

Old Hickory Council, BSA/Camp Raven Knob Historical Association

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Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 2003

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- The **Historical Association** was involved in a variety of useful projects in 2003, as has been the case each year since the group organized in 1993. The **tenth anniversary** of the Association's establishment quietly passed in the fall. During the year, activities that have become Association traditions were held and new projects were developed.
- The ninth annual patch/memorabilia **Trade-O-Ree** was organized by duWayne Amen. Approximately eighty Scouts and Scouters attended the event, which was held - as usual - in late December at Summit School in Winston-Salem. **Summit School** was thanked for generously allowing the Association the free use its facilities for all nine of the Association's Trade-O-Rees.
- At the 2003 Old Hickory Council Recognition and Awards Banquet on February 21, Mr. Johnnie Pearson of Winston-Salem was awarded the Association's sixth **Raven Award** for distinguished service in the preservation of Boy Scout history. Mr. Pearson is the only person to have served as the Association's secretary. **Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Awards** were presented to Dr. Michele Gillespie and students (Kurt Banas, Ethan Kirby-Smith, Sean Whelan and Nelson Woltz) of Wake Forest University, to Mrs. Jewel Dotson of Winston-Salem and to Boy Scout Troop 722 (Highland Presbyterian Church) of Winston-Salem. Hinshaw Awards are presented for exceptional service - usually during a particular calendar year - in the preservation of Scouting's history.
- In March, Gray Martin and Ken Badgett represented the Association at the centennial celebration of the **North Carolina Office of Archives and History** in Raleigh, North Carolina. Messrs. Martin and Badgett provided an exhibit of Scouting items during the event's two-day duration. The Association has been a member of the state-sponsored **Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies** since 1994, thereby supporting the efforts of private and governmental groups to preserve and to understand North Carolina's past.
- For a fifth year the **Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum** was open as part of the regular summer camp program at Camp Raven Knob in Surry County. The museum was open for fifteen hours per week for eight weeks. For the first time, a camp staff member under the age of 21 served as the Museum Director for the summer; Mr. Justin Stirewalt worked with volunteer members of the Association's Executive Committee to maintain the museum's exhibits and to manage visitors and their questions.
- Work began on exhibit and storage space at the **Wachovia Scouting Center** in Winston-Salem. Unused restrooms were converted into storage space, and the space of a former woodworking shop/room was added to the building's large meeting room. Exhibit cases were planned for specific locations in the newly expanded meeting room. Charles Griffin and Myrt Daniel, among other members, donated time and talent for this work.
- Seven wooden enlargements of Aquatics merit badges and recognitions were crafted by Mr. James E. (Doc) Bennett for display on the front of the new waterfront building at Camp Raven Knob. Worthwhile projects, like the one completed by Doc, were typical of voluntary work done by members of the Association during 2003.