Red Renner Memorial Work Week Begins June 7th

The 2003 Red Renner Memorial Work Week for Northern Tier alumni at the Sommers base is scheduled for June 7th through 11th. This year we’ll be gathering at the Ely base and going to Atikokan from there.

Tentative projects include starting with a deck (or porch) in Atikokan. Then we’ll move on to working on the staff lounge and log peeling in Ely.

You are all invited to come up for as many days as your schedule allows and contribute your time and talents to the betterment of the base. Even if your talents are limited, your time will be well spent and will be much appreciated.

This is an opportunity for alumni to spend a week (or whatever part of a week they can get free) at the base, with fellow alumni, enjoying their surroundings and their camaraderie. All room and board are furnished, however some staff have been known to travel to other locations in the area for food and drink beyond what’s available on the base. All have reported having a good time.

If you can make it, contact Pat Cox to let us know you are coming. You can reach him via 281-497-4226(W) or 713-628-2532(Cel) or email patrick.cox@coxcpa.net

Volunteer for ’03 Nor’wester Staff Training

That dang ground hog sure was right about winter lingering on when he saw his shadow this year. But, the good news is that there are a lot of signs that the summer canoeing season is around the corner. As this article is written, Canoecopia, the world’s largest paddlesport exposition is being held in Madison, Wisconsin. Ice houses in the northern part of Minnesota have to be off the ice on March 15th. The white-throated sparrows that have migrated to Oklahoma for the winter are disappearing and headed north to canoe country for the summer. Plus,

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Well, it is approaching springtime. Those old familiar itches are attacking once again. You know the ones I mean. Those little memory flashes of endless summer days, spent in the comfort of your canoe, paddling towards that days campsite. Those constant little reminders of a time when eating a meal in the rain, carrying a canoe on your head and a pack on your back walking through waist deep mud seemed kind of sensible and almost normal. Well not normal enough to put them on your resume or job application.

But don’t forget those inspirational moments when your crew started to gel. Some trips this happened early in the trek and sometimes later and sometimes not at all. But when it did it was pure magic. They were all paddling along side you. None were zigzagging like they were trying to avoid a submarine attack, like that first day heading toward Prairie Portage. Time spent on the portages was shorter and you were less likely to be counting packs, paddles, lifejackets, crew members and canoes. You were having more confidence in your crew’s abilities to travel, camp and not inflict bodily harm on themselves or you. Best of all, deep down inside, you knew, you really knew that you were giving those scouts a ride for their life. An adventure above all adventures, an experience, which could never be replaced.

When I hired on at Charlie’s, teaching was not my conscious focus for being a guide. I wanted to stretch my physical limits; my abilities to get to some seldom reached part of the park and even get back to a favorite oasis. I was seeking adventure. But adventure was something I wanted to share with scouts. Teaching wasn’t a deliberate act, but it was part of the process of guiding. As each of us canoed through the wilderness, a part of ourselves melded with our crews. Likewise our crews rubbed off on us. Just through constant contact and our crew’s observation of our wilderness skills we were able to pass on our woodsmanship.

Some of us were fortunate to have crews that possessed trekking skills that propelled them through the park with ease, making everyone green with envy. These golden moments made our guiding days even sweeter. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if this were the norm rather than the exception? Each of you in some way still possesses your knowledge of canoeing, camping, fishing and love for the out of doors. If presented to you, would you take the opportunity to share your wilderness experience with some needy Scout or Scouter who is planning a trip to the North?

I would like to offer you that opportunity. You can have a chance again to share, to teach, a chance to participate in this organizations goal of supporting the programs of Sommers Canoe Base.

We are developing an expansion to our web site. We are adding an active United States map to enable prospective crew leadership to contact alumni in their area as a canoe trek resource. By being a resource volunteer you can provide your knowledge of North woods canoeing to Scouts and Scouters alike. This way you can still affect a crew’s ability to have a memorable canoeing experience. By sharing your knowledge, you also increase the interpreter’s ability to teach beyond basic trekking skills. I believe one is never too old or out of the water too long to share their knowledge, skills and passion for the North.

All you have to do is contact us and say HOL-RY.

http://www.holry.org/

Have you been over to the online home of the Sommers Alumni Association? If you've never been there, just put the above URL into the "address" window of your browser and click on over for a visit. It's an easy place to check on what's new and find all the back issues of REFLECTIONS. Former guides can also find their compatriots there by checking the Membership Directory. It's another resource that modern technology makes possible for us.
Henry J. “Hank” Kolbinger passed away on February 17, 2003 after a courageous 2-year battle with cancer. He leaves behind his immediate family of Claire, his wife of 23 years and his sons Clayton (20) and Joseph (18) along with his parents, brothers and sister and many friends who were fortunate enough to have known him.

In Memoriam- Hank Kolbinger (1956-2003)

Hank returned to the canoe base in subsequent years, bringing up crews from the Mankato area. He continued to remain involved in Scouting, and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award as an adult.

Hank was a gentle giant who immediately caught your attention once he gave you his patented firm handshake. Anyone who came to know him was impressed with his way with people. His genuine interest and concern for others translated into immediate friendships that would endure through time. One of his greatest assets was his sense of humor - his quick wit allowed him to introduce humor into seemingly any situation. His ability to pull off pranks always kept you on your toes when you were around him.

On the trail he was the perfect companion for a canoe trip of any length, providing leadership and wise council for making good decisions, eternally considerate of others and always putting the concerns and interests of the group first.

Hank was a good man that was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all who came into contact with him. We can all consider ourselves lucky for having known him.

Have you ever heard of the Land of Beyond?
That dreams at the gates of the day?
Alluring it lies at the skirts of the skies,
And ever so far away;
Alluring its calls: O ye the yoke galls,
And ye of the trail overfond,
With saddle and pack, by paddle and track,
Let's go to the land of Beyond!

Land of Beyond, Robert Service
Bing’s list of more things I learned in the woods

by Mike Bingley

A couple of years ago I wrote a brief list of things that I had learned in the woods and sent it off to Dave Greenlee for inclusion on the alumni website. Well, that was more than two years ago and I’m now deeply involved in the development of a High Adventure base with Scouts Canada. I can tell you that my short list of things that I learned down weren’t the only things that I learned. With that in mind I present you Bing’s list of more things I learned in the woods (the 2003 version):

· Take care of your crews – you never know when you might need a pick me up over email and a magazine. You never know when you might need a pick me up over email and a magazine.

· Learn in the woods (the 2003 version):

· Keep your trail clothes in the bottom of a file drawer in your office you can have an instant “take me back to the north country” fix.

· Mark your maps – and coffee made at the side of a lake in the Northcountry.

· If you hang a picture of any of the canoe bases in your office somebody will eventually come in and say “isn’t that the canoe base?” It will lead to many stories being told.

· People who haven’t been a Charlie Guide will tire of canoeing stories eventually. I suspect it’s because they don’t believe them.

· No matter how hard you try – voyageur clothing rarely passes as clothing for the office.

· That being said – if you keep your trail clothes in the bottom of a file drawer in your office you can have an instant “take me back to the north country” fix.

· Mark your maps – and share them with more than portages – write stories on them. They look good framed on your apartment wall.

· Keep a journal – when the ground is frozen and you’re feeling lonely for the north you can go back instantly with just a short read.

· Take a camera and take lots of pictures. If you have a lightweight video camera – take that too and videotape other Charlie Guides. What was funny while you were working is even funnier when you’re back in civilization.

· Be Prepared for culture shock when you get back from even a short stay at any of the bases. I flew home for my graduation halfway through staff training in my second year at the base and being in a university robe just didn’t seem right after a month at the base (though I did make a point of wearing a shirt recently off the trail under my robe – yes, I washed it).

· There is no person more important than the kids in your crew – remember that and act accordingly.

· In the eyes of your crew there is no person stronger, faster or cooler than their guide – remember that too.

· The kids who drive you nuts while you’re on the trail will send you a Christmas Card two years later if you treat them with the same respect as everyone else.

· Finally – You will bump into Charlie Guides in the oddest of places at awkward times and it will turn you back into a Charlie Guide instantly.

Hudson Bay Bread - What’s in it?

by Dave Greenlee

Anybody can look at the ingredients in the recipe and see that bay bread is full of nutrients that help satisfy the kind of hunger you can only get while paddling and portaging all day long. Thanks to some detective work, now we can share a good bit more about the nutritional information.

Recently my daughter, Meghan, went to England and made a discovery. She had heard the story that Sandy Bridges told us about the origin of the recipe and its roots as she had heard the story that Sandy Bridges told us about the origin of the recipe and its roots as

![Image](image1.png)

Out that in the UK, a sultana is a dried Thompson Seedess Grape, a “special” kind of raisin. Also, it certainly looks just like bay bread, except that the portion is about half the size of our typical 3 1/2” (just fits in a milk carton) size.

Look at the carbohydrate! It is sure isn’t going to make it for the Atkins Diet. On the other hand, you can begin to see better why we look forward to it on the trail. Keep in mind that these numbers are BEFORE you put the peanut butter and jelly on.

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Tid-Bits on Members of the Sommers Clan

The alumni association has an online member directory that is updated every few months. Check the online directory at [www.holry.org](http://www.holry.org) for updated information.

Doug Bender (’88-91) [dbtds@centurytel.net](mailto:dbtds@centurytel.net) has moved to O’Fallon, MO. His new address is in the online directory.

Alan Gibson has moved to another part of Glasgow Scotland. His new email [alanm.gibson@ntlworld.com](mailto:alanm.gibson@ntlworld.com) and his new address is in the online directory.

Terry Gibson (’63-65,’72) [cleantile2@aol.com](mailto:cleantile2@aol.com) called Butch Diesslin (’61-79, ’81) [butnluccy@cpinternet.com](mailto:butnluccy@cpinternet.com) when the temperature in Florida was near freezing. The glass of water Terry’s son set outside didn’t freeze until Terry placed it in the freezer, then set it back outside before his son got up. Terry reported great fishing for juvenile Snook from a canoe.
Volunteer for ‘03 Nor’wester Staff Training continued...

across Canada and the United States, about 200 young men and women are thinking beyond final exams and planning to be a part of the staff at the Northern Tier.

Yes, summer will be here sooner than we think and SAA alumni will have another chance to pass along their experience and knowledge to a new generation of Charlie Guides by volunteering to be a part of staff training from June 1-11.

What is going to happen? The U.S. staff will train in Ely and the Canadian staff will train in Atikokan. The total staff at all facilities will exceed 210 in number. New staff will be divided into historically-named training brigades, led by an experienced brigade leader. On June 1st, the majority of the staff will arrive and starting June 2nd, participate the next few days in on-Base training and preparing for swamper trips on June 5-9. Then June 10-11, seminars will be conducted in Ely, for the combined U.S. and Canadian staff, by various professionals and/or volunteers. In the past, these sessions have been taught by Cliff Jacobson, Bob O’Hara, Steve Piragis, Bob Cary, Butch Diesslin and many other individuals, notable for their experience in the outdoors and in the program.

What can I do? There are multiple opportunities in Ely depending upon the flexibility of your schedule and where you think you can pitch in and share your knowledge and experience. You can participate in any portion or segment of the training from June 1 through June 11.

Volunteers are needed for:
- On-Base staff training.
- Swamper training trips.
- Seminar presentations.
- Base Staff training.
- To help with staff activities and meals.

The story remains the same every year: We welcome any volunteer who is willing to share his or her time to build upon the legacy of the Northern Tier program! Volunteers are needed to accompany the swamper trips to serve as a resource advisor. All you need, other than time from your busy schedule, is to bring along a signed physical (which you can download at www.ntier.org) signed by a physician within the twelve months prior to the swamper trip. Please plan to arrive a day or two before the swamper trip leaves, to participate in brief review sessions and to assist with on-Base preparations. There is no other cost other than for fishing licenses.

Volunteers are equally needed for on-Base training or to be a part of the SAA presence at sessions, whether formal or informal. The Base will provide lodging and food. The SAA will provide an alumni shirt. Plus, Butch Diesslin has offered to take up to nine volunteers fishing on a Basswood motor permit he has while training is in session. But, it’s your choice to volunteer.

If you’re not sure what goes on, go to www.holry.org and read the articles about prior years training in Reflections. Training is a good opportunity for you to stay connected with the Northern Tier, or more importantly to re-connect.

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Get Involved!

If you are wondering how you can be more active within the Sommers Alumni Association, here is your chance.

We would like to establish a Nation wide network of willing members to act as a Northern Tier Trek Resource.

The volunteer would make him or herself available to local Scout groups wishing to gain knowledge about canoeing at the Northern Tier Canoe Bases. In meetings you can pass on your wilderness experiences to the group and help better prepare them for what lies ahead. In doing so you enable them to have a more enjoyable Trekking adventure. Plus, these groups can meet the people that established the name of Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base.

Please take the time and fill out this form, clip it out, and mail it to: Sommers Alumni Association, Inc. PO Box 428 Ely, Minnesota, 55731-0428

Or email the information to NTTResource@charter.net

I am interested in participating as a Northern Tier Trek Resource

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________ Email address: __________________

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Have You Seen This Guide?
A list of missing/lost alumni

There are many of our fellow former Northern Tier summer staff with whom we’ve lost contact. We're always looking for them, so if you know where they are or how to contact them, please ask them to get "in touch."

- Smith, L. Tom 1963
- Smith, Lorinda 1991
- Smith, Mike 1961-64
- Smith, Steve 1970
- Smith, Steven 1990
- Spaulding, William 1969-70
- Springer, Julie 1991
- Sprout, Jerry 1975
- Staley, Robert 1955-56
- Standifer, Jim “Bubba” 1968
- Steffen, Jamie 1998
- Stephens, Don 1998
- Stevens, Andrew 1997
- Stone, Wes 1968-70
- Strain, Larry 1968
- Strickland, Flossie 1999
- Strobush, Dennis 1985
- Strom, Bruce
- Struck, Bob 1981
- Sullivan, Gayla 1986
- Swails, Mark 1969-
- Swails, Steve 1968
- Swails, Tom
- Swanson, Hale 1956
- Swanson, John 1954-58,62
- Swanson, Leif 1983-84
- Sward, Ric 1970
- Taft, Greg 1988-89
- Taggart, Fr. Rob 1999
- Takle, Bob 1961
- Taminenn, Pasi 1985
- Telford, Jim 1968-69
- Thoe, James 1955
- Thom, Nathan 1995-97
- Thomas, Paul 1988-90
- Thome, Tim 1983
- Thompson, Anthony 1977-78
- Thompson, Danny 1975
- Tierney, Richard 1956
- Tobin, Jan 1974
- Troehler, Greg 1992
- Turman, Rich 1975
- Turner, Aubrey 1993
- Urban, Pete 1968
- Valent, Michael 1993
- Van Riper, Tom 1997-98
- Vars, Roy 1992
- Vasey, Steve 1979
- Vasquez, Manuel 1992
- Virmig, Pat 1974
- Vokaty, Dwight 1966
- Vowles, Jeremy 1991
- Wagner, Steve 1984
- Waite, David 1987
- Wall, Don 1970
- Wandstrom, Demar 1953
- Ward, Bob 1978-79
- Ward, Chris 1997
- Warren, Brad 1975
- Warren, Michael 1968-69
- Watters, Browning 1968-69
- Weatherstone, Scott 1986-88
- Weir, Aileen 1998
- Weisinger, Carrie 1999
- Weisinger, Ron 1970
- Weisselberg, Ed 1953
- Wells, Bob 1968
- Welsh, Philip 1990
- Wertz, Jeremy 1994
- Wetmore, Brian 1974
- Weyer, Gary 1978
- Whipp, John 1969
- Whistler, John 1968-70
- White, David 1969
- Wideney, Tom 1970
- Wilhelmsson, Mikael 1987
- Williams, Anne 1976
- Williams, Jim 1983
- Williams, John 1983
- Wilson, James 1968-69
- Wink, Gary 1993-94
- Wittlief, Todd 1983
- Wolfe, Hal 1980
- Wunderlich, Steve 1980-81
- Wyatt, Paul 1969-70
- Yocum, Caleb 1992-93
- Yocum, Jacob 1997-98
- Yoder, David 1988,90
- Yoder, Steven 1990
- Yundt, John 1984
- Zilisch, John 1961
- Zimmerman, Roger 1963

Addresses are changing, area codes keep changing, e-mail addresses keep changing.
Please send any personal information changes that you would like to share with the SAA and other alumni members to:
Sommers Alumni Association
PO Box 428
Ely, MN 55731-0428
or e-mail the changes to:
butnlucy@cpinternet.com

Association members can check SAA’s current directory information at www.holry.org

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Shlemkevich, Andrea 1996
Shores, Garry 1999
Sikes, Mike 1969
Simington, Ken 1975-76
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Sisco, Gary 1987
Sitzen, Brent 1976-77
Sitzen, Ed 1955
Skeaff, Erik 1996
Skelton, Keith 1996-97
Skelton IV, John 1991
Skinner, James 1953
Slagowski, Jimmy 1992
Sleskey, Chuck
Smith, Al 1970
Smith, Charles 1968
Smith, Con 1953
Smith, Donald 1987-89
Wake Up
by Mark Nordstrom

One of the surprises of being a Charlie Guide is the day you are treated like some kind of icon. The crews come from “civilization.” They figure they are in the “wild.” You are part of that thing they have come to, but you seem enough like them to be part of them, so they ask you to explain it to them. The questions start out as, “How deep is this lake?” along with many of the other frequently-asked questions that we often marvel at. The truth is; those questions are how they express their awe for the power of nature they discover as they confront it (probably for the first time) without the aid of machines. It’s brute force living and they just don’t understand it.

We live our lives in machines. Our homes are machines. They regulate our temperatures with thermostats - temperature at a constant level supplied by natural gas, propane, oil, etc.; they carry us from home to work or school and back with minimal attention to their needs; they bake our pizzas; they supply our water; they empty our latrines. Our cities are machines.

On a Northern Tier canoe trip they confront nature without any of those machines to which become accustomed. When they do that, they feel the power of nature (especially if there’s a thunderstorm, lightning, big waves, or some other event that subordinates their lives or requires them to work harder). They realize how small they really are. Then they turn to the human being who seems to be so accustomed to it - the interpreter (previously known by the antiquated term of Charlie Guide). Sometime around the second or third day out that person changes from the jerk, who told them they couldn’t take an extra pillow, to an oracle. As Sam Cook says, “The guide is cool.” Then they start asking, and they don’t really know the questions to use, so they ask about the depth of the lake (Chest high on a loon is a good answer). What they really want to know is, “Where do I really fit in this world, anyway?”

They think they’ve found something, but they don’t have any real idea what they’ve found. It’s the first time they’ve come face to face with the world they live in every day, but without the machines that make that world very different from what they see. They need something to connect what they’re experiencing with what they live. It’s really simple.

Their city is a campsite. At home, instead of hauling water from the lake and treating it to avoid giardia, they turn on the tap to receive water they pay taxes for so people will do it for them. Instead of fishing, or packing and hauling their food across portage trails, they rely on the health department to ensure that the food that’s shipped to grocery stores and shipped to restaurants and cooked is safe. Instead of building fires or using stoves to cook, they pay for gas and electricity to supply their kitchen appliances so they can cook their food. Instead of digging a hole for their excrement, they’re paying for sewage service. They just don’t catch on until they take a “wilderness” canoe trip, that they’re camping out on the land every day. Their whole life is a campout, not a beach.

When they spend time traveling through what Joni Mitchell would call a “tree museum,” they catch on to what their life is. The trick is to make sure they understand that the experience they’ve had is the experience they live every day. Of course that means that when their town’s sewer system overflows in a heavy rain and dumps raw sewage into a local watershed, they’re responsible for that imposition on the folks downstream. They’ll have to spend money and, even worse, have to convince their friends and neighbors that they’ll have to spend money too) to stop that happening in the future.

A Northern Tier canoe trip is a face-to-face with nature that crews work very hard to prepare for and work very hard to cope with afterwards. It’s often the first and only time that children and adults from mechanized society directly confront the power of nature.

The trick is to put them on to the paradox of the mechanized human race and its relationship with nature. Although it’s so easy to live with the city services modern civilization can provide, people should be smart enough not to put more stress on natural providence than it can endure. Perhaps a Northern Tier experience can give them something to take home: all of our environment needs to be treated with a respect like the one that we give this “special” wilderness area.
**Who Am I?**

*A picture is worth a thousand... Memories?*

Do you have any idea who this guide in the bow tie is? It's got me puzzled. Can you stump us with a great shot like this from your guiding days? Why not share it with all of us and we'll do a little reminiscing over the fun and crazy things we did in those days. Over the years a lot has happened, but nothing can erase those special moments captured forever on film.

If you do have a pictured buried somewhere you'd like to share with the rest of us, find it, write to us about the story behind it and send it to:

Great Charlie Guide Photos  
The Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association  
PO Box 428  
Ely, Mn 55731

And be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope so that we can get your priceless gem back to you. We can't wait to see what you've got! Oh, and if you know who the over-dressed swamper is in this picture is - let us know!

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**Miniature Paddle Brands**

Remember gazing at the Paddle display case and seeing all of those paddle designs of those bygone days and imagining the faces that went with them? Well here is your chance to leave your mark once again at the Canoe Base and have someone ponder your logo. With the addition of a second paddle display cabinet (crafted by Red Renner) in the Lodge there is plenty of room to add your brand to the growing collection.

For $25 you can have your very own paddle brand placed on a miniature paddle and put on display. A full size sample is provided above as a template to place your artwork. Sketch your logo on the sample or send in a picture of your artwork and let us do the rest.

When completed your design name and years you served at the base will appear on the paddle to share with a whole new generation of Scouts and Guides. If you didn't have a paddle brand, but had a special canoe name or logo, put it on the paddle too. OKPIK staff — we have room for miniature skis or snow shoes too. Additional instructions, please staple them to the order form.

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Name______________________________________________

Address____________________________________________

City, State, Zip _______________________________________

Phone ______________________________________________

Red Tip: Yes No Region 10x: Yes No

Years Guided _____ to ____

Checks payable to **Sommers Alumni Association**  
Mail to: The Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association  
PO Box 428  
Ely, Mn 55731
Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association is taking orders for Greeting Cards. Some cards come with holiday messages, others are blank inside. They can be used year round to send greetings as well as a message of commitment to Northern Tier programs. All cards are printed using high quality thermography on premium cards of recycled paper. The backs of the cards carry a message saying you are a supporter of Northern Tier High Adventure. These are distinctive and very handsome greeting cards. The cards come 25 per package, including envelopes. All orders are subject to availability.

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Buy 1 Get 1 Free
Sale shipping = $3.00

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SAA Holiday Card Sale
PO Box 428
Ely, MN 55731-0428

**Dave Hyink Honored**

Dave Hyink was honored at Rendezvous 2002 for his outstanding contributions to the Sommers Alumni Association. Dave was presented with a pen and ink portrait, drawn by “Jackpine” Bob Cary.

Dave served as the chairman of the alumni association’s founding committee. He arranged for alumnus and attorney Greg Kvam to use his professional expertise to establish the Sommers Alumni Association as a Minnesota non-profit corporation on February 14, 1992.

Dave was a founding director and the founding president of the association. Dave served as president from 1992-2000 and continues to serve as a director.

When $30,000 was needed to complete the renovation of “The Lodge” at the Sommers Base, Dave designed the successful fund-raising effort.

When the preliminary management plan for the BWCAW set the group size at 6 people, Dave led the alumni association’s successful efforts to inform supporters of youth group canoeing which generated more than 700 letters in support of a group size of 9 persons.

Seeing the need for the alumni association to have more operating funds than what is generated by dues, Dave worked closely with Jay Walne to develop the alumni association’s very successful “Crossing Portages” annual giving campaign.

Thanks So Much!
HOL-RY — RED-EYE

To meet someone you know in a faraway place, Can be the best part of a trip; With something in common it strikes a good note, You may feel there's a real kinship.

Now if you or your friend went to the same school Or fought in the war over there, Played in the band or on the same team, It does not really matter just where.

What I'm trying to say, and I hope to convey, Are the feelings you have as you meet; The trust that you've shared, as friends you have cared, Your chance meeting has been quite a treat!

Well, there is this group to which I belong, Their tradition has long had its place, They were guides in their youth, some long ago, At the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base.

When I'm paddling the lakes up in the northwoods, And a "Charlie Crew" comes into sight, I holler "Hol-Ry!" and await the reply; Then "Red-Eye!" means everything's right!

For I've found a friend I may never have met, It was fate that we passed on the lake; It's the bonds that we share as our trips we compare, That make memories for old times sake.

Dr. Kay H. Ingebrigtsen 1995

Supporting SAA Via Payroll Deduction

Will your employer make a payroll deduction for the United Way? If so, you can probably have your employer withhold a donation to the Sommers Alumni Association, through the United Way’s donor’s Designated Choice program.

Alumni member Lee Sessions (1982-86) is supporting the alumni association through a payroll deduction. When Lee completed his New United Way of Portland withholding form and filed it with his employer, Intel, Inc., Lee listed the Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association, Inc. as his “Donor Choice” designated non-profit organization.

Lee’s Designated Choice donation to the alumni association is deducted by Intel from Lee’s paycheck, sent to the New United Way of Portland, which in turn is sending Lee’s donation to the association.

The payroll department of your employer can provide you with more information about donor designated choice payroll deductions for non-profit organizations.

The Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association, Inc. is a non-profit Minnesota corporation with a 501(c)3 designation from the U.S. IRS, making all donations to the alumni association fully tax-deductible. Documentation of the SAA's non-profit status is available from the alumni association.