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## Dues are due

All Scouts and leaders are asked to pay \$10 dues in February. This will make youth members paid up thru August. Those who do not pay the dues in February will not be registered when we re-charter in March. If you would like to receive Boys' Life Magazine for 13 months then pay an additional \$11.70. Payment should be made by check made out to "Troop 52" and can be given to Troop Scribe Justin Hanover or mailed to Troop Treasurer Richard Belval, 199 Ball Farm Road, Oakville CT 06779.

## Five new members joining!

In March we will be happy to welcome five new members graduating from Cub Scout Packs 52 and 76. We will get them out hiking right away on March 5<sup>th</sup> and they will join us on our camping trip to Camp Mattatuck on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

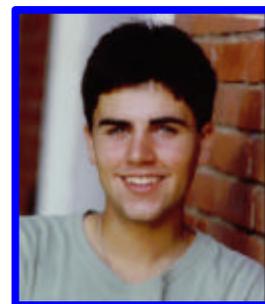
## New website

[www.tr52.com](http://www.tr52.com)

Webmaster David Westcott is keeping our new website current with dates, forms, reminders, scoutcraft skills, and other information. Make it your "homepage" when you open the internet because it is updated on a regular basis. Because the website is so helpful the Scoutmaster is issuing fewer e-mails to homes. Odds 'n' Ends is issued only sporadically. If you do not have internet access please "buddy up" with a friend who does so you won't miss important announcements.

## Dimarco becomes 65<sup>th</sup> eagle scout!

Despite snowy roads Thomas DiMarco received his Eagle Scout badge before a packed house on January 5, 2005. Former Senior Patrol Leader Ian Sieller served as Master of Ceremonies. The program was opened with America the Beautiful, led by the Angry Beaver Patrol. After a hilarious skit performed by the Scouts, merit badges and badges of rank were presented. Every rank was represented. Taking part in the Eagle Scout ceremony were Mr. Bill Davenport, recently named National Vo-Ag Teacher of the Year, John Sieller, Troop Committee Chairman Gerald McClellan, Brian Turner, and Scoutmaster Joe LeClair. Clifford Emmons closed the meeting with a beautiful audio/visual presentation showing the highlights of Tom's Scouting career. The night was topped off with refreshments from the Mothers' Auxiliary (Thank You!). Congratulations to a fine young man, Eagle Scout Thomas DiMarco!



## Klondike was a blast!

Congratulations to our patrols who put such a good effort into this year's Klondike Derby. This was our first event with the new Mad River District and the Scouts really put their "best foot forward". Sleds were refurbished, firewood and food gathered, and skills honed. Our Angry Beavers helped the Leadership Corps and adult leaders run "Fort Yukon", a lashing challenge. The Golden Eagle Patrol finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall to win a trophy. The Moose Patrol, whose sled was adorned with moose prints and wooden antlers, won the "Best Sled" trophy. Roadrunner and Jaguar combined to make a formidable team. Grizzly Patrol was the fastest sled in the sprint race. From fire building to rope work to First Aid the troop excelled. Congratulations to everyone who did his best!

*Note: for more info on the Klondike Derby go to our website, [www.tr52.com](http://www.tr52.com).*