

Paul C. Spiess

Dear Bill,

What a miracle that you should send me an invitation to a celebration by B.S.A. Troop 5, where I was a member only 70 years ago! It brings back wonderful memories of a great Scoutmaster, Robert Glover, Camp Lewis E. Lemen, 4 miles above Silver Plum, beside a beaver pond on Clear Creek, hiking over Loveland Pass (then only an abandoned stage—couch road); and then the climb up Gray's Peak to 14,200 feet!

I was in Troop 5 from 1923 through 1927, along with my pal Al Merrottt, who died in Colo. Springs in 1988. Scoutmaster Bob Glover was a civil engineer who had surveyed the Rocky Mountains from Mexico to Canada — a very inspiring leader.

I sure wish I could attend your celebration, but at 85, I only travel locally. Give my regards to those who come. Many thanks for remembering me. I can still recite the Scout Oath and Law, and I try to "Be Prepared".

Love & best wishes

Paul Spiess

(back side)

Here is a poem I wrote with help from my dear wife, Jeane.

Colorado

I remember the melody of a Western Meadow Lark
singing in the clear cool air of a June morning on the prairie.
I remember a long broken line where the earth meet the sky.
Stretching north and south for a hundred miles
from Longs Peak to Pikes-
The front range of the Rocky Mountains
Shining in the morning sun
Shadowed by afternoon thunderheads
Silhouetted against the glowing Sunset sky.

I remember Colorado

P.S. I lived at 2265 S. Cook St. (near the Warren Mansion).

Is (the) house at 2265 still there?

Yes The House is still there and in 1951 there was had another Troop 5 Scout living at that address
(William Ritchie)

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Dear Paul,

I'm hope you enjoy the newsletter I appreciated you letting me put your poem in.

I had several request to from people at the celebration to run it in the troop letter for those who were unable to attend. We do still have a Boy Scout Camp in the high country, it's called Camp Tahosa. It is a high adventure camp which means it is more rugged then the standard scout camps of today and is more of a national camp instead of a local one. It requires the scouts to have more skills in the outdoors then the basic camps and is used for older scouts, usually 13 years or older. Tahosa offers lots of backpacking in the summer and winter survival in mid winter. It is also used for adult training. The camp is located northwest of Boulder, Co. near the town of Ward.

We have several other camps in the area, the main one that is used by Troop 5 and the Denver area troops is Peaceful Valley. This is a more traditional camp, including a mess hall, pre-established campsites and other permanent structures. Also at Peaceful Valley there is a second camp (Dietler) that is a back to basics camp. There is only one permanent structure. The rest of the camp is in tents the scouts work as patrols, do all their own cooking, cleaning and other camp duties.

In answer to your question about a contribution to the camping fund in the memory of Robert Glover, any donation that you feel comfortable with would be appreciated. Thank you once again for your poems and your memories of scouting from your younger days. Have a Merry Christmas.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Morgan