

The Bermuda Triangle of Scouting

Why do older Scouts disappear? Moving along through the ranks, they make 1st Class or maybe Star, go to summer camp for the 4th time, and then never return in the fall. You call once or twice, but you already know. It's an age old story.

He has found his first real girlfriend. He wants to take her to the movies, or to the malt shop.



Maybe not that girl, but the girl. The one he's going to love forever.

Well, if he wants to take her out without his mom having to drive them, he needs a car.



Maybe not that car, but a car. A car with insurance, and gasoline, and maintenance costs. Since it is most likely a very used car, lots of maintenance costs. So now he needs a job.



Maybe not that job, but any job. Something to pay for the car and the dates.

He's a good kid, and he was a good Scout. He is now caught on the same slope that claimed us all sooner or later. He has to go to school. He has to sleep. There are only so many hours left over. The dates and the job both take place in those free hours. What gets jettisoned?

The deadly Bermuda Triangle of Scouting has claimed another one.



“Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. That's relativity.” – Albert Einstein