



Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 2009

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Two highlights of the Historical Association's year were the creation of the first **official flag** for **Camp Raven Knob** and the successful exhibition of an interactive display at the **National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)** at Indiana University concerning the general history and the founders of the Old Hickory Council's Wahissa Lodge.

Memorial donations collected after the death of **Mr. Si Wild** (age 100) in late 2007 resulted in the design and the creation of an official flag for Camp Raven Knob. The flag has a forest green background that surrounds a white diamond in the center of which a black raven is located. The words "Raven Knob Scout Reservation" surround the diamond. The first use of the flag was at its dedication on May 16, 2009, at Camp Raven Knob at the Spring Fellowship of Wahissa Lodge.

The Historical Association cooperated with Wahissa Lodge to develop an exhibit for **NOAC**. The exhibit highlighted the general history of the lodge and provided biographical information about its founders,

G. Kellock "Kel" Hale and W. E. "Skipper" Vaughan-Lloyd. In national competition the exhibit received the highest **Honor Lodge** designation. Using the exhibit as part of an oral presentation, youth member **Bradley Taylor** of Wahissa Lodge was named **National Champion** of the NOAC's oral history symposium.

The **Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum**, the Old Hickory Council's repository of records and artifacts regarding Scouting history, was open for an eleventh year 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, **Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship** and **Featherfest** in September, **Cub Scout Parent/Son Camporees** in October, various **Learning for Life** events, and special appointments throughout the year.

The Association continued a time-consuming research effort to place local summer camps with Boy Scout histories on the **National Register of Historic Places**. The Association expects one or more of our past camps - **Camp Lasater**, **Camp Civitan**, **Camp Graystone** (now Camp Douglas Long) - and our present **Camp Raven Knob** to be placed on the historic list. The North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office is developing a better appreciation of summer camps as historic properties.

The Association's helped to create a display in honor of **L. Glenn Orr, Jr.**, of Winston-Salem, who was presented the **2009 Distinguished Citizen Award** by the Old Hickory Council on May 19, 2009. Mr. Orr is a past president of the Cape Fear Council, BSA, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Displays were created, too, for the **Ken Spicer Memorial Camporee** in memory of Mr. Spicer and for the annual banquet of Wahissa Lodge in honor of Robert Mason, recipient of the national Order of the Arrow's **Distinguished Service Award**.

Several members of the Association served on the planning committee for the Old Hickory Council's **74th Annual Recognition & Awards Banquet**, which was held on March 6 at the Bermuda Run Country Club near Clemmons. At the banquet **Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Awards** were presented to Mr. John Bentley of North Wilkesboro, to Mr. Denny Shelton of Mount Airy, and to Mr. Robert Mason of Winston-Salem. The **Raven Award**, the Association's highest, was presented to Mr. James E. (Doc) Bennett, Jr., of Winston-Salem in honor of his longtime support of the Association as a volunteer and as a member of its Executive Committee.

The fifteenth annual patch/memorabilia **Trade-O-Ree**, organized by Mr. duWayne Amen, was held in December 2008. Approximately eighty 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.