



Historical Association

Old Hickory Council - Camp Raven Knob

Boy Scouts of America

Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 2008

Submitted by Ken Badgett, Association Historian,
to the President of the Association on November 22, 2008

The highlight of the Historical Association's year was the passage of the tenth anniversary of the opening of its Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum at Camp Raven Knob. The camp museum was dedicated on July 28, 1998. Since that date it has served as an interactive repository of records and artifacts directly related to the history of Scouting in the Old Hickory Council and as an important component of the regular summer camp program at Camp Raven Knob.

The camp museum was open on what has become a traditional schedule including Cub/Webelo Resident Camp in June, regular Boy Scout summer camp from June through early August, Order of the Arrow (Wahissa Lodge) Ordeals in August and September, Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship in September, Order of the Arrow Featherfest in November, Cub Scout Parent/Son Camporees in October, various Learning for Life events, and special appointments throughout the year.

In March, the Association began a time-consuming research effort to place local summer camps with Boy Scout histories on the National Register of Historic Places. The hope is to place one or more of these past and present camps - including Camp Lasater, Camp Civitan, Camp Graystone (now Camp Douglas Long), and Camp Raven Knob - on the historic list. The Association has assisted the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning Board in its effort to update its inventory of historic properties, which now includes three of these camps.

Documents and memorabilia from the Association's collection were used to create a display in honor of Mayor Allen Joines of Winston-Salem, who was presented the 2008 Distinguished Citizen Award by the Old Hickory Council on May 13, 2008. Mayor Joines became an Eagle Scout in Troop 315 in Wilkes County in 1965.

Several members of the Association served on the planning committee for the Old Hickory Council's 73rd Annual Recognition & Awards Banquet, which was held on March 7 at the John A. Walker Community Center on the campus of Wilkes Community College in Wilkesboro. At the banquet Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Awards were presented to Mrs. Mimi Hammock of Winston-Salem, to Mr. W. E. (Ned) Vaughan-Lloyd, Jr., of Winston-Salem, and to Mr. Glenn Farthing of Colfax. Each of these recipients donated significant artifacts and documents to the Association in 2008. The Raven Award, the Association's highest, was presented to Mr. Keith Bobbitt of Clemmons in honor of his longtime support of the Association as staff advisor and as camp director at Raven Knob.

The fourteenth annual patch/memorabilia Trade-O-Ree, organized by Mr. duWayne Amen, was held in December 2007. Approximately eighty-five Scouts and Scouters attended the event at Summit School on Reynolda Road in Winston-Salem. Summit School has been the gracious host of the Trade-O-Ree for its entire existence.

The death of Mr. Si Wild at the end of 2007 was a sad occasion. He was a founding member of the Association's Executive Committee in 1993, had been a Scout/Scouter for more than seventy-five years, and had recently celebrated his one hundredth birthday. Approximately \$750.00 was collected during the year for a memorial to him at Camp Raven Knob.