



*Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum
Dedicated to Keeping History Alive in the
Cable/Namakagon Area!*

Summer 2021

PREZ SEZ by Paul Jenkins

We are happy to report that we officially opened on Saturday, May 29 and will be on our regular schedule of Tue. – Fri. from 11AM to 3PM and Sat. from 10AM to 1PM. We hope to welcome many of you back.

One of our Board members is Karen Kelsey Gran. Karen is the great granddaughter of Dr. Kate Kelsey Clark who was one of our pioneer doctors. This spring Karen has been redoing our medical exhibit that honors those pioneer doctors.

We have copies of a small book of poems by Dr. Kate entitled “Wayside Poems.” This book is for sale at the museum. I would like to yield my space so that you can enjoy one of Dr. Kate’s beautiful poems.

The Best Catch

*When we went fishing, Maud and I,
Within the shadowed waters high
The mossy bank that summer day,
The speckled trout in safety lay.*

*What did we catch? You ask in vain
If all the angler has to gain
Is trophy of the hook and line,
Then ask his comrades home to dine.*

*We caught a glimpse of summer skies
And, as we watched a sky-lark rise,
From out the azure depths so fair,
We caught the song that thrilled the air.*

*The fragrant breath of tall pine trees
We caught from every passing breeze.
While in the waters calm and clear,
The trout flashed by without a fear.*

*What did we catch? The joy of life,
And freedom from all care and strife,--
We caught the smile on Nature’s face,
In that enchanted happy place.*

*O many days have passed away,
Since Maud and I, that summer day,
Caught hope and joy and visions fair,
But left the trout to Nature’s care*

TELEMARK

A Look at the Past

With the recent publicity about Telemark and the demolishing of the Lodge, we thought it would be historically interesting to get the perspective on the opening of Telemark at the actual time it happened. The article below appeared in the Cable Commentator on December 30, 1947.

Mount Telemark, Cable Winter Playground, Open

Telemark is a reality. The Ski area with the picturesque chalet overlooking the slopes, conceived by two army men as they were stationed in the Olympic territory in the Bavarian Alps dreaming of such a place in their home community has come to life. Nature provided the last touches—snow to make the venture a success on the opening day which was last Saturday. An enormous crowd attended.

Wise and Hewett have worked on all angles of making Mount Telemark a success. Recently landed from his home town Rjukan in the province of Telemark in Norway is Ole Stormoen, who has instructed tourists from all over the world at leading ski resorts in Norway. The Telemark instructor holds classes daily at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Turning the summer resort region into a winter playground is important to Cable and Hayward so people banded together to assist in boosting Telemark and putting themselves into this skiing enthusiasm

Mac Hewett as a lieutenant and Tony Wise a captain in the engineering corps of the army overseas and in the same company when they were working on bridges and roads in the Bavarian Alps. Near this spot was the great Olympic grounds of Garmisch. Talking (they felt) great Northwestern Wisconsin had something of the natural beauty to offer to its countrymen. Their dream didn't go up in smoke. The boys returned and immediately took up pencils and instruments and made architectural drawings of these dream pictures. The start was made in the spring of 1947. Following participation in contests of the Olympics in Sun Valley, Idaho last Spring, three professionals came to Telemark to assist in laying out the slopes. Christopher Bert, Norwegian Olympic skier was among them, and Marie Ann Stewart, American Women's Olympic team member of 1947, and Pierre Jalbot, Canadian downhill champion of Quebec. All were returning in May from national downhill races at Sun Valley.

Telemark has three downhill slopes with 351 feet of vertical drop. There are two tows and tandem to the top of the hill. A beginner's slope for ski school use and practice area has also been built. The tows have stations along their route permitting the skiers to branch off a hill at whatever point they wish and start a downhill ride. It is reported that the tows use a total of 4,000 feet of rope which gives one an idea of just how far it is to the top of the hill. Add to this the twists and turns the ski slopes make and you realize what a ride you can have.

The chalet or warming house, is a beautiful piece of workmanship. It is built of logs in natural finish and benches and tables are made of split pine logs. Large picture windows overlooking the ski slopes provide an opportunity for those non-skiers to sit and watch the activity in comfort. Hot coffee and sandwiches are a welcome sight after a couple of hours out in the air. Skis, poles and boots are available for rent at a very reasonable rate if you don't have an outfit of your own. The project originally estimated at \$12,000 has far exceeded that amount in cost, A. Wise reports.

Fourteen resorts and hotels of the Cable-Hayward area are remaining open for the winter in compliance with arrangements made to accommodate the influx for the weekends. Busses meet the "400" at Eau Claire on Friday nights coming through to Hayward and Cable. On Saturdays and Sundays, the bus will commute back and forth between Telemark, Hayward and Cable. Resorts remaining open at Cable for Telemark accommodations are Virginia Beach on Lake Owen, Lake Woods and Castel Garden on Lake Namekagon and Cable Hotel

**See some old photos on the
Next two pages**



On opening day, 700 people attended Mt Telemark.

The original Ski Chalet opened on December 13, 1947.

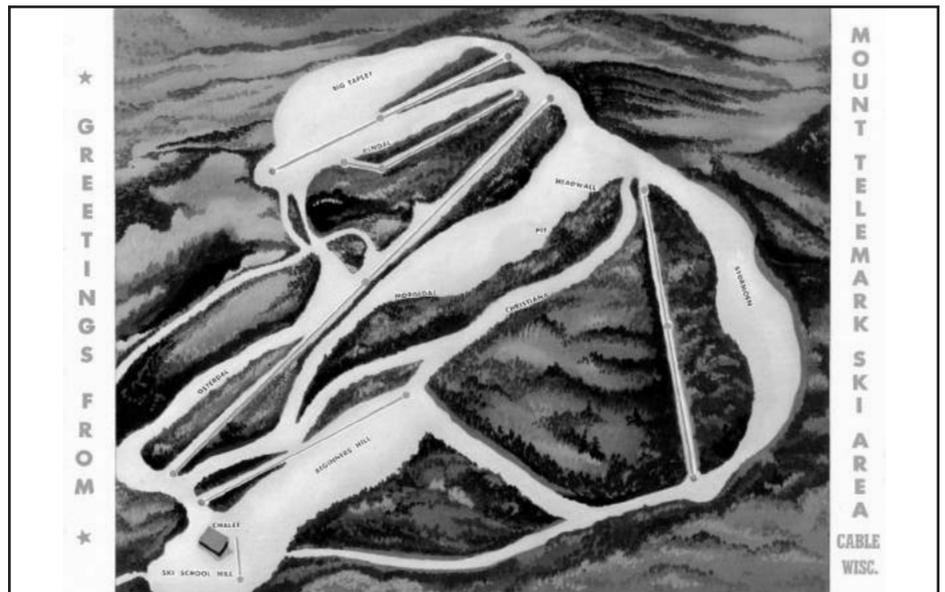


The Chalet's original rental shop with Tony Wise behind the counter.



Going up the longest tow (2,500 feet) in the upper Midwest at Mt. Telemark.

Early 1950's postcard of Mt. Telemark Ski Runs.



Original tow shack on the "Beginner's Hill".



ANNUAL MEETING

This year's annual meeting will take place on Saturday, August 21 and will be held at the Cable Park Pavilion. This will be outside allowing fresh air and social distancing, and the Pavilion is covered so rain should not interfere. We will begin with a social time including coffee and sweets at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

It is at this meeting that the membership elects the Board of Directors and approves the minutes of the last year's meeting. Also there are several By-Laws changes that need your approval. Both the Slate of Directors and By-Laws changes are listed below. You can view the minutes at our website at: www.cablehistorymuseum.com/memberships-newsletters.

You can indicate your choices for Directors, approval of By-Laws changes and minutes in two ways.

1. Return the enclosed postcard if this newsletter was sent by regular mail; or
2. Email us your choices at info@cablehistorymuseum.com. Simply indicate a yes or no for Directors, By-Laws and minutes

Please return your choices by August 18.

SLATE OF DIRECTORS FOR ELECTION

- Deanne Allen
- Sara Balbin
- Mary D'Andrea
- Carol Elliker
- Paul Gilbert
- Karen Gran
- Paul Jenkins
- Nova Kane
- Corinne Rasmussen
- Lynn Rasmussen
- Sue Rosa
- Kay Rowe
- Jean Hansen Zirn

BY LAWS CHANGES

1. Membership levels will be:

Individual	\$20.00
Family	\$25.
Business	\$50
2. It will be the responsibility of the Secretary to appoint the Corresponding Secretary



JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST If you haven't done so yet, we would like to encourage you to consider joining our email list for faster, more efficient contact regarding general announcements and events. Just let us know your email address by contacting us at info@cablehistorymuseum.com. We'll be happy to add you to our email list. And do not worry... **WE WILL NOT SHARE ANY EMAIL ADDRESSES.**



ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our Annual Ice Cream Social is back! We hope you will join us on Sunday July 25th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm! We had to cancel last year due to Covid-19. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and your patronage would be much appreciated!

Due to a rainy day at our last social in 2019, our neighbors at the Cable Lumber Company graciously let us setup our event in one of their lumber buildings! It went so well that we are going to have the Social there again! It is such a relief to not worry about what the weather is going to do. No need to cancel for rain! The Museum will be open during the Social, so just pop over and visit our exhibits before or after you enjoy a delicious ice cream treat. We will be serving Root Beer Floats, Sundaes with homemade chocolate and strawberry sauces, and Ice Cream Cones.



New this year is a Pie Raffle! Delicious homemade pies to bring home or share if you are one of the lucky winners! Also a 50/50 Raffle and Live Music! We missed seeing you all last year and can't wait to visit with neighbors and friends.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE....

It is at the Ice Cream Social that we will be dedicating a beautiful stained glass tribute to our past President, Kathy Lang. Kathy was a devoted Board member for 9 years and President for 4 years.

This piece of artwork was sponsored by Fritz and Kathy Friday and made by Kathy DiSalvo. After the dedication, it will be placed in a museum window as a for all to see and remember a very special Board member and friend.



COMING IN OCTOBER..... OUR CEMETERY WALK

We will also have our Cemetery Walk again in mid October. Our “local gravedigger” Jim Kinzie will again regale us with interesting cemetery history along with some local ghost lore. Sometimes these ghosts are even seen lurking around the cemetery! Date, time and further details will be posted on our website, through our email list, on Facebook and on posters at businesses in town. After Jim’s presentation, we all enjoy a nice cup of hot chocolate, treats and good conversation around a nice little fire.



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Yearly memberships are from July 1 to
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Please select your membership level

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Business Membership - \$50

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*Cable/Namakagon
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*Come visit us to take a step back
in time and explore the area's
rich and exciting history*

Open

Memorial Day to Labor Day

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 11am - 3pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

Street Address: 13405 Spruce Street

Located on the corner of

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