adults available with current BSA certifications for your

programs is not just a 'check the box' exercise, but rather is the best way for your Unit to meet its program objectives. It is also a fundamental part of your Unit's Journey To Excellence (JTE) metrics, in order to qualify for the bronze, silver, or gold level of Quality Unit award. Make adult training an integral part of your Unit's annual program plan, so that you will always have on hand a number of leaders with the right training qualifications to conduct all your activities.

The Training information posted on Chain Bridge District's page of the NCAC's website [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17028&orgkey=2015](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17028&orgkey=2015) is your primary resource for answering your questions about what training the BSA requires for Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing programs for your specific registered position, and announcements for what upcoming training is available. For most courses, registration will be available online by going to the NCAC's training calendar, then selecting the training date and particular course you want.

Course announcements - sign up now!  
Oct. 27 - Training Extravaganza (see item above)

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8) In the news...

[Not specifically Scout-related, but surely a Scout or Venturer who has just graduated from high school or college would be a shoo-in for one of these positions. - ed.]

FEMA LOOKING TO YOUNG PEOPLE FOR HELP WITH DISASTERS  
(from article by Jennifer Scholtes, Congressional Quarterly, Sept. 14, 2012)

When disastrous flood waters began rushing through North Dakota last spring, local high school students used social media to organize sandbag distribution. Just a week later, youth from AmeriCorps descended on Joplin, Miss., after much of the town was flattened by a scale-five tornado. That's when FEMA deputy administrator Rich Serino says he got to thinking about the power of young volunteers.

And so was born the idea of FEMA Corps, a program to train and organize the 18 to 24-year-old demographic already eager to volunteer.

"They have so much energy and they want to help, but we want to make sure it's the right help at the right time," Serino said this week, before heading to Vicksburg, Miss., to speak to the first class of volunteers to go through the program.

In a partnership with AmeriCorps, FEMA hopes to build from this initial group of 231 volunteers to a team of 1,600 young adults who will be divided into 10-person groups and deployed to disaster sites throughout the country for full-time 10-month assignments.

"They'll have the opportunity to serve their country and to help

survivors in their great time of need," Serino said. "And for them, it's an opportunity to look at emergency management as a career."

FEMA has tried this year to increase outreach to young people. Last month, the agency held the first meeting of its Youth Preparedness Council, a group of 13 teenagers from throughout the country who are asked to weigh in on disaster preparedness strategies. Earlier this summer, officials began using Flat Stanley, a character well-known among elementary school students, to try to educate kids about how to prepare for disasters.

"It's good for us to listen to young people and the ideas they have because they look at things differently," Serino said. "And it's important to listen to what they have to say because they're going to be our future leaders, one way or the other."

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#### 9) High Adventure Opportunities

2013 NCAC Philmont Provisional Opportunities: NCAC has provisional space on its three 2013 Philmont contingents: P709 (7/7-21) and P716 (7/14-28) are standard trips estimated at 2100 per person and include an extra day for rafting and other activities. P723 (7/22-8/4) is an economy trip estimated at 1800 per person. For the youth application, see <https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1988&id=107214> and, for the adult advisor application, see <https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1988&id=107212>. For more information, see [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure) or contact Dave Talbott at [dave.talbott-at-uspto.gov](mailto:dave.talbott-at-uspto.gov) or 301-933-0048 or Wes Haynes at [Wes.Haynes-at-scouting.org](mailto:Wes.Haynes-at-scouting.org) or 301-943-8376. (second listing)

2013 NCAC Florida Sea Base Opportunity: NCAC is sponsoring a Coral Reef Sailing Contingent S717 leaving Washington on July 17 and returning on July 23 at an estimated cost of 1600 per person. The application is available at <https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1988&id=107213>. For more information, contact Dana Abrahamsen at [dabrahamsen-at-ftc.gov](mailto:dabrahamsen-at-ftc.gov) or 703-280-9782 or Wes Haynes at [Wes.Haynes-at-scouting.org](mailto:Wes.Haynes-at-scouting.org) or 301-943-8376. (second listing)

2013 Lenhok'sin High Adventure Provisional Opportunities: Lenhok'sin is NCAC's high adventure program at Goshen Scout Reservation. It offers a variety of less costly programs that are excellent for crews doing their first high adventure program and for more experienced crews. The High Adventure Committee is sponsoring two provisional crews for youth unable to attend with their unit. For more information, contact Tom Wheatley at [tmwheatley1981-at-gmail.com](mailto:tmwheatley1981-at-gmail.com) or 301-371-4797 or Wes Haynes at [Wes.Haynes-at-scouting.org](mailto:Wes.Haynes-at-scouting.org) or 301-943-8376.

2014 Unit-Crew Philmont Reservations: The 2014 Philmont registration packet will be available soon. NCAC units will be able to participate

in the web-based lottery for 2014 slots during two time slots in November 2012. For the official announcement, monitor [www.philmontscoutranch.org/Camping/Registration.aspx](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/Camping/Registration.aspx).

High Adventure Opportunities Bulletin Board: The High Adventure Committee hosts a bulletin board at [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=19308&orgkey=1988](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=19308&orgkey=1988) for crews to post notices looking for scouts and scouters to join a high adventure crew or for individuals looking for a high adventure crew to join. To post a notice, send an e-mail with the details to Stan Turk at [stanley.turk-at-verizon.net](mailto:stanley.turk-at-verizon.net).

Newly Updated High Adventure Program Summaries: For information on program opportunities, age requirements, and prices at Goshen's Lenhok'sin High Adventure, Adirondack High Adventure Area, Maine High Adventure Area, Northern Tier High Adventure Bases, Philmont, Florida Sea Base, and other NCAC high adventure programs, see the 5/5/12 edition of High Adventure Program Summaries available at the NCAC High Adventure website at [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure). Many of these programs provide provisional opportunities for youth and adults unable to participate as a unit-crew. You are welcome to contact Dave Green at [dkgreenva-at-hotmail.com](mailto:dkgreenva-at-hotmail.com) or [703-536-5189](tel:703-536-5189) if you need help finding a program suitable for your situation.

The following are some upcoming events and training opportunities to assist in preparing for high adventure activities:

\* 9/29-30 - Wilderness First Aid - cost 180 - Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. For more information, see [www.patc.net/PublicView/Custom/Volunteer\\_files/Trail\\_Patrol\\_Pages/1st\\_Aid.aspx](http://www.patc.net/PublicView/Custom/Volunteer_files/Trail_Patrol_Pages/1st_Aid.aspx) or contact Saleena DeVore at [emailert-at-yahoo.com](mailto:emailert-at-yahoo.com) or [410-456-6861](tel:410-456-6861).

\* 10/4 - NCAC High Adventure Committee Meeting - 7:30 pm - Scout Service Center, Bethesda, MD. Scouters interested in finding out about the committee's activities are welcome to attend.

\* 10/13-14 - Wilderness First Aid - cost 165 - The Center for Wilderness Safety. HAC sponsored class for 2013 NCAC contingents. For more information, see [www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1141172](http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1141172) or contact Clif Castleman at [office-at-wildsafe.org](mailto:office-at-wildsafe.org) or [703-444-9468](tel:703-444-9468).

\* 10/20 - Introduction to Philmont - 11:00 am - REI, Columbia, MD. For more information, see call [410-872-1742](tel:410-872-1742) or see [www.rei.com/event/44381/session/57222](http://www.rei.com/event/44381/session/57222).

\* 10/27 - 36th Annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Day, Patuxent River Park's Jug Bay Natural Area near Upper Marlboro, MD. For a registration form and more information, see <https://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=2527&ActivityKey=1136140>.

\* 11/1 - NCAC High Adventure Committee Meeting - 7:30 pm - Scout Service Center, Bethesda, MD. Scouters interested in finding out about the committee's activities are welcome to attend.

\* 11/2-4 - NCAC V3 Hike-o-ree - 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. For more information and to register, see [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=1213185](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=1213185) [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=370&ActivityKey=1046477](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=370&ActivityKey=1046477). For additional information, contact Bob Austin at [Bob.austin-at-verizon.net](mailto:Bob.austin-at-verizon.net) or [703-425-9675](tel:703-425-9675)(H) or 703-253-1917 (W).

\* 11/10-11 - Wilderness First Aid - \$240 - Wilderness Safety Council. For more information, see [www.wfa.net](http://www.wfa.net) or contact Chris Tate at [chris-at-wfa.net](mailto:chris-at-wfa.net) or 703-836-8905.

\* 11/18 - 2013 Philmont Trek Orientation Meeting - 1:00 to 4:00 pm - Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, VA. Advisors, youth, and parents are invited to hear a description of the Philmont experience and ask questions. For more information, contact Art Jordan at [jordana3-at-verizon.com](mailto:jordana3-at-verizon.com) or 703-368-4975.

You may contact Dave Green, our district high adventure representative for additional information or questions on any of the above topics at [dkgreenva-at-hotmail.com](mailto:dkgreenva-at-hotmail.com) or 703-536-5189.

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10) E-mail Changes  
[no new listings]

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Problem e-mails - updates requested  
[no new listings.]

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11) Quick Reminders

\*\*\*\* Fall Camporee is The Wonders of Flight, on October 19-21 at Flying Circus Aerodrome, in Bealeton, VA. Interested units and adult volunteers contact Kelly Wise at [kellythewise-at-hotmail.com](mailto:kellythewise-at-hotmail.com) AND at [chainbridgewonder-at-gmail.com](mailto:chainbridgewonder-at-gmail.com) (official camporee email ).

\*\*\*\* Send information about Troop open houses and other Webelos recruiting events to Dan Dixon ([dandixon97-at-aol.com](mailto:dandixon97-at-aol.com)), which will be shared with Cub Scout leaders to encourage Webelos to join a troop.

\*\*\*\* Scouting For Food in 2012 is November 3 (bag distribution to neighborhoods) and November 10 (collection of donations and taking to the two drop-off sites). Contact SFF coordinator, Paul Maloney for info at [paul.maloney.v2-at-solers.com](mailto:paul.maloney.v2-at-solers.com)

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Chain Bridge Master Website:  
[www.boyscouts-ncac.org/chainbridge](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/chainbridge)

See district website hosted by council at

[www.boyscouts-ncac.org/chainbridge/](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/chainbridge/)

For entry to the Merit Badge Directory  
[not currently available online; contact CBD Merit Badge Dean,  
Isabelle Muller ([isabellem-at-vsl.cua.edu](mailto:isabellem-at-vsl.cua.edu)) for information]

Complete District Calendars are posted at:  
[www.boyscouts-ncac.org/chainbridge](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/chainbridge/)

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Hope there was something there for you!

Send news and new contact info to [chainemail-at-twelfthpoint.com](mailto:chainemail-at-twelfthpoint.com)

-Paul

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