



Historical Association

Old Hickory Council - Camp Raven Knob

Boy Scouts of America

Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 2004

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The **Historical Association** had a very busy year in 2004, its eleventh year. Members of the Association participated in activities that are now Association traditions and worked with other volunteers to plan new projects. The major new project, in which most members of the Association's Executive Committee participated, involved planning for the celebration of the **50th Anniversary of Camp Raven Knob** in 2005.

At the 2004 Old Hickory Council Recognition and Awards Banquet on February 20 at **Winston-Salem State University**, Mr. Arvil Sale of Boone was awarded the Association's seventh **Raven Award** for distinguished service in the preservation of Boy Scout history. Especially noteworthy were Mr. Sale's efforts to preserve the records of Wahissa Lodge #118, Order of the Arrow. A **Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Award** was presented to Mr. Steve Daniel of Winston-Salem. Mr. Daniel's work with *The Raven*, the Old Hickory Council's newsletter, has been of fine quality for more than a decade. Hinshaw Awards are presented for exceptional service in the preservation of Scouting's history, with special emphasis on work performed during the preceding year.

For a sixth 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 twelve hours per week for eight weeks. The museum holds 150+ collections of local Scouting records and memorabilia, and houses more than 30 individual exhibits. Also, the Association worked with **Wahissa Lodge #118**, Order of the Arrow, to conduct a patch and memorabilia auction at its annual Fall Fellowship at Raven Knob.

Work was completed on additional museum and storage space at the **Wachovia Scouting Center** in Winston-Salem. In 2003, with the approval of the Old Hickory Council's Executive Board, work began to convert two unused restrooms and a woodworking shop into general purpose meeting space and permanent exhibit space for the Association's memorabilia collection. Five new exhibit cases were installed during the spring and summer, as well as a new base for the meeting room's large-screen television. Charles Griffin and Myrt Daniel constructed shelves in the storage area and coordinated the construction/installation of the exhibit cases.

The new exhibit space was dedicated on September 28, during a special reception that was held just before a regularly scheduled meeting of the Council's Executive Board. The Association was pleased to have Dr. Michele Gillespie, Kahle Family Associate Professor of History at **Wake Forest University**, and her family as special guests. Through Wake Forest's service-learning program, four of Dr. Gillespie's undergraduate students (Connor Breen, Steven Elliott, Robert Ford, and Nicole Pappas) assisted Ken Badgett and Gray Martin in the preparation of the first exhibits in the new space. The subjects of the new exhibits included former North Carolina Governor Terry Sanford (an Eagle Scout), the Old Hickory Council's first Interracial Committee, Mrs. Jane Shouse (the first recipient of the Silver Fawn Award in the Old Hickory Council), and Scouting's connections to the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and the Reynolds family.

The tenth 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. **Summit School** has generously allowed the Association to use its facilities for this event free of charge for a decade.