



Historical Association

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

Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 2006
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The Historical Association's work in 2006, its thirteenth year of operation, was broad and useful. The Association's resources, human and material, were used to maintain usual activities and services as well as to support two unique events at Camp Raven Knob.

The Association's Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum was open on May 27, before and after the wedding of Challie Minton and Catherine Perkins in the Robert Vaughn Chapel. Challie is a past camp staff member and a former program director. The wedding was a "first" for the museum and appears to be only the second in the history of Camp Raven Knob. Also, the museum was open before the dedication of the new Vaughn-Woltz Order of the Arrow Arena on June 21; several Association members made financial contributions for the new arena and assisted with the reception that honored donors to the project. The Association added a number of important artifacts from the "old" arena, which was on the same site as the "new" arena.

Photographs and memorabilia from the Association's collection concerning Richard Vaughn of Mount Airy and his major contributions to Scouting and to our community were used in displays that honored him at the 2006 Distinguished Citizen Banquet at the Benton Convention Center on May 2.

Members of the Association served on the planning - and implementation - committee for the Old Hickory Council's 71st Annual Recognition Banquet, held at Winston-Salem State University on March 18. At the banquet, Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Awards were presented to Mr. duWayne Amen of Winston-Salem, to Mr. Gary Hunt of Winston-Salem, to Mr. Richard Frank of Yadkinville, and to Mrs. Lynn Frank of Yadkinville. Mr. Amen has been an active member of the Association's Executive Committee for many years. In preparation for an event that celebrated Troop 712's 65th anniversary, Mr. Hunt did useful biographical work on Eagle Scouts, members, and leaders from Troop 712 at Pine Grove United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. Richard and Lynn Frank prepared and distributed a booklet - including descriptions and digital photos - concerning Camp Raven Knob's named sites and memorial markers. No Raven Award was presented at the banquet for the year 2005.

For an eighth 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 the "chief's stepping stone" from the former Order of the Arrow Arena. 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 2006 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, and for other special activities throughout the year.

On September 27, the Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum was open for instructional use by eighty students from Jonesville Elementary School in Jonesville (Yadkin County) who were participants in the Old Hickory Council's Learning for Life program at Raven Knob.

The twelfth annual patch/memorabilia Trade-O-Ree in December 2005 was organized by duWayne Amen. Approximately seventy-five 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 more than a decade.