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Parkman Paragraphs

Spring 2008



Parkman Ohio - Geauga Counties first Air Mail flight
August 3rd, 1929 at the Parkman Air Field



Come Fly with Us Parkman Kite Festival

The Parkman's annual Come Fly With US - Kite Festival
is scheduled for Saturday May 3rd (10am-5pm)
Overlook Park - Rt. 168

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Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Chamber meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the
Parkman Community House. We are always looking for new members.



Our next event is the **Come Fly with Us**

Parkman Kite Festival

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Overlook Park - Rt. 168

The next general PCoC meeting is Monday May 19th at 7:30pm.

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Chamber meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Community House.
Chamber board members are:

Faith Kumher—President

Sandie Parnaby—Vice President

David Fuhry—Secretary

Donald Villers—Treasurer

Parkman Pancake Breakfast

From Faith Kumher:



A BIG thanks to all who helped with the Pancake Breakfast. Also
thanks to all of the patrons. We served just under 2,000.

The third week of March with the terrible storm conditions we had the
day b-4 we were open and served about 320 what brave souls. The one thing we will be
trying to achieve for this year with our profits will be putting a dishwasher in the
Community House.

We hope to see you at the Parkman Kite Festival May 3rd.

Parkman Easter Egg Hunt

Held on Saturday March 22nd, 2008 at Overlook Park was another snowy event.
Thanks for all of the support from those who helped and attended this Hunt.



Parkman Kite Festival

Parkman's 8th annual Kite Festival "Come Fly With Us"
Celebrating National Kite Month
Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites

**May 3rd, 2008 (10am-5pm) at Overlook Park
Rt. 168 Parkman Township**

FREE - Make It Workshop - Sponsored by Benjamin Franklin Plumbing
Ben Franklin will be here to share his kiting experiences

Demonstrations by OSEK

Kite Sprint Races

Memorial Fly in memory of Bill Snyder – the inspiration of the festival

Music by "Rockman Ed's" Karaoke & DJ

Kites by "Send It Packin Plus"

Refreshments Available

Vendors welcomed (small fee)

Non-profit organizations – no fee

Sponsored by the Parkman Chamber of Commerce
Contact Sandie Parnaby for more details at 440-632-3473



Parkman Historical Society

The Parkman Historical Society's next meeting will be May 15th
7:30pm at the Parkman Community House.

The Parkman Paragraphs and Parkman Historical Society continue our search for any old photographs and stories of our town, so please contact Cory Anderson.

The Historical Society will be at the Parkman Pancake Car Show selling the collectors edition coffee mugs with pictures of historical Parkman. This fundraiser is designed to help with costs of material and labor needed for repairs to the Thompson House. We will also have a collection of historic Parkman photos that can be ordered. Your generosity and support is much appreciated to help us reach the goal of a safe Parkman Museum.

At our March 20th meeting, we read a short story by Roy Anderson about when he worked in Stanley Smith's Sugarbush in 1951, saw a video tape of when Del Donahue came to the Smith Farm during sugaring season. Then we made maple stirs to finish the evening off. Did you miss this opportunity to salute our Parkman Heritage?



Historical Society Spaghetti Dinner

We will host an all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at the Parkman Community House on June 28, 2008.

Tickets Adult \$7.00 at door, \$6.00 presale
Age 5-12 \$4.00
Under age 3 Free



About the photo on the cover

This photo had to be taken in the late 1920's. It was at the NW corner of Rt 168 and Rt 528, across from the Parkman School. The Parkman Air Field served as a safety stop for air planes that served the US air mail delivery service. Please feel welcome to join us at our May 15th, 2008 Parkman Historical Society

meeting and hear the full story of how Parkman was the first town in Geauga County to host an Air Mail delivery. If you have any information about this topic - we welcome any input and facts that help develop the historical truth about the Parkman Air Field.

CARDINAL MUSIC BOOSTERS CHINESE AUCTION SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008 at CARDINAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Doors open at 5:30 PM, drawings will begin at 7 PM
Tickets are \$5.00 each and include one sheet of bidding tickets.
Additional Bidding tickets are \$2.00 each. 50/50 drawing, also.
All proceeds benefit the music programs of Cardinal Schools.
For tickets, call Connie at 440-548-2513.



The mission of Geauga Park District is to preserve, conserve and protect the natural features of Geauga County and to provide the opportunity for people to enjoy and appreciate those resources.

Geauga Walkers

Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 PM

April 29: Lodge, Swine Creek Reservation, 16004 Hayes Road in the Middlefield and Parkman Townships

Join other active seniors on these weekly 1+ mile hikes in locations around the county. Call Geauga Senior Center for schedule: 440-279-2137

Birding Biathlon - 50 Species Guaranteed!

Saturday, May 17

Birds by Boat: 9:00-11:00 AM

Eldon Russell Park, 16315 Rapids Road in Troy Township

Warblers, orioles, tanagers, cuckoos, flycatchers ... bring binoculars and your canoe or kayak to experience the rich birdlife of the Upper Cuyahoga River. One of several River Day events taking place along the Cuyahoga River. For more information, go to riverkeeper@wideopenwest.com. Phone registration available May 9-16. Ages 10 + w/ adults, one 10-12 year old only in middle. Canoes available for use or bring your own canoe or kayak; life vests are required! Pre-registration required.

For more information - Contact Cindy H. Ford at (440) 286 - 9516 ext. 2028



BOY SCOUT TROOP 76

FINALLY!! Spring is here and Scouting is in full swing!
Our first fund-raiser of the year will be a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 18th held at The Kennedy Center (Hiram College) in conjunction with the Kiwanis.

April 25th - 27th will find the scouts backpacking in Pennsylvania.
We will be "Scouting for Food" Saturday, May 3rd. We will collect non-perishable food items and distribute them to our local food cupboards.

Memorial Day (Monday, May 26th) -- We will be marching in the parades in both Parkman and Middlefield.

We've scheduled a local camp-out for June 6th - 8th (the first weekend after school is out - YEA!)

Summer Scout Camp (at Camp Manicot in Richfield) will be June 22nd - 28th.
A canoe trip is being planned for July 11th - 13th.

The Scouts continue to meet every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Boy Scout Lodge on Sperry Lane in Middlefield. New boys are always welcome to join us (ages 11 - 18).

Scott Villers, Troop 76 committee chairman (440) 548-3622

Parkman Trustees Notes

From: Patrick Joyce

I'd like to express how much of an honor it is to have an opportunity to serve the people of Parkman as a Trustee. In the fall of '07 as Election Day was approaching, I met and spoke with many of our Parkman residents. It was humbling. We have an incredible community made up of passionate, friendly, hospitable people who care about where they live and what's going on in their township. My first four months as a Trustee have been challenging but rewarding. While talking with the residents of Parkman, I found there are many issues to be addressed. I'd like to list a couple:

? **Road Maintenance:** We would like to thank the residents of Parkman for passing the Road levy in the February election. Our Road Maintenance Dept. had a fairly busy snow and ice season and is currently spreading gravel and grading the roads. We will continue to work hard to address complaints and investigate our procedural approach to determine if we can improve the service we provide the residents of Parkman. Dust control is important to many residents, and has recently been discussed by the Board of Trustees and the Road Maintenance Department. A decision was made to utilize Calcium Chloride as our primary dust control agent for this year. The goal is to cover most of our gravel roads with a viable dust control agent (Calcium Chloride) and supplement with brine.

-Old State Road: The Board is aware that increased traffic is an issue and will continue to investigate ways of improving the situation. One glimmer of hope is a committee at the State level lobbying for more emphasis to be placed upon pedestrian traffic and what effect it might have on speed limit etc.

-US 422 Construction Project: Many of us have been affected by the construction going on between 528 and the Portage County line on 422. Communication, access issues, signage, truck traffic, road damage, increased traffic on normally quiet roads and plain old inconvenience have plagued us since the beginning of this project. Here are some of the recent steps taken in hopes of improving the situation:

1. At a Progress Meeting in January Parkman expressed its concerns regarding phase I of the project: Specifically: Karvo's inability to provide access to our residents' property, their unwillingness to notify our residents when access to property would be removed and/or restored, their disregard for residents claiming damage due to access not being properly maintained, and their lack of communication with residents and local authorities.

With Phase II approaching, ODOT instructed Karvo to correspond in writing with residents in the work area prior to shifting traffic for phase II. ODOT also suggested that Karvo address claims of damage to property due to access issues etc. Parkman now offers a link on the Parkman website where up to date information on traffic changes will be posted when received from Karvo in writing.

2. In February a meeting was held with Law Enforcement, ODOT, Nelson Township, Parkman Township, Portage and Geauga County Engineers. The group discussed traffic issues on Hobart Road and Reynolds Road. It also discussed damage to these and other surrounding roads due to increased traffic.



SS. Edward and Lucy Catholic Parish Community



Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

2008 Mass Schedule

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm - St. Edward 6:30pm -St. Lucy
Sunday: 8:30am - St. Edward 10:30am -St. Lucy
Confessions: 4:15-5:00pm-St Edward 7:15pm-St. Lucy
Weekday Mass: M at 6pm and T-F at 8am in St. Edward Chapel

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 1st

North East Community Church, Parkman Congregational Church,
St. Lucy's Church and St. Edwards Church will join together for a community service
at 7 PM at the Parkman Congregational Church,
18265 Madison Road (Route 528, just north of Route 422) on Thursday evening.

Parkman Car Show

AUGUST 10th, 2008

This is a Parkman Community Event

Car Show will hosted at St. Edwards Church 11:30-3pm
Show Parking will be in Church Parking Lot
(Corner of Rt. 168 and Rt. 528)

Other Parking will be at Parkman School and other local areas.

Watch for advertising and flyers in the upcoming months. Event is featured as not only a SS Ed/Lucy Parish event but also a Parkman Community event.

Classic cars are welcomed (designated parking area to show cars).
Show Registration details soon. Also there will be inside exhibits of crafts and other products, games, 50/50 raffle and much more. A little something for everyone.

North East Community

Sunday Gatherings start at 11am (Bible Study at 9:45am)
in the **Parkman Community House**. All are welcome!

For more information call 440-313-1092 or check out the
Church Website: www.necommunity.org



Casual Atmosphere - Fun Learning - Authentic pursuit of God

For other information on home groups, service projects and church events check out our
website or call our contact number.

We look forward to meeting you!

Parkman Congregational Church

2008 Free Meal Dates

You are invited to join the members and friends of Parkman Congregational Church for a free meal on the last Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday, May 28, 2008 Meatloaf

Food is served from 5-7 PM at the Parkman Congregational Church, 18265 Madison Road (Route 528), in Parkman.

Questions? Call the church at 440-548-4829. Bring a friend!

Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 AM - Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM
We welcome you anytime!



Parkman Congregational Church News and Events

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

The Women's Fellowship is holding an indoor yard sale at Parkman Congregational Church on Thursday, August 21st, Friday, August 22nd and Saturday, August 23rd in the church fellowship hall.

Donations can be dropped off beginning Sunday, August 17th after church until Wednesday, August 20th.

2008 Vacation Bible School

AVALANCHE RANCH = June 23-27, 2008, 9 AM – 12 Noon

Vacation Bible School is open to all area children in grades P-K through 6th grade.

If you would like to register children to attend, please contact the church office.

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Parkman community is invited. In addition, we are looking for people willing to pray in ½ hour increments, beginning at 5 AM through 7 PM on the National Day of Prayer.

You can pray at your home, take a prayer walk through your community, at the Gazebo in Parkman, or the Parkman Congregational Church will be open if you prefer to pray at the church.

To sign up, please contact one of the church offices

NEC Church, 440-313-1092,
St. Edward's Church, 440-548-3812, or
Parkman Congregational Church, 440-548-4829

Please take a moment to pray for our nation, leaders and community.

ODOT has subsequently provided a radio channel to inform traffic of detour specifics to help direct traffic to the designated routes. The hope is to direct traffic away from local access routes.

In conclusion we will continue to face many challenges with this project. It is our hope that we can continue to improve communication with Karvo and ODOT.

Again, it is an honor to serve you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, complaints or suggestions.

Thanks,

Patrick Joyce

Parkman Township Trustee

We welcome you to our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm, behind the Community House.

Parkman Youth League Baseball and Softball 2008



The PYL wishes to thank all of the local business who stepped up and supported this years teams. Almost 80 kids will be participating in the Parkman league this year. A listing of the business who supported these kids will be made available on the Parkman Website very soon. Game information will also be on the site.



. Questions? Contact Mike Peters @ (440) 548-5565 or Pat Joyce @ (440) 548-5576.

Good Luck Parkman Baseball Teams!



Parkman Amish News and Stories

The Parkman Paragraphs needs to improve its communications with our Amish friends. Since this issue has not received any input at this time—a better effort will occur in the next issue. Thank you for your patience.—Cory Anderson

Parkman 55 Plus Club

JUNE 5th, 2008

We will be going to **Lehman's Antique World** in Kidron, Ohio.

They have so much there to see & some of their "Things" I bet you haven't seen since your childhood days It should bring back some fun memories for all of us. There are benches to sit on when you choose.

We will have lunch at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Walnut Creek.

The bus will leave from St. Edward's Church at 8:30 AM. Lunch as close to NOON as possible. This should be an early trip home.

The Parkman 55 Plus Club meets on the first Thursday (at noon) of each month at the Parkman Community House. This active seniors group has organized many trips, events and presentations that enhance the lives of Parkman's retired community. Anyone is welcome to participate in our activities. Come to one of the monthly meeting and find out more about this very ambitious group. The Parkman Website also has an event list for us.



**Parkman Volunteer Fire
Training Series
March 2008 Topic Review**



High Voltage Safety

From: Cory Anderson

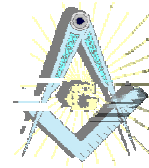
The Parkman Fire and Rescue Team hosted a mutual training event for the surrounding Fire Departments. The topic of this presentation was Electrical Safety. The presentation included downed power lines and how “not to handle” high voltage situations. The speaker was from the First Energy corp. This presentation was very interesting as I was invited to attend and learn from the opportunity at hand. As one who is not a part of the Parkman Fire and Rescue Team, I found the event to be very friendly and welcoming.

The presentation was just before NE Ohio had that huge ice storm and took out the power for two days. By coincidence, the exact information from the presentation became very useful as many of know that power lines and transformers were the problem in our area during that few days of ice.

So what did I learn from this presentation? Always keep at least 10 feet away from all power lines (OSHA requirement). Keep everyone away from energized equipment and downed lines. Call the electric company immediately. If a vehicle is touching the downed power lines, never step from the vehicle to the ground as the current will pass through your body. Have both feet leave the vehicle and touch the ground at the same time (side by side - shoes touching each other) to not allow any chance of current passage then shuffle walk to a safe distance away from the area. If a victim of electric shock is not breathing, and is not contacting any electric source, start CPR. Don't give up.

Special thanks to the Parkman F&R Team for the friendly invitation.

Remember that anyone is welcomed to joined their training series, just contact the team on Wednesdays to find out the training topic schedule.



Western Phoenix Lodge #42 F&AM

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, May 17, 2008 (4-7 PM)

Parkman Community House

\$7.00 Adults/Take-out *** Children under 5 years free (dining room only)

Proceeds to benefit Western Phoenix Lodge and
Parkman Volunteer Fire Department

Dessert proceeds to benefit the Special Olympics
For more information, phone 440-548-2887

Lodge 42 meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Give Joe Wells a call (548-8085) if you'd like to join up with these great guys.

Green Address Signs - If you have not purchased you highly visible green with white reflective white letters street address sign yet - what is the holdup? Don't wait until its too late - it will be your emergency that will be affected! Call Dale Komandt at 548-5636 for details! Stop Procrastinating!!

Parkman Zoning Inspector

John W. Hasman

Office hours are every Wednesday evening from 7 – 8:30 PM,
and the office is located at the rear of the Community House.

You can reach the Zoning Office at
440-548-2904 or parkmanzone@windstream.net

The Parkman Website now has the minutes from past meetings of both the Zoning and Trustees located in the Township Departments link in the menu. If you don't have access to the computer or the internet and would like a copy of any approved minutes, then both of the departments will gladly make you a copy upon request. Show up to any of the scheduled meetings and ask for the meeting minutes of interest.



Parkman Road Department

from Tom Evers, Superintendent



The Roads took a beating this winter with all the freeze thaw cycles also all the oil well drilling on some of the roads didnt help . We are currently working on getting them back into shape.The Trustees have approved the application of Calcium Chloride on approximately 11.5 miles of Twp roads.This will be done as soon as weather and condtions permit.Homeowners are responsible to make sure water coming from there properties and there driveway does not damage the road and make changes if nessesary.Reminder Fences are Not Permitted in the Road Right of way. PLEASE use Caution when traveling through our Work Zones.



Meet the new Parkman Postmaster

Hi, my name is Cheryl Smith, and I was appointed the Postmaster of Parkman as of Oct 15, 2007. I showed up on November 1, 2007, and I have enjoyed meeting all of the great customers of the Parkman Post Office. The Parkman Post Office has been in place since 8/1/1805. The first Postmaster was Robert B Parkman. The Post Office is currently housed in a great historical building that is about 180 years old. It was a one room school house at one time. My Postmaster Replacement, Dale Patterson, who works on the days that I do not, has been with us for 16 years.

I have been with the Postal Service for 22 years, starting in Akron, working the midnight shift sorting mail. After 5 years, I then transferred to the Accounting Department, where I worked for 13 years. When the department closed, I was again back on midnight's sorting mail. To obtain a position as a Postmaster, I started going out on assignments as the Officer-in-charge or Acting Postmaster at different locations. In the last 4 years, I have worked at 7 different offices in the Akron and Youngstown areas.

Growing up in Cleveland, I dreamed of being an accountant and went to Akron University where I meet my husband, Richard. Now 32 years and two boys later, we are now happily living in Stow. Our sons, Ricky, 31 and Scott, 26, were involved with Boy Scouts, and we were active as well. My husband was Scoutmaster for 13 years and I was everything from Cub Scout Leader to Troop Committee Chairman to District Chairman for the Moecomdws District, covering Stow, Hudson, Cuyahoga Falls and Munroe Falls. A few years ago, I was given the honor of being named a Silver Beaver. The Silver Beaver title is given to the Volunteer of the Year for Boy Scouts. This honor is only given to about 8 people a year, in the 3 county area that the Great Trail District covers.

We currently have a dog and a cat. Yes, it is a long drive, about 50 minutes in good weather, but I love the scenery, just not the Ohio winter! As my frequent customers know, I recently went thru the loss of my mother in January, who resided with us. I love to read, hike and camp. During my Boy Scout days, I have canoed in Canada for week long trips, whitewater canoed the Snake River and hiked for 2 weeks at Philmont, a Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

If you have any questions about your mailings or the price of stamps, please do not hesitate to stop in and chat with me. All the latest information and help can also be found at our website- USPS.com. I am here to help you with any of your mailing needs.

We have PO Boxes available for rent and a **first class stamp** will be **42 cents starting May 12th**, so stock up now on the Forever Stamp.

With this stamp, you will not have to add the extra 1cent to your 1 ounce envelope after the price increase. They will be good- well-Forever.

Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Joan Dillon—Medical Officer



Oh, my goodness, we do have a sun!! How rejuvenating to the spirit. Summer is around the corner and life is good. Word to the wise.....take it easy at first. For our treasured senior citizens, work outdoors in small sessions. Your families thank you.

I've noticed that since the roads are clear of snow and ice, folks believe they can drive their cars at accelerated speeds safely. NOT. Please drive the speed limit and wear that safety belt. Arriving at your destination a couple minutes earlier is not worth the possibility of not arriving at all. We train regularly in extrication techniques. The EMTs and firemen in Parkman/Troy are a group of trained and dedicated volunteers, but we would prefer our friends and neighbors don't require a trip to the ER for trauma reasons.

The flu has been in full bloom the last few weeks. Most of us have had the up-close-and-personal relationship with the darn virus. Some hospitals (like St. Joseph's in Warren) have been closed to new patients on and off because of a shortage of beds. Apparently, the flu shot this year didn't cover the strain that's going around. If you haven't had the misfortune of suffering the symptoms yet, be as cautious as you can.

Meanwhile, we're gearing up for our **Spring Chicken Dinner on May 2nd**. Please get your tickets early, it looks like it'll be an early sellout.

Take care of yourself, be safe. As always, if you'd like to join us, monthly business meeting is the first Wednesday of the month. Come on down and meet the volunteers.

Any questions call Joanie or Chuck at 440-548-7541.

Buckeye Off Road Adventure Club

BORAC is a NE Ohio off road club for ATV and Dirt Bike Owners.

Supporting Geauga, Portage and Trumbull Counties of Ohio, BORAC is a non-profit organization dedicated to **Fun/Safe Family Riding** and **Responsible Trail Use**.

Next ride is set for the **Hatfield McCoy Trail System** in West VA
May 31-June 1st

We are an active member organization of the Ohio Motorized Trails Association
<http://www.ohiotrails.org>

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm
Our next meeting is May 13, 2008 at
JD's Post House in Parkman

Anyone is welcomed to join us
and learn about this group.



Matthew T. Mesarchik, President: 440-313-1069



Salute to our US Military

Parkman Paragraphs is currently looking for any Parkman Residents who have served the US Military or is currently active. This is a new program to recognize those who serve our country and earned the respect of defending our rights. The profiles will be similar to those previously done with the Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team, where a short paragraph and photo will be included into the collection. If you are or know anyone from Parkman who has served the US Military, then send your story to Parkman Paragraphs.



PFC Lester Miller

Lester Miller, a 25 year old resident from Parkman Ohio, was born and raised within our community. He is the son of Joe and Cindy Miller of Farmington Road. Lester graduated from Scout Ridge Amish School completing the 8th grade. He joined the US Army in October 2007 and is currently stationed at Camp Kalsu in Askandariyah, Iraq.

Iskandariyah [Alexandria] is located 40 km (25 miles) south of Baghdad.

FOB Kalsu is known to its soldiers as often being very dusty. The dust consists of a very fine, powdery mix of sand. This dust coats almost everything in the base and also makes its way into much of the equipment.

Camp Kalsu is a smaller base in relation to many other bases in Iraq. Its infrastructure is more temporary with soldiers mostly living and working in tents that are protected by blast walls. There are a few temporary buildings that house some of the offices on base.

The base was named after LT Kalsu was the only pro-football player to lose his life in Vietnam and this base is honored with his name.

Parkman salutes the efforts of PFC Lester Miller and his family for their strong support to our country. May his time of service be safe and meaningful and that the return to his family be soon.

Thank you for your dedication to the protection of the USA.



Troops and Veterans in Parkman!



Since this is a new project for the Parkman Paragraphs, I only had one message sent in from the Miller Family, which I am very grateful for. So to help get this project started in the right direction, I will add my input into the project to salute our Veterans and active Armed Forces. I hope this will generate future input from around our community and the success of this project will be similar to how we saluted our Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team.

Cory Anderson

Cory Anderson, a resident of Parkman since February 1998, served the US Navy from 1992-1998. Cory graduated from the US Nuclear Submarine School and Navy Electronic in 1993 then served 5 years on the USS Miami. The USS Miami, stationed in Groton Ct, is a fast attack 688 class Nuclear Submarine. Cory is a combat veteran of the Gulf War (Operation Desert Shield/ Desert Storm) and was honorably discharged in 1998.

Today Cory actively works with the Cleveland VA and the Buckeye Paralyzed Veterans. This year is his 5th year competing at both of the Winter and Summer National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

In April 2008, Cory returned from Snowmass Colorado from the 22nd National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic where he joined 400 other veterans from across America in events like Downhill Skiing and winter style activities. If you go to <http://www.OhioWheelchair.com>, you can see the newsletter review from the Buckeye Veterans Adaptive Ski Team in the menu.

Cory continues his ambition to help the Adaptive Community in many sports and activities that promotes a no boundaries lifestyle for anyone in the local disabled culture. Cory is a mentor in several paralyzed support groups, and develops many adventures that push the limits of living on wheels.



Please send in more stories of Veterans and active US Military Troops from Parkman!