

THE ENCLOSED IS AT
LEAST 40 YEARS OLD!

BACK WHEN MARK & GUY
WERE CONDUCTING LEADERSHIP
CAMPS FOR THE BRANCH'S AND
I WAS THE RESIDENT CAMP-FIRE
LIAR!

THE QUESTION CAME FROM
ONE OF THE CAMPER'S ON THE
FINAL CAMP FIRE NIGHT!

AT THE TIME, I TOLD HER IT
WAS SPECIAL PLACE THAT SHE'D
REMEMBER.

IT WAS SOMETIME LATER
THAT I WROTE THE ENCLOSED
PAGES.

IT WOULD BE INDEED
MAGIC IF THE SENSES AS
DESCRIBED, REMAINED TODAY

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LAST WEEK END I WAS ASKED
WHAT WAS THE ONE THING ABOUT
BORNHOFFEN THAT STOOD OUT IN MY
MIND, OR PERHAPS WHAT WAS THE
MOST REMEMBERED ASPECT OF BORNHOFFEN,

AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION SINCE
THE ASKING OF THAT THEN UNANSWERABLE
QUESTION, I SHALL NOW ATTEMPT TO DEFINE
THE UNDEFINABLE, OR BETTER YET TO DESCRIBE
THE UNDESCRIBABLE.

IN THEORY IT WORKS THIS WAY, FROM
TIME TO TIME, & MORE FREQUENT THAN NOT,
THOSE ATTENDING BORNHOFFEN BRING WITH THEM
GENUINE FEELING, LIKE "LOVING," "CARING"
"COMPASSION" & "UNDERSTANDING" THINGS LIKE THAT.

BECAUSE OF THE WAY BORNHOFFEN
WAS, AND IS THESE "FEELINGS" BECOME HIGHLY
INFECTIOUS AND BEFORE LONG ALL THOSE ATTENDING
ARE COMING DOWN WITH "A BAD CASE OF UNDERSTANDING"
OR START SUFFERING FROM "COMPASSION" & "CARING"
UNTIL EVEN THE MOST HARDENED & RESISTANT, SUCCUMB.

THERE ARE SOME ABLE TO FIGHT THESE
"FEELINGS" BUT ONLY AFTER A SHOW OF GREAT
DETERMINATION AND PERHAPS A LACK OF TRUST.
YET THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASSIONS WHEN THE MOST
HARDED & SKEPTICAL HAVE FINALLY SUBMITTED.

WHAT FOLLOWS IS BEST DESCRIBED AS
"MAGIC". THE PLACE STARTS TO BUZZ, WORK
BECOMES PLAY, TROUBLES FADE & SOMETIMES
DISAPPEAR, FROWNS BECOME SMILES, PAST HURTS
FORGIVEN & BETTER STILL FORGOTTEN, WHAT EVER,
THE WEATHER DAYS BECOME "GOLDEN" AND

THEREFORE TOO FEW & VERY PRECIOUS, ACQUAINTANCES
BECOME FRIENDS, AND HELPING EACH OTHER & EVERYONE
IN GENERAL, BECOMES THE ORDER OF THE DAY.

"A FAIRY TALE" YOU SAY. AND THERE ARE
THOSE THAT WOULD AGREE. YET "BORNHOFFEN"
CAN NOT BE SO EASILY PUT DOWN.

YOU SEE, THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS A COMPLEX
THING, AND, WHEN COMBINED WITH OTHER HUMAN SPIRITS,
ALL WANTING THE SAME THING, A POSITIVE FORCE
IS CREATED TO THE EXTENT THAT THE VERY AIR
BECOMES CHARGED WITH THIS INCREDIBLE, UNDEFINABLE
YET VERY OBVIOUS "MAGIC"

WHEN I STARTING WRITING I SAID I
WOULD ANSWER THE QUESTION, ONCE AND FOR ALL.
I NOW FIND I CANT.

I'VE SEEN IT, "THIS MAGIC"

I'VE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO FEEL IT, NOT
JUST ONCE, BUT SEVERAL TIMES, YET THE DEFINITION
STILL ELUDES ME. ONE DAY PERHAPS, I'LL BE
ABLE TO TELL YOU IN UNCERTAIN TERMS, THAT
"BORNHOFFEN IS"

BUT LET ME FINISH THIS WAY.
WHAT EVER BORNHOFFEN WAS, IS, OR HAS
YET TO BE, THERE ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH
PEOPLE TO ENSURE THAT IN YEARS TO COME
& REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY PEOPLE PASS
THROUGH THE GATES, THERE'S "MAGIC" ENOUGH
FOR ALL, IF YOU CARE TO LOOK FOR IT.
THATS WHAT BORNHOFFEN IS.

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