

**OLD HICKORY COUNCIL, BSA/CAMP RAVEN KNOB
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

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Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 1998

The Historical Association had a very good year in 1998; it has been a pleasure to serve as Historian for the group for a fifth year. The work and activities of the council organization have helped to preserve Scouting's history and have drawn attention to the BSA's exciting and useful past in northwestern North Carolina. The **Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum** was dedicated on July 29, 1998, thereby meeting one of the Association's original goals. The Southern Historical Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill completed an inventory of all of the **Old Hickory Council Records** that have been archived there by the Association, thereby providing public access to a core collection of Boy Scout information concerning North Carolina's Scouting past. The primary work that Association members have put into these two achievements will help the Association complete the lofty goal of publishing a formal history of the Old Hickory Council in the near future.

The fourth annual patch/memorabilia **Trade-O-Ree** was coordinated by duWayne Amen and Tom Seaver. The event was again held at Summit School in Winston-Salem and attracted about 60 visitors. Myrt Daniel's hot dogs were the main course on the concession menu.

Ken Badgett was awarded the Association's first **Raven Award** for distinguished service in the preservation of Boy Scout history; Dave Whitfield, Gray Martin, and Myrt Daniel were presented the first **Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Awards** for exceptional service in the preservation of Scout history. The Raven Award and the Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Awards will be presented on an annual basis. Doc Bennett designed and crafted the unique award plaques.

The historical video entitled "**Film and Video Images of Boy Scout Camp Raven Knob**" that was produced by the Association in 1997 was combined with a brief history of Wahissa Lodge, Order of the Arrow, and entered in the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference's lodge history competition; the video history placed **third** in the **national competition**.

The Association cooperated with the **Foothills Arts Council** in Elkin, North Carolina, to develop a simple exhibit of Scouting memorabilia for the Arts Council's "Collections" exhibition. The assemblage of patches and photographs remained on display for two weeks at the Arts Council's facility in Elkin.

Johnnie Pearson continued work on a software database for collection inventory; Jim Mabry and duWayne Amen worked to complete the first edition of a high quality patch/memorabilia book, and Si Wild found 91 candles on his birthday cake. A list of items that were donated to the Association in 1998 is held by the Historian and can be obtained by any interested individual.

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Association Historian