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Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 2002

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□ The Historical Association was involved in a variety of useful projects in 2002, as has been the case each year since 1993. Customary service was provided and new projects were initiated.

Unique to the year, and of special significance, was the contribution to the Old Hickory Council of approximately eighty hours of voluntary work by four undergraduate history students from **Wake Forest University**. Kurt Banas, Ethan Kirby-Smith, Sean Whelan and Nelson Woltz helped to preserve hundreds of Eagle Scout applications by removing staples, paper clips and tape from the documents; old metal clips and tape were replaced by safe vinyl clips. The students also read the content of the documents that they help to preserve and developed simple research papers based on that content. The idea for this "service-learning" project came from Dr. Michele Gillespie of Wake Forest's Department of History. Ken Badgett, with the assistance of Gray Martin, worked with Dr. Gillespie during the spring to coordinate and to monitor the work of the students.

□ At the 2002 Old Hickory Council Awards Banquet on February 15, Mr. Charles Griffin of Winston-Salem was awarded the Association's fifth **Raven Award** for distinguished service in the preservation of Boy Scout history. The work that Mr. Griffin completed over a period of four years to collect new items for the Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum, to create an internet web page for the Association and in support of Camp Raven Knob were cited as reasons for the award. Mrs. Joyce Gibson of King, Mr. Mark Snyder of Winston-Salem and Mr. Bill Batts of Winston-Salem received **Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Awards** for exceptional service in particular activities that the Association deemed exceptional in the preservation of Scouting's history.

□ For a fourth year the **Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum** was open as part of the regular summer camp program at Camp Raven Knob. The museum was open fifteen hours per week for seven weeks, including visitors' night each Wednesday. Volunteers from the Historical Association's Executive Committee served as the museum's staff. Visitors were able to view historical Boy Scout materials and to ask for reference help. A wide variety of exhibits included information and materials concerning Camp Raven Knob and its shooting sports program, commemorative patches, and communications technology. The museum was also open during three **Parent/Son Cub Scout Camporees** in the fall.

□ The eighth annual patch/memorabilia **Trade-O-Ree** was organized by duWayne Amen; approximately seventy-five Scouts and Scouters attended the event, which was held - as usual - in late December at Summit School in Winston-Salem.

□ The Association missed the regular participation of Johnnie Pearson, Association Secretary, because of his health. Tom Seaver, a founding member of the Association, left the group's Executive Committee in late 2001; his years of participation were appreciated, but his presence was also missed.