

# **Old Hickory Council, BSA/Camp Raven Knob Historical Association**

Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 2010-2011

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to the President of the Association on May 10, 2011*

Due to the move of the Old Hickory Council's annual business meeting from November to May, the annual report of the Association Historian is now issued in May and will reflect activities during the previous twelve months instead of the past calendar year. Of course, the highlight of the past two years was the **Centennial** (1910-2010) of the Boy Scout of America.

Several members of the Association served on the Old Hickory Council's **BSA Centennial Committee** and were heavily involved in planning, promoting, and implementing its projects. A centennial exhibit at **The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History**; an exhibit on African-American Scouting at the **Delta Arts Center** in Winston-Salem; the dedication of a **North Carolina Highway Historical Marker** in Boone in honor of pioneer national Scouter **Stanley A. Harris, Sr.**; the council-wide "**Shining Light**" centennial event at the Dash Baseball Park in Winston-Salem; the 2010 Raven Knob **Camp Staff Reunion**, and the statewide "**Centennial Report to the Governor**" in Raleigh were the most obvious events in which Association members participated during the long, busy 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting in the United States.

The **Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum**, the Old Hickory Council's repository of records and artifacts regarding Scouting history, was open for its twelfth and thirteenth years 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 Featherfest** and **Fall Fellowship** in September, **Cub Scout Parent/Son Camporees** in October, as well as for special appointments and research visits.

The Order of the Arrow's **Southern Region Section 7B Conclave** (1400 participants) was held at Camp Raven Knob in April 2011. The Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum was open, and Association members helped to prepare the camp property for the massive event - including cleaning, painting, landscape work, etc.

The Association continued its mission to collect memorabilia that is important to local Scouting. Three granddaughters of **Mr. H. Banks Newman**, past council commissioner and past council president, donated a substantial number of items to the Association. Banks Newman was the council president when Camp Raven Knob was purchased in 1954 and a charter member of Wahissa Lodge, Order of the Arrow.

Several members of the Association served on the planning committee for the Old Hickory Council's **75th & 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition & Awards Banquets**, both of which were held in late March in the Grand Pavilion banquet room of the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Winston-Salem. At the 2010 banquet **Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Awards** were presented to **Mr. Travis Gentry** of Elkin, to **Mr. Bradley Taylor** of Clemmons, and to **Mr. George Clinard** of Advance. The **Raven Award**, the Association's highest, was presented to **Mr. Lewis Wood** of Danbury in honor of his long service to Scouting in general and to the Hanging Rock District and to Camp Raven Knob in particular. At the 2011 banquet **Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Awards** were presented to **Mr. Mike Jones**, **Mr. Tom Seaver**, and **Mrs. Jane Shouse**, all of Winston-Salem. The Raven Award was presented to **Mr. William (Bill) Batts, III**, of Winston-Salem in honor of his longtime support of the Association as a volunteer and as a member of its Executive Committee.

The Association began collecting memorial donations in January 2010 after the death of **Mr. Myrton Daniel**. Myrt was a founding member of the Historical Association and served as its first president, from 1994 through 2009. The executive board of the Old Hickory Council approved the construction of a "post and beam" **Memorial Bell Tower** on the Woltz Parade Ground (Vaughn Dining Hall) at Camp Raven Knob in memory of Myrt; the bell tower is expected to be completed and dedicated during the summer of 2011.

The sixteenth annual patch/memorabilia **Trade-O-Ree**, organized by Mr. duWayne Amen, was held in December 2010. Approximately 120 Scouts and Scouters attended the event at **Summit School** on Reynolda Road in Winston-Salem. The 2009 Trade-O-Ree was cancelled due to inclement weather.