



Historical Association

*Old Hickory Council - Camp Raven Knob
Boy Scouts of America*

Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 2007

Submitted by Ken Badgett, Association Historian,
to the President of the Association on November 12, 2007

The Historical Association's work in 2007, its fourteenth year of operation, was broad and useful. The Association's resources, human and material, were used to maintain its usual activities and services. Probably, the most significant event during the year was the acquisition of scrapbooks, photographs, and memorabilia from the Vaughan-Lloyd family of Winston-Salem. These materials, of primary importance in understanding the history of the Boy Scouts of America in Winston-Salem and in North Carolina, were generously donated by Mr. W. E. (Ned) Vaughan-Lloyd, Jr., son of Winston-Salem's longtime Scout Executive W. E. (Skipper) Vaughan-Lloyd, Sr., and Betty Clingman Vaughan-Lloyd.

Members of the Association were pleased to participate in various ways in the celebration of Mr. Si Wild's 100th birthday before, on, and after June 11. Si has been a Scout/Scouter for more than seventy-five years and helped to organize the Association in 1993. Mr. Johnnie Pearson, the Association's longtime secretary, resigned in May and moved with his wife to Hickory, NC, in order to be closer to other members of his family.

Photographs and memorabilia from the Association's collection concerning Mr. J. Walter McDowell, III, and his support of Scouting and our community were used in displays that honored him at the 2007 Distinguished Citizen Banquet at the Benton Convention Center on May 8. An exhibit by the Association honored several of the Old Hickory Council's prominent Eagle Scouts at the Legacy of Honor Eagle Breakfast on May 1 at the Marriott at the Twin City Quarter in downtown Winston-Salem.

Members of the Association served on the banquet committee for the Old Hickory Council's 72nd Annual Recognition Banquet, held at the Village Inn Golf & Conference Center in Clemmons, NC, on March 16. At the banquet, Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Awards for 2006 were presented to Mr. John Purvis of Candler, NC; to Mr. Justin Stirewalt of Elkin, NC; and to the Old Hickory Council's Dogwood District (which includes Mount Airy and most of Surry County). Mr. Purvis has been the Association's longtime auctioneer of surplus memorabilia at various events and has been a loyal supporter for more than a decade. Mr. Stirewalt was the first youth member to serve as summer director of the Association's Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum. The Dogwood District was a major supporter of projects that commemorated Camp Raven Knob's 50th Anniversary in 2005. The Raven Award, the Association's highest, was presented to Mr. Dave Whitfield of Mount Airy, NC, in honor of his endless support of the camp museum as a volunteer and as camp ranger.

For a ninth year, the Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum was open as part of the regular summer camp program at Camp Raven Knob in Surry County. More than 30 individual exhibits involving the history of Camp Raven Knob were presented, including a memorial exhibit for Eagle Scouts Gerald Ford, Wes Morgan, and Josh Davis. The camp museum's archive contains 170+ collections, ranging in size from one item to several thousand items. The camp museum was dedicated in July 1998 and was open in 2007 for Cub/Webelo Resident Camp in June, for Cub/Webelo Parent/Son Camporees in October, for traditional Boy Scout Summer Camp from mid June through early August, for Order of the Arrow (Wahissa Lodge #118) Ordeals in August and September, and for other special activities throughout the year.

On October 13, the Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum was open for visits by fifty students and parents from East Bend Elementary School in East Bend (Yadkin County) who were participants in the Old Hickory Council's Learning for Life program at Raven Knob.

The thirteenth annual patch/memorabilia Trade-O-Ree in December 2006 was organized by duWayne Amen. Approximately eighty Scouts and Scouters attended the event, which was held at Summit School in Winston-Salem. Summit School has generously allowed the Association to use its facilities for this event without charge for almost fifteen years.