

**OLD HICKORY COUNCIL, BSA/CAMP RAVEN KNOB  
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
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**Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 1997**

It has certainly been a great pleasure to serve as Association Historian during the Historical Association's fourth year of operation. The work and the activities of the group have added additional materials to the Association's historical collections and have furthered the Association's ongoing projects. The general goals of opening a Boy Scout museum at Camp Raven Knob, of publishing a Council history, and of encouraging fellowship based in Scouting's rich past are being realized.

The Association renewed its membership in the Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies. The Federation functions as a clearinghouse of helpful information about historical research, grant sources, and preservation. Regular monthly meetings were held at the new Wachovia Scouting Center in Winston-Salem; the annual meeting and more than a dozen workdays were held at Camp Raven Knob in Surry County.

The third annual patch/memorabilia Trade-O-Ree, which was again organized by Tom Seaver and duWayne Amen, was held at Summit School in Winston-Salem. More than 40 people enjoyed hot dogs prepared by Myrt Daniel and Si Wild while examining the items that were available for trade and for sale.

On May 10 the Executive Committee helped with the dedication ceremonies for the new Wachovia Scouting Center. The production and the display of approximately 20 photo enlargements were coordinated by the Association, and three old Camp Raven Knob films—from 1954, 1969, and 1972—that had been transferred to VHS tape were shown on the Council's new big screen television. During the summer, these same films were combined with a 1992 Raven Knob promotional video to create a new video entitled "Film and Video Images of Boy Scout Camp Raven Knob." The video was made available for sale to interested individuals.

Construction work continued in the Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum at a steady pace. Volunteer Executive Committee members were responsible for the completion of several projects which included placing a concrete-type material in the open spaces above the block walls, painting the entire interior with a first coat, planning for exhibit cases, supervising wiring and constructing an outdoor education area. With the continued help of Camp Ranger Dave Whitfield, the museum project will be completed before May 1998.

Since the museum could not be open for public use during the summer, the Association Historian presented the video "Film and Video Images of Boy Scout Camp Raven Knob" at summer camp registration on Sunday afternoons. All Scouts and Scouters who registered at the Barnhardt Training Center were able to see at least a portion of the historical video.

Gray Martin began a history project in Forsyth County's Piedmont District. This project will result in the production of at least 10 written histories of local troops, packs, and explorer posts. Jim Mabry and duWayne Amen began work on a new patch/memorabilia booklet for the Council.

All of the historical materials that were donated to the Southern Historical Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill were photocopied and transferred an inventory is available for public use. A list of items that were donated to the Association in 1997 is held by the Historian and can be obtained by any interested individual.

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