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Terry Grove
Chairman

ISCA remains committed to bringing together the many threads of the Scouting program at the volunteer and professional level. The team relationship with the National OA Committee was so apparent at the recent NOAC. ISCA was a centerpiece of much of the activities with our work on the NOAC Trade-o-ree, the evening time trading venue, and providing some of the staff for the OA Museum. Next, will be the increased friendship and relationship with the National Boy Scout program as we are part of the activities at the 2013 Jamboree at the Summit. We will be supporting all the trading venues as well as sponsoring the Collections Merit Badge.



Craig Leighty
President

NATIONAL BOY SCOUT MUSEUM

Now, we are ready to open conversations with the National Boy Scout Museum. In this issue of the Journal you will see the first of many articles written by the staff of the Museum. Ms. Corry Kantzenberg, Curator of Collections and Exhibitions and Mr. Rick Bragga, President of the National BSA Museum Committee, are our contacts to build this relationship. There is a great interest in building a good working relationship between the Museum and the collecting community. More on this will be forthcoming. However, we are pleased to share with you that the Museum is displaying Terry Grove's complete Eagle collection for the months of August 2012 through January 2013. The display is in a prominent hallway so all who visit the museum can't miss it.

In the future there will be opportunities for collectors to display their very best pieces and also to either donate, sell or some combination of both that will benefit the museum and the collector. Maybe there will finally be a place that will receive and respect the history we so much preserve and appreciate.

TENTH ANNUAL ISCA CONVENTION – DALLAS, JANUARY 2013

The 10th Annual Convention of ISCA will be held in conjunction with the Dallas TOR in January 2013. Newly elected officers will step into office. The ISCA Board will meet to plan the programs year 2013 and evaluate what we did in 2012. During the Convention many classes will be presented to help all of us be better informed on what is happening in the hobby. If you have any comments or things that you would like to see presented and/or discussed, please let us know.

JAMBOREE 2013

This is a "don't" miss opportunity. If you would like to help staff the ISCA presence (in either the patch trading venue or the Collections merit badge), contact Craig Leighty (craig.leighty@gmail.com) and share your interest. There are many opportunities and one might be just right for you. Note: if you have already expressed an interest or have signed up to be on staff, please send a note to Craig again to ensure that we have your name on our list.

ISCA Board Election Results

At the ISCA Annual Conference in Dallas in January, the ISCA Board will welcome the following people onto the Board to help provide leadership to the membership of ISCA:

Craig Leighty – President
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Dave Minnihan – Member At Large
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John Pleasants – Member At Large.

A big thank you to these folk for accepting this responsibility and to each of the members of ISCA who took the opportunity to vote seriously and did so!!



BILL TOPKIS AWARDED OA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Bill joined Scouting as a Cub in 1967. He is an Eagle Scout and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow by Tamet Lodge at Camp Emerald Bay in 1972. Topkis kept his Vigil Honor in Malibu Lodge in 1978 and presently serves Utah National Parks Council and Tu Cubin Noonie Lodge.

As a collector/writer, Bill served as Editor-in-Chief of the Blue Book, Volumes I - VI from 1993 - 2006 and Pocket Blue Book. He co-authored First Flaps and First Flaps in Color. Topkis was lead editor of The Journal of the American Scouting Historical Society. He has been a long time contributor to the ISCA Journal and received the Raymond Lee Distinguished Service Award from National Scout Collectors Society, a predecessor to ISCA. Topkis's collection specialties include OA Totem Pins, OA medals, Non-OA Scout honor groups, and camp pins and medals.

Bill has served on the NOAC Museum staff since 2002 and serves on the National OA Sub-Committee for Recognition, Awards, History and Preservation where he has been chairman for the new Internet interactive OA History Timeline.

Congratulations Bill!

DICK AUSTIN, GONE HOME

It is with true sadness that I inform ISCA members that my good friend Richard Henry "Dick" Austin has gone home. Dick passed away on Sunday, October 21, 2012. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Judi Austin; his children, Michelle McGrath, Beth Mathews and husband Gary, David Austin and wife Lisa, and Don Austin and wife Paige; and thirteen grandchildren.

Dick was born on March 5, 1942 in Waterloo, Iowa. He earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Northern Iowa in 1964. He dedicated his life to the leadership and development of young boys through his work for the Boy Scouts of America, where he served as a professional scouter for 38 years, retiring in 2001. In addition, he volunteered as Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 26 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, served on Pine Tree, Order of the Arrow, and Wood Badge staffs, and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award in 2009 for distinguished service as a volunteer for the Longhorn Council. A passionate outdoorsman, Dick took frequent backpacking treks and camping trips. Spending time with his family at the park, watching his grandchildren's sporting events and concerts, and fishing were some of his other favorite activities.

Donations in memory of Dick may be made to Philmont Scout Ranch; please contact John Clark, Philmont Scout Ranch; 17 Deer Run Road; Cimarron, NM 87714. Reference Dick Austin in your correspondence.



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A renewal reminder may also be mailed, but don't count on it and risk missing an issue! Now would be a good time to check your collecting codes too and update them if needed.

We no longer backdate memberships, so if you miss an issue you'll have to buy it online from the ISCA store.

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2012 NOAC Museum

by Bill Topkis, ISCA #0026

The 2012 NOAC Museum was an incredible success. It was an unforgettable experience for the staff to create and a stunning visual journey for thousands of Arrowmen to behold.

This conference's museum focused exclusively on the Order of the Arrow (with the exception of the Eagle display commemorating 100 years of Eagle Scouts). The other change was a decision to showcase photographs, artifacts and text blocks vertically instead of flat on tables. Where possible, exhibits were made interactive and within specially designed sets to create atmosphere.

The opening exhibit for the Museum featured the premiere of *The Original Induction Experience*, a film directed by Jake Topkis (soon to be available on the Order's new OA History Timeline - history.oa-bsa.org). After the film, Arrowmen entered an exhibit of Treasure Island.

Other Museum highlights included an exhibit devoted to the camp where each Arrowman was inducted, the National Chief bonnets and the Brotherhood Barn Theater (featuring the premiere of *Spirit Of Service: The OA Induction of President FDR*).

The Museum included a Hall of Sashes and a Treasury featuring the most special artifacts of the Order including many personal items that belonged to the Founders. For the first time, both E. Urner Goodman's and Carroll A. Edson's DSA medals awarded in 1940 were showcased together.

The final exhibit of the Museum featured a Handicraft Lodge where each Arrowman had the opportunity to make a medicine bag with earth collected at the original ceremonial grounds at Camp Treasure Island.

No undertaking of this size would be possible without the incredible dedication of tens of volunteers. This museum included herculean efforts from many ISCA members (see Museum Staff Photo on page 15).

All photos by Jeff Morley except staff photo.



Bags used to collect ceremonial earth from Treasure Island.



An empty ballroom waiting to be transformed into the 2012 NOAC Museum



1. Fifty-six foot trailer arrives with panels for displays.
2. Panels unloading.
3. More and more panels piling up in the concourse.
4. Staff assemble the Treasure Island Gateway and Dock.
5. The dock takes shape.
6. Rotunda begins.



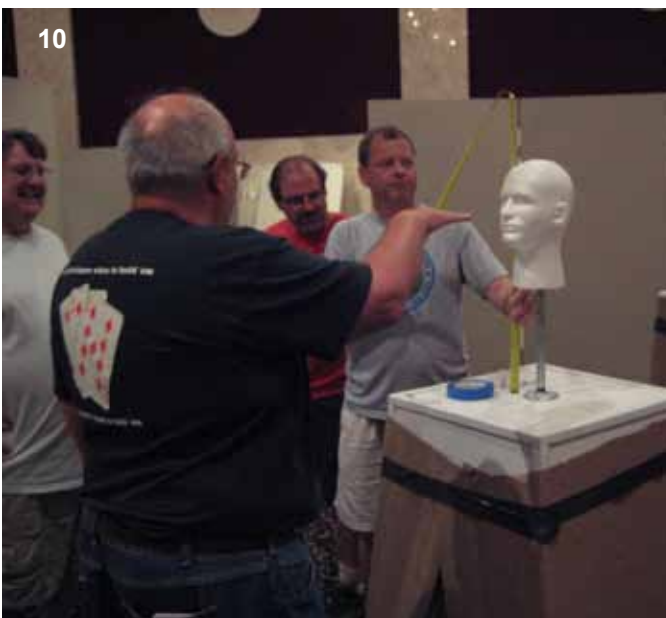
7. Hall of Sashes threshold goes up.

8. Tracy Mesler and Bill Topkis inspect the Barn from the rotunda.

9. Exhibits go up on the panels.

10. Tracy Mesler evaluates Bonnet mannequins while (L-R) Doug Seaborne, Bill Topkis and Tim Brown look on.

11. The first bonnet gets mounted by Steve Gaines and Craig Leighty.





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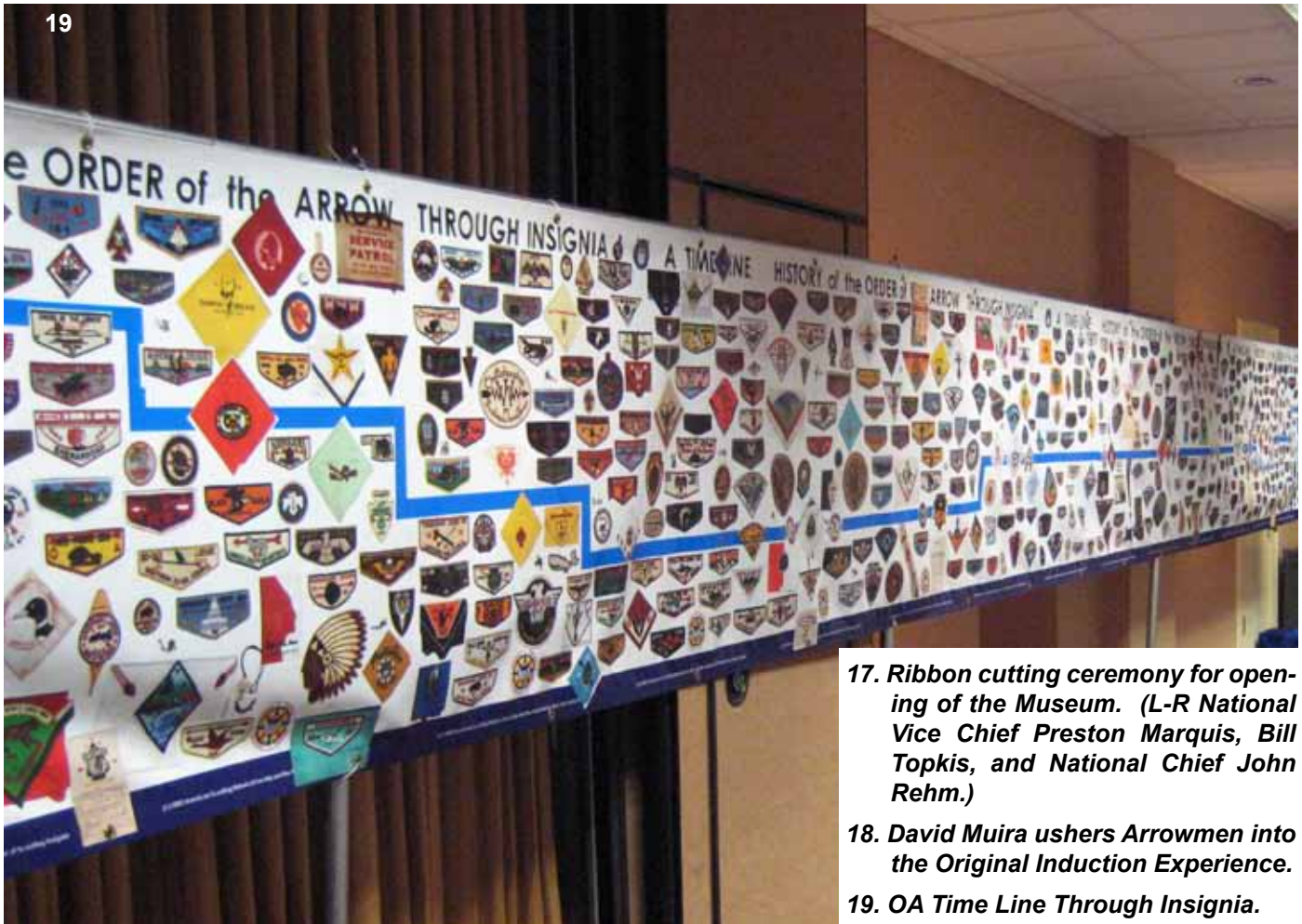
- 12. Brotherhood Barn ready to go.
- 13. Treasure Island ready to go. (this is the original ceremonial sign from Treasure Island).
- 14. Goodman and Edson Distinguished Service Awards.
- 15. Bill Topkis relieving Tom Gould of the last "burden stone" used at Treasure Island.
- 16. Hall of Sashes ready for Arrowman to view the Museum.



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17. Ribbon cutting ceremony for opening of the Museum. (L-R National Vice Chief Preston Marquis, Bill Topkis, and National Chief John Rehm.)

18. David Muira ushers Arrowmen into the Original Induction Experience.

19. OA Time Line Through Insignia.

THE ORIGINAL INDUCTION EXPERIENCE

A new feature for the 2012 NOAC Museum, was a short film that served as the introduction to the overall exhibition. The Original Induction Experience tells the origin story of the Order. The film was specifically produced for the museum with the goal of insuring that all of the patrons that went through the museum would know what it felt like when Goodman and Edson's novel experiment began. The film was an immediate success. The prevailing thought was that this film succeeded more than any prior re-creation in capturing the essence of July 16, 1915.

The movie was produced and written by Jake and Bill Topkis. Jake also directed and edited the film. Included in the film, to create authenticity, genuine vintage uniforms of the era were generously loaned by historians Russell Smart, Marty Tchetter and Bob Rudd.

Although The Original Induction Experience was intended to be re-used as the entry film for 2015, because of an overwhelming outpouring of demand for the film, the Original Induction Experience will be released in the coming weeks on the OA History Timeline - <http://history.oa-bsa.org>. Downloads will be available both for desk-top viewing and for lodges and sections to download as a high definition .MOV file.

A new entry film that already has the same creative team excited is in early development for the centennial NOAC Museum.



Production Stills From "The Original Induction Experience"





20. Bird's eye view of Hall of Sashes.

21. Brotherhood Barn Theater is open and ready for business. (Dr. Carl Marchetti center.)

22. Tim Brown explains bonnets to National Vice Chief Preston Marquis.

23. Dabney Kennedy at Lifetime Achievement Award display.

24. Crowds at the work benches in the Handicraft Lodge.

25. 2012 Lifetime Achievement Recipient Ed Pease, Frank Glick and James Arriola in the Handicraft Lodge.





26. And the Museum closes until the next NOAC.

27. Bill Topkis and Museum Chairman Bradley Taylor. Bradley was presented a special sash by Bill and Jeff Morley signed by all of the key national OA and Scout leaders that visited the Museum.

28. The truck fully loaded and ready to close.

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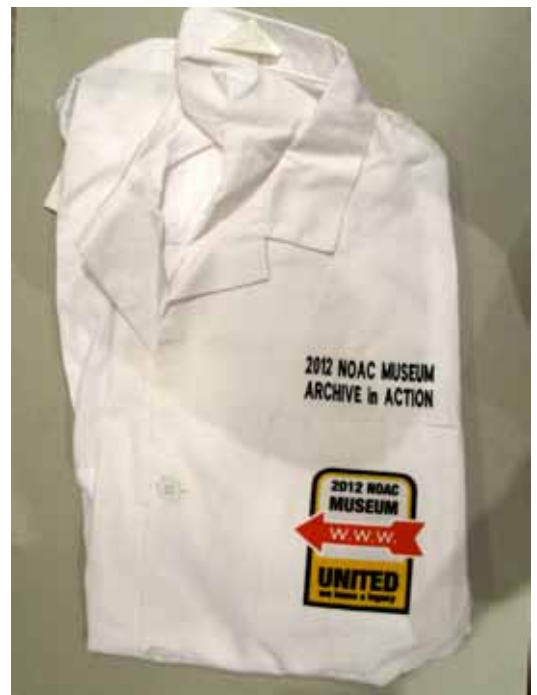
Row 1 (seated) Nick Crosser, David Miura, Tom Price, Marty Tschetter, Josh Hunt and Robert Mason.

Row 2 (kneeling) Mitch Pierpont, Tom Gould, Alan Camarillo, James Arriola, Jeff Morley and Tim Brown.

Row 3 (all standing) Dave Weiner, Kevin Belknap, Tracy Schultze, Dwight Bischel, Rick Bean, Seth Hill, Kevin Memmott, Harrison Bodrie, Bill Topkis (Lead), B.J. Memmott, Doug Seaborne, Bradley Taylor (Chair), Steve Gaines, Tracy Mesler, Scott Best, Bob Fistick, D.J. Scott, Frank Glick, Eva Shoemaker, Craig Leighty, Bruce Cobern and Tracy Grove.
(Not Pictured) John Brown, Norville Carter, Robert Guisinger, Ian Romaine and Mitchell Saulsbury



Medicine Bag For Ceremonial Earth



Lab Coat was for preservation / archivists only.

Museum Staff Armbands



HAPPY TRAILS

Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa Trails & "Sherm" Landman!



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Located near Londonderry, Ohio was the home of one Scouting's most colorful characters. Scoutmaster Sherman

"Sherm" Landman lived on a farm outside of Londonderry and it was here that he created one of the most unique settings in all of Boy Scouting. Using his land he created a camp that was based on what he wanted for his Scouts and those who loved to hike. He named it Camp Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa and had it sponsored and operated by "The Trailblazers," his name for the non-profit boy's group that he set up representing his Boy Scout Troop that maintained and served as Guides on the trails. Together they proceeded to create one of the most comprehensive set of trails in the U.S.

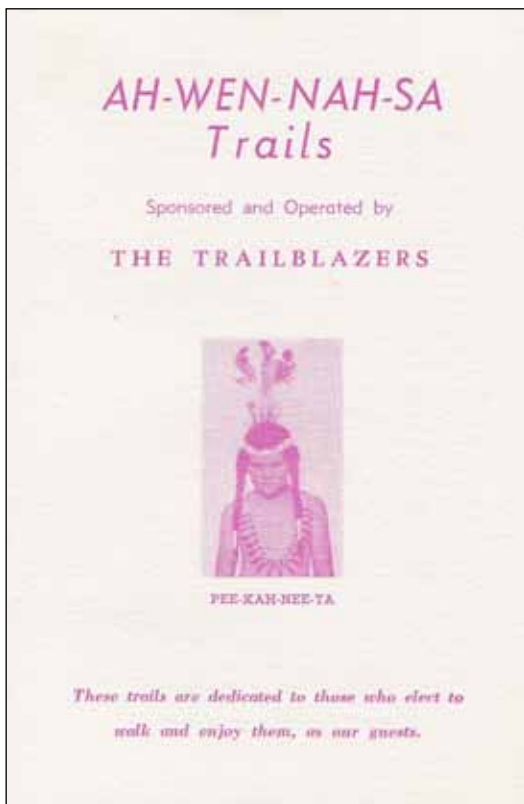
"Sherm" was unconventional and had a set way of thinking when it came to running a Troop, Camp, or a Trail. He had worked hard as a volunteer in 1960 for the Chief Logan Council to help establish and build the Chief Logan Wilderness Trek. After it took off, the Scout Executive for the Council decided it was best that the Council run the trail and Mr. Landman's service was no longer needed. Frustrated he took his property and through the assistance of the local American Legion he created a non-profit group – "The Trailblazers." This was basically his Boy Scout Troop 91, but was called a "Boy's Club." In doing so, he freed himself up to create a Scout Camp free of Council control and trails that celebrated the heritage of the area.

As he noted in his brochure for the six trails he and The Trailblazers completed, "during the Ice Age, the glacier moved into this location, melted, and left the deposits of irregular, and highly confusing pattern of hills, known to the geologists as the Terminal Moraine. Lying in the center and possibly, at times adding to nature's confusion, is the hundred acre campsite that is "Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa". Heavily wooded, extremely rugged terrain, no luxuries or comforts of the modern standards of living, but offers some of the most wonderful country to be found anywhere, when one may have unrestricted freedom in



Sherman "Sherm" Landman

activities and retreat for those who are looking for something different. At some unknown date the region was the home of the Mound builders and their Ceremonial Mounds still exist in numbers. Following the Mound builders, came the Indian Tribes; Mingo, Shawnee, Seneca, with a sprinkling of Cherokee, Miami and Wyandotte blood. These tribes laid out many trails through the wilderness, many of which are still marked with the original trail signs. Some of these old trails became Township Roads which now long abandoned, have returned to their original state; Indian trail. These are the trails at Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa. They are not ORDEALS, but designed to be enjoyed by those who walk them. True, several sections are suitable for Cub Scouts and 2nd Class requirements, but others can offer a challenge to the most experienced hiker. The choice of trails is left up to the Leader and their particular groups after they have looked over the possibilities of the different trails. These trails are DIFFERENT in many ways. No highway travel, 32 square miles to 'Lewis & Clark' over with scarcely a sign of civilization. No restrictions, No requirements, No book reports, no registration, no custodian to report to and NO FEES, for either the trails or the campsite. The trails are not a commercial venture and you will be OUR GUESTS rather than the usual CASH customer. Welcome to Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa."



As you can see "Sherm" was a character and his desire for the trails was twofold. First he wanted to create a special place for Scouts that was free of the "commercialism" he felt the Scout Executives of the Council wanted for the charges they gave to troops for hiking trails and using campsites and secondly he wanted total control to create a boy led environment where not only did the Scouts build the Trails, but maintained them and served as "Guides". Each Guide was given a special Indian name by Mr. Landman and he was proud of the bonds this created within his troop. Setting out to create the trails he envisioned and developed six separate trails. They were:

- Racoon Trail – follows the waterways. 21 miles in length, Time 6-7 hours
- Moccasin Trail – 21.3 miles in the 'raw', Time 8-9 hours
- Tomahawk Trail – 21.3 miles in the 'raw', Time 7-10 hours

- Sakemo Trail – “The Stinky One” Complete Wilderness Trail, 28 miles 12-13 hours
- Beaver Trail – 28.7 miles on extremely rough terrain, Time 10-11 hours
- Ohio Hills Trails – “Ad lib” trails, Time up to 22 hours with overnight camping

“Sherm” made it a point to mention that his Stetson wearing “Guides” were part of the experience. As noted in the brochure: “Guides - Admirable and reliable ‘kids’; fine companions on the trail or in camp. They travel by ‘instinct’ rather than compass and have ‘less declination’ when the mineral deposits give the compasses a ‘nervous breakdown’. You will never get lost if you can see the kid in the Stetson hat. They have a few ‘skills’ (not in the book) that they will



AH-WEN-NAH-SA GUIDE

demonstrate with a little ‘coaxing.’” On top of this he created special Medal Awards only that were optional to buy for \$1.50 each. These medals were made by Mr. Landman himself and are considered the most desirable set of Trail Medals in collect in all of Scouting. His work on these was so prolific that Mr. Ken Humphreys of Shiloh Military Trails, Inc. asked him to create a special Shiloh Centennial Neckerchief Slide of Nickel-Silver. This was the same format he used on his Trail Medals. The Medals were noted for their beauty and design. Since the trails only lasted for about seven years (1959-1966), the Medals have become very hard to find. The designs were all of Mr. Landman’s own whimsy. Whatever struck him he designed – and the designs are incredible. They include:

- Racoon Trail – Raccoon (spelled incorrectly in the Brochure) with a Scout Campaign Hat; Green Ribbon & Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa Bar
- Moccasin Trail – Round Medal with Indian Sneaking Up; Blue Ribbon & Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa Bar
- Tomahawk Trail – two variations exist: 1) Tomahawk shaped Medal with “Trailblazers” on the handle (this was not for the Tomahawk Trail but rather a “First Class Award” presented by Mr. Landman for those who did extraordinary things on the

Trail); Green Ribbon & Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa Bar; 2) Tomahawk shaped Medal with “To-Ma-Ha-Gan” on the handle; Red & White Ribbon and Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa Bar

- Sakemo Trail – Copper Arrowhead with Sakemo Trail Medal inlay; Green & Yellow Ribbon and Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa Bar
- Beaver Trail – Silver Beaver; Blue & White Ribbon and Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa Bar (made to look like the Silver Beaver Award as a joke and to this day it is still thought by many to be just that – “Sherm” is laughing still.
- Ohio Hills Trail – Silver Buckeye Leaf with Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa Trails inscribed; Green Ribbon and Ah-Wen-Nah-Sa Bar
- Bear Medal – Presented by The Trailblazers free of charge to those who a) were the first from their state to hike a trail; b) those completing the six major trails or c) first from their state to complete the 6 major trails

The Medals produced by Mr. Landman and “The Trailblazers” (or the Herd as “Sherm” called them) are considered some of the most sought after medals simply due to their beauty, design and polished nickel finish. They had a rough backing indicative of something made or poured by hand. They were extremely well made and went against the grain of the Medals of other trails – which were mostly die struck brass via Metal Arts or Bastion Brothers in Rochester, NY. The playful Scoutmaster of Londonderry, OH intended to create a legacy for his boys while making sure the local council did not infringe on his interpretation of Scouting as he saw it. The trails proved to be a great success until the health of Mr. Landman started to fail. He passed away in 1971 at the age of 81 – leaving behind a legacy of leadership and trails that remain unrivaled. Thanks “Sherm”!



Controversy: Who Really Was the First Eagle Scout?

by TERRY GROVE, ISCA #0034L

Was it Arthur Rose Eldred, Earl Marx or Roy Young? Each has his own story to tell and there are those who claim each should be the first. In this article I will share the factual information surrounding each claim and end with my own opinion based on the facts presented.

Background:

In the beginning of the Boy Scouts of America there were only three ranks – Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Merit badges were available and it was decided for certain numbers of merit badges attained a “super merit badge” could be earned. For five merit badges the “super merit badge” of Life could be garnered. For a total of ten merit badges a boy could achieve the “super merit badge” of Star. For a total of twenty-one merit badges the “super merit badge” of Eagle was granted.

The Scout Handbook says:

Any First Class Scout qualifying for twenty-one merit badges will be entitled to wear the highest Scout merit badge. This is an eagle in silver, and represents the all-around perfect Scout.

The path to the Eagle “super merit badge” had two trails. On the first trail a boy could go directly to the Eagle by skipping the Life and Star and just achieving any twenty-one merit badges from the total list. OR he could follow the second trail that first stopped at Life, then Star, and finally Eagle. On this trail the boy had to earn five specific merit badges to achieve Life – Athletics, First Aid, Lifesaving, Personal Health and Public Health. For Star an additional 5 merit badges of the scout’s choice were required and then an additional 11 merit badges of choice were required for the Eagle – a total of 21 merit badges no matter which trail taken.

These two trails were in place from 1910 through 1914.

In the beginning of the Boy Scouts of America there was a National Court of Honor. All awards earned above the rank of First Class had to be approved by the National Court of Honor. This included all merit badges, lifesaving awards and all three “super merit badges.” The local troop and council could test the boy and sign the applications for the awards, but the award was not official until the National Court of Honor approved the application. This method of approval continued until the National Court of Honor was overwhelmed with the work that needed to be done. At that point approval shifted to the local council and thus the dates of achievement of the award became the date supplied by the local council.

In light of this background, let us look at Arthur, Earl and Roy’s stories.

Earl Marx (Fig. 1)

According to an article in the September 1912 issue of the American



Fig. 1

Boy magazine, Marx became interested in the Boy Scouts in the summer of 1911 when spending his vacation on Muskoka Lakes, Ontario, Canada. On returning to his home in Jacksonville, Florida, he was so enthusiastic about the Scout work that he applied to his friend, E. Hoyt, Scout Commissioner for Jacksonville, for admission to a troop there. Hoyt found that Marx almost qualified for a Second Class Scout in the English Manual, and he put the boy through tests so that by October first, Marx was a Second Class Scout under the American requirements.

Concerning Marx, Scout Commissioner Hoyt writes:

He was then informed that to be a first class scout he would have to train as Tenderfoot one or more boys. Having the assurance that he would be appointed patrol leader, if he would secure two or more boys as scouts, he went to work in earnest and by November he had seven boys as Tenderfoot scouts. Upon the appointment of Scoutmaster William S. Chambers for the Springfield District, five patrols were organized and Marx was appointed patrol leader of the Eagle Patrol, which office he has held by keeping his record ahead of the rest. Before Thanksgiving he had passed all the requirements for first class and was the proud wearer of the First Class badge, the first in the city.

Hoyt continued his writing for the American Boy article outlining Marx’s dates of local Court of Honors and merit badges passed.

- ◆ February 1912
 - Merit Badges – Firemanship, Interpreting, Personal Health, Public Health
- ◆ March 13, 1912
 - Swimming, Lifesaving, Aviation, Art
- ◆ April 24, 1912
 - Civics, Astronomy, Architecture, Bee Farming, Craftsmanship, Cycling, Electricity, First Aid, First Aid to Animals, Machinery, Pioneering
- ◆ May 1, 1912
 - Seamanship, Athletics



Fig. 2

Upon completion of these twenty-one merit badges, Marx’s application was sent to the National Court of Honor for action. Marx’s handbook shows that he qualified for the Eagle Award on July 12, 1912. (Fig. 2) Interviews that I have conducted with people who knew Earl Marx say that he received a telegram from James E. West sharing that the official date of Marx’s acceptance as an Eagle Scout was August 12, 1912. The telegram is not available and is therefore reported but not



Fig. 3

documented information. However, the Eagle Card that was given to Earl Marx is available and is dated September 12, 1912. The card is the official, factual date that we have. (Fig. 3)

Further on that same date, September 12, 1912, Marx was accorded the Life and Star awards as well. (Fig. 4)



Fig. 4

Of the first 8 Eagle Scouts Earl Marx was the one who earned the Life and Star. Therefore a claim to fame for him is

that he is the first Life Scout and the First Star Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.



Fig. 5

Roy D. Young (Fig. 5)

Roy Young was born on October 4, 1893. He joined Scouting in 1911. He was a hard worker and his own Scout Handbook shows that he qualified for the Eagle Award by November 1911. (Fig. 6)

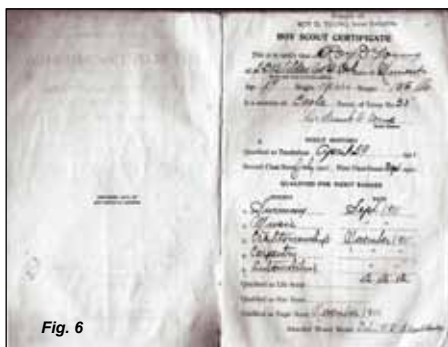


Fig. 6

However, the St Paul Council required that each scout appear before the Council Court of Honor.

The Pioneer Press dated Sunday, March 10, 1912, reported that the Council Court of Honor approved 23 merit badges for Roy Young thus qualifying him to receive the Eagle Award. (Fig. 7)

Merit Badges approved:

- Photography, Gardening, First Aid to Animals, Mining, Cycling, Art, Pathfinding, Craftsmanship, Painting, Personal Health, Carpentry, Printing, Civics, Masonry, Cooking, Machinery, Camping, Automobiling, Firemanship, Public Health, Music, Handicraft, Swimming



Fig. 7

In the normal process, Young's application should have been forwarded to the National Court of Honor for approval of his application and the award of the Eagle. The newspaper made that assumption and, not knowing of anyone else who had achieved the Eagle award, declared that Young would be honored as the First Eagle Scout.

However, normal was not to be. The council people made an error in understanding when it decided that Young's application had to have \$.25 for each merit badge to accompany the application. Neither Young and his family nor the council had the funds to send along for the 23 merit badges. (It would have been \$5.75 in 1912 funds but in 2012 funds, it would be approximately \$125 - \$140). The result was that Young's application was held pending the ability to pay the cost of the merit badges.

This error in understanding meant that Young's application was not sent until much later when the council found that it did not have to send the funds for the merit badges with the application. The funds could be sent anytime later. The application was then submitted but it was not until a few important months had passed.



Fig. 8

The St. Paul Pioneer Press reported the error in an article on September 10, 1912: (Fig. 8)

SCOUT ROY YOUNG - THE FIRST EAGLE SCOUT

The Pioneer Scout was glad that Scout Master Cone of Twilight troop called attention last week to the fact that Scout Roy Young of his troop was the first Scout in the United States to qualify for the Eagle badge. At the time Scout Young passed these tests last fall the Pioneer Press printed an article explaining just what Scout Young had accomplished and how he had done it.

A misunderstanding in the office of Scout Commissioner Wauchope is all that prevented Scout Young from receiving the first Eagle Scout badge issued in the United States. Mr. Wauchope understood that an application for merit badges could not be made unless accompanied by the money to pay for them and as Scout Young was not prepared to pay 25 cents apiece for his twenty-five merit badges, his application was not sent in. Recently, however, it has been learned that the money does not need to accompany the application; that certification that a Scout has passed his tests for merit badges can be sent to the national headquarters, and that the Scout can send for the badges any time he has the money to pay for them. According to this Scout Young could have received his Eagle Badge several months before either of the other two boys who have received them, got theirs.

It is unfortunate that this should have happened. To have had this honor would have been an honor, not only for Scout Young and to Twilight troop, but in every Scout in St. Paul – to every Scout in the Northwest.

But does it really make much difference. We all know that Scout Young was the first Scout in the country to earn this badge and the 'mere' fact that he did not receive it until after two others had been awarded doesn't take away from his accomplishment. We Scouts in the Northwest are proud of Scout Roy Young, the first Eagle Scout in the United States.

Given the March 10, 1912 press release date, the time for processing of the application locally and the time it would take through the mail to arrive in New York, if normal procedure had taken place, Young's application would have arrived in New York late March 1912.

The result of all the complications related to Young's application is that Roy Young was officially the third Eagle Scout receiving his Eagle certification on September 13, 1912. There are no documents available to confirm this date, but we can draw a very strong conclusion given that the second Eagle Scout Earl Marx's Eagle card is dated September 12, 1912. (Fig. 3) The fourth Eagle Scout Sidney Clapp's Eagle card is dated September 14, 1912. (Fig. 9) Therefore it is logical Roy Young's application was approved on September 13, 1912 – a day between the 12th and the 14th in the meeting.



Fig. 9

Arthur Rose Eldred (Fig. 10)

Arthur Eldred was born in 1895 and became part of the Scouting program in 1911. Arthur received a letter dated August 21, 1912, informing him that he was the First Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America. (Fig. 11)



Fig. 10

The following account was written by "Green Bar" Bill Hillcourt in the 1983 January-February Scouting magazine:

The attention soon focused on a First Class Scout of Troop 1, Rockville Center, N.Y. - Arthur R. Eldred. In March 1912, after being examined by a local committee for his

twenty-first merit badge, Arthur sent his application for an Eagle Scout Badge to the national office.

West, the Chief Scout Executive, realized the publicity value of the Boy Scouts of America producing its first Eagle Scout. He decided to make the most of the occasion. Since Arthur lived on Long Island, within easy reach of Manhattan, West arranged for him to appear before a National Court of Honor convened in the National Office on 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Here, in front of Ernest Thompson Seton, Chief Scout; Daniel Carter Beard, National Scout Commissioner; and the Chief Scout Executive himself. Arthur went through the most extensive examination of any Eagle Scout in the history of the Boy Scouts of America. He came out of it triumphantly.

But he did not get his award on this occasion. There was no Eagle Scout badge available for presentation. The design was under discussion. The die had not been cast. Arthur had to wait until August 21 to be notified of his award and until Labor Day to have Eagle Scout badge No. 1 pinned on his uniform.

The Eagle Scout Badge that Arthur received, the very first, had a bar on the top with a safety catch, of the same design as the scroll of the metal Second Class badge worn on his broad-brimmed Scout hat. It bore the legend "Be Prepared" and had a wire knot at its bottom curve. A red-white-blue ribbon, doubled and passed through a small ring, was sewn onto a wire welded onto the back of the scroll. This ring held a smaller ring in which hung, by an eye on the top of an eagle pendant made of silver. The somewhat scrawny eagle, with his head facing right, was perched on a branch and had its wings, with

clearly delineated feathers, heraldically extended.
 Across the eagle's chest were the initials "BSA".

The article clearly states that Arthur had completed his merit badges for the Eagle Award and that a local council committee had approved him and sent his application during March 1912 to the National Court of Honor for action.

Until just recently, there has been no documented material to date the time of the National Council of Honor meeting with Eldred, mentioned in the Hillcourt article, for the extensive testing. As a result of this lack of certainty, the August 21, 1912 date has been the accepted date of Eldred's eagle.

However, new documented evidence has been recently found by this author to complete the timeline of Eldred's Eagle pilgrimage.

- ◆ March 1912 – Eldred achieved First Class and completed twenty-one merit badges. Interviewed by local council committee
- ◆ April 1912 – Eldred interviewed by the National Court of Honor and told he was the First Eagle Scout
- ◆ May 1912 – Eldred reported as the First Eagle Scout in Boys Life. A.R. Forbush's column each month of Boys Life documenting the achievements conferred by the National Court of Honor.
- ◆ August 21, 1912 – Dated letter to Eldred confirming his being the First Eagle Scout
- ◆ Labor Day, September 1912 – Presentation of the first Eagle Badge to Arthur Rose Eldred. (Fig. 12)

One by one here is the documentation:

- ◆ March 1912 – Hillcourt Article cited above April 1912 – Article in the Kingston Daily Freeman dates April 15, 1912 (see bold sentences) (Fig. 13)

**First Eagle Scout in United States
 Kingston Daily Freeman
 April 15, 1912**

Arthur R. Eldred of Rockville Center, Long Island, the First of 300,000 Scouts in the Country to Win the Distinction of Being an all Around Scout.

Arthur R. Eldred, a Boy Scout of Rockville Center L.I. has the distinction of becoming the first Eagle Scout among 300,000 Boy Scouts of America. The title eagle scout is given to the boy who has gone through three different degrees of scouting, namely, tenderfoot, second class and first class scout and who has passed the tests for merit badges in twenty-one different useful and fun-giving activities. Those activities such as knowledge of firemanship, gardening, woodcraft, cooking, horsemanship, and handicraft, tend to develop a boy physically, mentally, and morally, and make him an all-around sturdy fellow.

That the distinction is unusual is shown by the fact that the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America has awarded in one year only 141 merit badges to about 50 different boys. It is expected, however



Fig. 12



Fig. 13

that the number will be many times greater in the coming year because many boys who have qualified as first class scouts are progressing in scoutcraft by seeking merit badges. A boy naturally wants merit badges because he can wear them on the left sleeve of his scout uniform as a mark of his skill in scouting. 154,000 have been awarded in England during the past two years.

Eldred who has been working hard for the eagle scout badge has gone through tests not only before a local committee in Rockville Center, but also before Ernest Thompson Seton, Chief Scout; Daniel Carter Beard, National Scout Commissioner and James E. West, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a sturdy, well-built, keen-eyed, little fellow, and his scoutmaster commends him highly. Among the activities in which Eldred has shown himself proficient are handicraft, poultry farming, painting, horsemanship, dairying, bicycling, cooking, chemistry, electricity, gardening, pathfinding, and swimming.

More...

- ◆ May 1912 – Article in the Boy's Life Headline on page 27 – “Arthur R. Eldred, Members of the Boy Scouts of America, First Eagle Scout in the United States”

Conclusions:

Given the documentation from Earl Marx's own handbook and the article in the American Boy, Marx could not be considered as the First Eagle Scout. However, he can lay claim to being the first Life and the first Star Scout in the Boy Scouts of America program. This would be the answer to a difficult trivia question.

The Roy Young story is compelling. Looking closely at the documentation, the earliest that Roy Young's application could have reached New York would have been late March 1912. The arrival of his application in late March would have created a very interesting quandary for the National Court of Honor.

Arthur Eldred's application arrived in March as well. We do not have a date for the local council committee review, so we do not know when his application arrived in the National Office in March, only that it did, according to Hillcourt. The review of the National Court of Honor is not dated, but the Kingston Daily Freeman article would suggest that the National Court of Honor

was held just before the April 15th article appeared. Also given the September National Court of Honor was held September 12 -14, 1912, one might think that the second week of the month – Thursday through Saturday – would be the meeting times.

The potential quandary for the National Court of Honor might have been who do we select Eldred or Young given that both applications may have arrived within days of each other at the National Office - Eldred, who lived on Long Island, New York or Young, who lived in St. Paul, Minnesota.

This has been a very interesting exercise in research and history. Given all that I have shared in the article, I remain convinced that Arthur Eldred would have been and is the first Eagle Scout and that he knew he was an Eagle Scout in April 1912, after his meeting with the National Court of Honor at the National Office in New York City.

Given the proper handling of his application, Roy Young would have been the second Eagle Scout and Earl Marx would have been the third.

If you would like to read more interesting stories about the Eagle Scout Award and its history, my book, **100 Hundred Years of the Eagle Scout Award**, is available by contacting me directly at groveagle@cfl.rr.com or visiting my website – www.groveagle.com.

ISCA AT THE 2012 NOAC



Above: Evening trading at the 2012 NOAC. ISCA members supervised trading activities.



Right: ISCA member Roy More at Founder's Day ISCA Booth answers questions for NOAC participants.



Looking For Red & Whites

Ramey Wins

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Variations continue to be found and reported. The 2 Mecklenburg RWS reflect differences in word lengths.

They are MECKLENBURG COUNTY/COUNCIL (122/64, Type 1) and MECKLENBURG COUNTY/COUNCIL (114/64, Type 2). Generally the Type 1's are tougher to find. The Racine variation was extremely hard to find as the gaps are not great (5 mm versus 3 mm). In fact, I bought several on eBay that looked like the wider gap until I compared it to the one in my collection. Through trial and error, I finally discovered a much easier way to spot them. In the much tougher Type 1, the "W" points to the "E" and in the other it points to the "N". So to make your hunt easier, they will be designated as RACINE COUNTY COUNCIL/WISCONSIN (W pts to E) and RACINE COUNTY COUNCIL/WISCONSIN (W pts to N).

Only one new khaki and red has turned up. It is GULF COAST COUNCIL 1/2KR, which could be from either FL or TX. My money is on TX as a 1/2TR from there has been documented.

Of the 4 new military base strips (mbs), one is in Cub Scout colors. It is FT. LEAVENWORTH 1/2BY, which is located in KS. There is 1 new naval installation, USNH BEAUFORT 1/2RW. It lies along the South Carolina coast. One of the new air force bases is MATHER FIELD 1/2RW, which was an earlier format for Mather A. F. Base. It was in the Sacramento area of CA. The second new air base is RAMEY 1/2RW. It is the fifth and final mbs from that base in Puerto Rico. Those previously reported include 1 of only 5 mbs in the RWS format (Ramey A.F. Base/Puerto Rico). The others are Ramey A.F.B., Ramey Base, and Base Ramey. The latter was worn by Spanish speaking Scouts in the troop. So with 5, Ramey wins the mbs prize for having the most different mbs patches.

In terms of unusual town names, we have Cylinder, Lemon Road, Loving, Low Gap, Luck, Santa Claus, Toast, and Witch Hill.

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The Artistry of Uncle Dan

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In Irving, Texas, the National Scouting Museum is the new home for two drawings by Daniel Carter Beard.

“Each of the thousands of drawings that he made, pulsates with that same quaintness of outlook that characterized the man himself.” – Cyril Clemens

Daniel Carter Beard enjoyed many titles—woodsman, writer, and a founding father of the Boy Scouts of America. It was as an illustrator, however, that he would earn early acclaim for penning sketches in *Harper's Weekly*, *The New York Herald*, and narratives by Mark Twain. (Daniel Beard, 2012)

Born into a family of artists, Beard began his career as a surveyor and engineer. In 1878 he moved to New York City (Beard, D.C., 1939, 356), where he attended the Art Students League under the instruction of William Merritt Chase, and other notable artists. During the same period, the League fostered the talents of Frederic Remington, Ernest Thompson Seton, and Charles Dana Gibson. “He was the first professional artist I ever came in contact with, personally,” (Gibson, C.D., 1925, 5) recalled Gibson, whose fame was led by his iconic representation of the independent American woman known as the Gibson Girl. In 1910, Norman Rockwell could be found among the ranks of the famous art school where so many of his heroes before him had also developed their professional skills.

Soon after arriving in New York, Beard gained the attention of news publications for his ability to quickly illustrate breaking stories. (Crump, J. I., 1925, 24). His drawings were published in popular periodicals including *St. Nicholas*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Godey's Magazine*, and *Scientific American*. It was in this capacity that Mark Twain became familiar with Beard's work, and thus commissioned him to illustrate his 1889 novel, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. Beard later recalled how he completed over two-hundred ink drawings in just seventy days, collapsing in exhaustion at the assignment's conclusion. (Clemens, C., 1939, 111) Twain enlisted Beard's artistry for several other writings, including *Tom Sawyer Abroad*, and *The American Claimant*. A lifelong friendship grew out of their professional partnership.

In addition to editorial work and illustrations for Twain, Beard personally embellished his self-authored books on the out-of-doors. Initially intended for younger audiences, publications like the *American Boy's Handy Book* (1882) continue to resonate with readers of all ages for their practical instruction on camping, fishing, the construction of home-made boats, and other subjects.

Moved by his eye-witness encounters of inner-city youth, Beard formed an organization for boys inspired by the lives of American frontiersmen. In his instructional handbook for The Society of the Sons of Daniel Boone, Beard elaborated on concepts of youth recreation through illustrations and writings of achievement, virtue, and outdoor education.

It was his work with youth that would bring Beard together with the newly incorporated Boy Scouts of America. As National Commissioner of the organization, Beard penned a monthly column in *Boys' Life* magazine for nearly three decades, and would become endearingly known as ‘Uncle Dan’ to Scouts throughout the country. As with his books, Beard illustrated his own columns.

Here at the National Scouting Museum, we are the recent recipients of two original ink drawings by Beard, one of which was published in his December 1928 *Boys' Life* column. Titled, “Christmas Thoughts, Fancy and Fantasies,” the piece is a stream-of-consciousness writing on year-end reflections, the origins of Santa Claus, and Scouting in America. The stylized lines of Beard's pen make for a whimsical Saint Nicholas, crowned with a Scouting campaign hat all his own, atop a head of wooly white hair. Stop by the Museum this holiday season to see the charming drawing in person, and become acquainted with a side of Beard rarely examined today.

Happy Holidays!

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Daniel Carter Beard (1850-1941) Merry Christmas! Happy New Year, 1928. Collection of the National Scouting Museum, Irving, Texas. Purchased with funds from the Gale F. Johnston Sr. Trust.

WAY BACK WHEN

Herbert Hoover – “The Father of Volunteerism”



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“His work in feeding the hungry expressed the care and generosity of all Americans, regardless of political differences.”

- President Harry S. Truman, June 1965

One of the finest service projects carried out by the Boy Scouts of America each year is the Scouting for Food campaign. Every year Scouts across the nation canvass their neighborhoods collecting canned goods for local food banks. Though this program is relatively new to Scouting, the idea of helping feed the nation goes back to the beginning of the Movement. BSA can thank President Herbert Hoover for formalizing this type of service project on a national scale.

Most commonly remembered as the nation’s chief executive during the Great Depression, the greatest economic downturn in American history, Hoover was once known as the “Great Humanitarian” for feeding the war-ravaged countries of Europe in the 1920s following the First World War. Based on that, he rightfully claimed the title of “Father of Volunteerism.”

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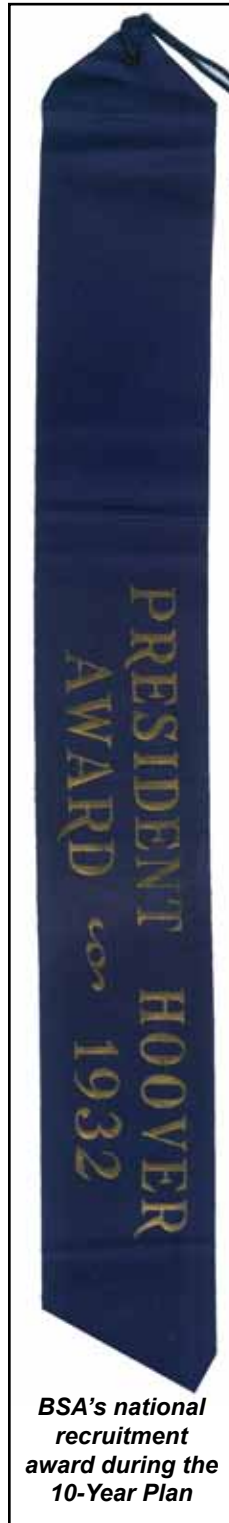
Orphaned at the age of ten, the young Iowa native was sent to live with his uncle, who was determined to improve the youth’s life. His emotional support helped young Herbert earn good grades in school, excelling at math and science. Eventually he gained entry to the new university in Palo Alto, California, endowed by Leland Stanford Jr.

At Stanford University, Hoover studied geology and graduated with a degree as a mining engineer. Hoover traveled the world and mastered his profession. International assignments gave him perspective on many other countries and societies, their natural resources, and their food supplies.

The young geologist started in Australia but soon moved to China as a mining consultant to the Chinese emperor. At the outbreak of the First World War, Hoover and his wife, the former Louise Henry, were living in London. They started helping Americans trapped in the country without passage back to the United States.

Seeing that food shortages were emerging in Belgium as the German army advanced upon France, Hoover accepted the chairmanship of the Commission for Relief in Belgium “to get food to the starving people.” Under his leadership, volunteers fed some 11 million Belgium citizens between 1914 and 1919. His duties included raising monies to support feeding programs and finding ways to get food shipments past German blockades.

When the United States entered the war in 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked the “Boy Wonder” to return to America to solve the country’s mounting food supply problems as U.S.



Food Administrator. His responsibilities included monitoring national food supplies, making sure U.S. citizens remained nourished, and ensuring a constant supply of victuals to American and other allied troops fighting in Europe.

Hoover threw himself into the work.

As chairman of the Committee on Food, Hoover’s first challenge was to convince Americans to *conserve* food. He created innovative programs like “Meatless Mondays” and “Wheatless Wednesdays,” promoting a sense of national unity. But he had to get the word out to the national fast. To help in this, the Boy Scouts of America were asked to perform one of their first national services on the home front: distributing literature promoting the careful use of domestic food resources.

By late 1917, a half million Boy Scouts were working on war service projects at the request of Hoover and President Wilson. Hoover’s main food program was the encouragement of “War Gardens” and “Victory Gardens,” where Scouts tended fruits and vegetables for their families and their communities.

“The goal of this campaign was to get every Scout to conserve food and start a garden of his own,” writes historian Mitch Reis. “Scouts who could not start a garden were encouraged to help someone else with theirs. Many troop and councils started large gardens in which all local Scouts worked together.”

Under the slogan, “Every Scout to Feed a Soldier,” these “Grub Scouts” across the country participated in a national Food Crusade. Their first challenge was to increase the American bean crop for overseas shipment.

“Let the Boy Scouts see to it that beans are planted everywhere,” cabled Hoover to Chief Scout Executive James E. West, “so that the biggest bean crop ever known shall be the war contribution of the Boy Scouts of America and her allies.”

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West told Hoover there were hundreds of thousands of Scouts ready and willing to serve as “your aides, as producers and

conservers of food as service to our country." BSA President Livingstone, having no backyard, plowed up his entire front yard and put in vegetable crops, as did BSA Treasurer George D. Pratt, and National Scout Commissioner Daniel Carter Beard.

"I have been particularly pleased with the keen interest which you have displayed in the work of the Food Administration," Hoover wrote to West. "[I am] gratified by the assistance which you have rendered our Nation during the past season in many ways as aides."

By the end of the war, West could report that more than 12,000 Boy Scout War and Victory Gardens had been planted with plots of 200 to 300 acres planned as Boy Scout Farms. These gardens included large crops of corn, beans, and potatoes. Hoover lauded Scouting efforts, "In that splendid service, they showed a spirit that covered the entire population during the war. It is the spirit that rests in the entire Boy Scout Movement."

Hoover's great success propelled him to higher political office. He moved from the position of director-general of the American Relief Administration, to the chairmanship of the President's Conference on Unemployment, seats on the World War Foreign Debt Commission and the executive committee of the American Red Cross, and by 1927 he was directing the Mississippi Flood Relief program. And just eighteen months after that, Herbert Hoover was elected the thirty-first President of the United States.



President Hoover inspects Scouts during a trip to Florida (Circa 1931)

While president, Boy Scouts troops from across the country visited the Hoover White House, basking in the attention of the chief executive, who embraced their core values and attacked corruption across the nation. Most notable was his prosecution of Chicago gangster Al Capone on tax evasion charges. Hoover established the antitrust division of the Justice Department to



President Hoover inspecting Boy Scouts at White House (Circa 1930)

“prosecute unfair competition and restraint of trade cases,” and proposed federal loans to improve urban slums. He granted tax cuts to low-income Americans and created the Veterans Administration, effectively doubling the number of veterans hospitals.

As a conservation-minded chief executive, Hoover added an additional 3 million acres to America’s National Parks and 2.3 million acres to the National Forests. He submitted legislation to Congress to create massive water dams in the Tennessee Valley and central California.

U.S. Senator and Senate Majority Leader Charles Curtis was Hoover’s choice as his vice presidential running mate in the 1928 Presidential election. Making this pick especially notable was Curtis’ “significant” non-European ancestry – being the first to be three-quarters American Indian on his maternal side from the Kaw, Osage, and Pottawatomie nations. As a youth, Curtis grew up living with his maternal grandparents in the home on the Kaw Nation reservation.

In 1928, President Hoover appointed Charles J. Rhodes as commissioner of Indian Affairs to “accelerate the assimilation of American Indians into the general society.”

First Lady Lou Hoover made headlines when she invited the wife of the nation’s first African American Congressman, Oscar S. DePriest of Illinois, to tea with the rest of the Congressional wives. President Hoover appointed African American Benjamin O. Davis Jr. to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point when

there was only one other black line officer – Davis’ father. The younger Davis eventually rose to the rank of a four-star general in the U.S. Air Force and the commander of the famed Tuskegee Airmen in World War II.

But with the Depression coming down on the country, such accomplishments could not relieve the mounting number of homeless Americans living in “Hoovervilles” – shanty towns of out-of-work American families. Leaving the presidency as a defeated man in 1933, Hoover threw himself into his volunteer work with his wife, Lou.

Lou, a supporter of the American Girl Scout movement, joined her husband in supporting all kinds of organizations that would improve the quality of national life – particularly the lives of children, recognizing, “the imperative need of this nation at all times is the leadership of Uncommon Men or Women.”

In 1930, BSA managers recognized President Herbert Hoover’s service to the youth of America with the award of the 44th Silver Buffalo. Stated the citation: “His sympathy with the Scout movement and his intelligent interest in its citizenship and character-building program has given fresh impetus to public interest in Scouting.”

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World Jamboree Connections

German World Jamboree Contingent Badges



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After World War II German Scout participants have had many uniquely designed World Jamboree contingent badges. The majority of these designs were from German architect Hartmut Keyler of Munich, Germany. Keyler attended his first World Jamboree in 1951 in Austria and has only missed the 1955 WJ in Canada and the 1959 WJ in the Philippines. He is a renowned World Scouter, a former World Scout Committee member and a Bronze Wolf recipient.

Starting with the first edition of the World Jamboree Guide, the German contingent badges from 1963 on have been correctly identified. The 1957 German contingent badge took some research, but was identified and made it into later editions. The three German Scouting Associations including BdP, VCP and DPSG used Keyler's contingent badge designs. His designs are minimalistic and use simple shapes. Scout collectors sometimes misidentify the German contingent badges. Most of the badges have at least one symbol of Germany; the colors of the German flag (black, red, and gold), some form of the black tent that the Germans are noted for, and/or a black eagle (the Bundesadler).

One of Keyler's contingent badge designs was never made into a cloth badge. His 1971 World Jamboree design was suppose to be made into woven badges, but due to a mix-up the badges were never ordered. The person responsible for ordering the badges realized the issue just two days before the departure date. The night before leaving the design was printed on special water-resistant paper with four holes in the corners so they could be sewn on the uniform. Each German scout and leader were given two of the badges on the plane after they departed. With only 257 in the German Contingent this badge is rare. After the Jamboree, it was noted that the water-resistant paper badge held up surprisingly well during the wet typhoon conditions at the 1971 World Jamboree.

Hartmut Keyler has been the Head of Protocol for many of the World Jamborees. In 2011, I finally met Hartmut Keyler at the VIP reception area in Sweden. (See picture right)



German World Jamboree Contingent Badges

- 9th WJ 1957 German Badge
- 10th WJ 1959
- 11th WJ 1963 German Badge
- 12th WJ 1967 German Badge
- 13th WJ 1971 German Badge
- 14th WJ 1975 German Badge
- 15th WJ 1983 German Badge
- 16th WJ 1987 German Badge
- 17th WJ 1991 German Badge
- 18th WJ 1995 German Badge
- 19th WJ 1999 German Badge
- 20th WJ 2003 German Badge
- 21st WJ 2007 German Badge
- 22nd WJ 2011 German Badge

- gray, red and white woven, 42x78 mm
- No German badge only one participant
- multi-colour woven, 50x65 mm
- multi-colour woven, 46x52 mm
- plastic coated paper, printed, 60x61mm
- multi-colour, woven, 48x54 mm
- black woven with multi-colour, 60x60 mm
- multi-colour, woven, 58x58 mm
- white twill, embroidered, white r/e, 56x58 mm
- green twill, embroidered, white r/e, 60x60 mm
- light blue twill, embroidered, c/e, round 75 mm
- blue woven, blue r/e, 66x 68 mm
- blue woven, white r/e, round 62 mm
- blue woven, white r/e, cloud shaped, 57x54 mm



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OA News

First New OA Lodge in 40 Years



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Only one of your editors was able to get to the NOAC TOR this year, and for only one day. From what we saw, it was really well organized and a success. We did manage to pick up a lot of news, including the appearance of first flaps from two new lodges.

lodge officially came into existence and that would indeed be the number they would go by.

The name of the new lodge is interpreted to mean "Loon Feather on the Shore" and the totem is the loon. The new flap features a floating loon and is also very nicely designed. These were being

sold for \$5 each with a limit of 20 per buyer. We heard later that perhaps 2000 had been made for this fairly large lodge.

The most interesting new first flap came from **Puvunga 32** of Long Beach Area Council. This is the first truly new lodge in the OA since the 1970s. This council had not previously adopted the OA as its Scouting honor society, keeping instead the Tribe of Tahquitz. This year they added the OA as a second service organization.

Bob Kravitz of **Owanco 313** told us that **Paugasset 553** has issued three flaps for their 50th anniversary. The design is the same for the three but they come with gold mylar border (the standard issue), green border (40 made), and red border (10 made). He could share no information on why the lodge issued 40 of the second flap and 10 of the last, which will be hard on members who collect all the lodge's issues, not to mention Connecticut, New England, and anniversary flap collectors.

Mike McAdams told us that Puvunga lodge had chosen the number 32 because that was their council number. See elsewhere in this issue for the early history of the lodge. Mike further shared that they made 384 of their first flaps, which are very nice looking (18 colors!). He brought 100 of them with him and was selling them at \$15 each on behalf of the council (3 per person limit), selling out by Saturday. A few of these appeared on eBay on the first day of the TOR. Two examples were sold for \$150+ after multiple bids two weeks later, and then a third went for just over \$100.

Members of **Tsisqan 253** were selling a 2010 two-flap set as a fundraiser for Camp Baker improvements. The two flaps show an Adirondack open-faced shelter in their design. Purchasers were also given a lodge 253x9 65th anniversary rectangular patch (1944-2009).

Mike tells us he has encouraged the lodge to make more of the first flap but he believes they are leaning toward a different design. Since the S1 is the current uniform badge they will have to do something for the Scouts who attend the Fall ordeal.

We also got to visit with John Ort of Virginia and look at his lodge totem pin collection, perhaps the second best in the country. John now has 49 different pins after collecting them for about five years. He owns only one pin not owned by Bill Topkis who wrote about these two issues ago. This is an authentic silver Brotherhood pin made by J. E. Caldwell that is similar to another pin used by **Marnoc 151** of Akron, OH. The Marnoc pin has the Chief facing right, while John's has the Chief facing left.

For a lodge that is only a few months old, they are very prolific at turning out patches. Mike is aware of at least 9 badges made since May (reported numbers made in parentheses):

We asked him what was the favorite pin in his collection and he had difficulty picking one. He suggested a chipmunk/squirrel totem pin from **Anicus 67**, of Wilkesburg, PA, for the following reasons. The basic, standard totem (excluding the very early years) is generally silver metal, Brotherhood level, and J.E. Caldwell jeweler. Gold is premium to silver; Vigil is premium to Brotherhood; and Jennings Hood (prior jeweler to Caldwell) is premium to Caldwell. His Anicus pin has all three premiums in one pin—a trifecta of pins.

- S1- general membership flap (384)
- S2- Charter Member (90)
- S3- Thanks (55)
- S4- NOAC 2-piece trader top (100)
- X-1 NOAC 2-piece trader bottom
- S-5 NOAC 2-piece delegate top (42)
- X-2 NOAC 2-piece delegate bottom
- ?? Chief's gift (S1 with silver mylar border)
- ?? Advisor's gift (S1 with gold mylar border)
(colors of last two might be reversed)

When asked what pins he would most like to find he said it would be hard to choose, with so many today in the "one known" category. Narrowing it down, he would particularly like to find these: Ram's Head from **Pang 532**, Palm Tree from **Santee 116**, **Nentico 12** Eagle (Type 1), Moose from **Mahikan 181** (the only pin from the Caldwell catalog still unknown in any collection), and the Thunderbird on Arrowhead from **Tonkawa 99**. All of these would be significantly scarcer than any rarity 10 first flap, although the demand for the pins would be much less.

At another TOR table high above the hockey rink seats members of **Gabe-She-Win-Gi-Ji-Kens 374** were selling some of their remaining patch inventory plus the first flap from the new lodge formed by their merger with **Mlschigonong 89**, **Chickagami 180**, and **Cuwe 218**: **Agaming Maangogwan 804**. We were told the number 804 came from the date August 4, when their new

His final comment on totem pins is that collecting them is not

impossible. He once thought they were virtually impossible to find and thus non-collectible, but that is not true. They are rare, certainly, but definitely possible to find.

To back up this last comment, in September several totem pins were offered in eBay auctions. The first was the relatively common pin from **Mikanakwa 101** that sold for \$280; a much rarer silver Vigil pin from **Amangamek Wipit 470** that sold for \$2,603; and a gold (?) **Owasippe 7** pin sold for \$258. The Owasippe pin was interesting because it came with the Caldwell box, which we had never seen. We noted later that the 470 pin was relisted for \$3,000 when the high bidder failed to pay for it.

The distinction for issuing the most patches for NOAC this year seems to go to **Amangamek Wipit 470**, a regular contender in past years. The total for this lodge was 15 Wipit patches for NOAC 2012, with several lodges coming close with 14 patches. In 2009 Wipit issued only 13 patches, but for 2006 they made 25 different.

We read a post to Patch-L by Rick Obermeyer about some of his favorite NOAC patch designs and we asked him to share what those were and what he liked about them. He agreed to write something about what were some of the best designs he saw this year, but when the first draft came in it was large enough that it ended up as a separate article elsewhere in this issue.

Rick is one of the most thoughtful and prolific patch designers around, with over 400 designs to his credit. As he has many times in the past, he led seminars at NOAC 2012 on patch design, ethics, and marketing, and the basics of Patches 101.

Several weeks after NOAC we heard that within Michigan's Gerald R. Ford Field Service Council, **Indian Drum 152** and **Nacha Tindey 25** would be forming new lodge **Nataepu Shohpe**. No word yet on what number they are adopting or the collecting community will use, or what their lodge totem is to be.

We also spotted on eBay in August a flap badge from another new Michigan lodge, **Kishahtek**, formed by the merger of **Manitous 88** and **Nacha Mawat 373**. This was actually an event flap commemorating their first fellowship as a new lodge. We guess it will be listed as the eS1 and eFF. The first one we saw on eBay sold for \$27+.

Last year we reported the sales on eBay of several patch blankets that had been owned by a longtime Chicago Scouter named Paul Price. To the surprise of many collectors, one of these blankets resurfaced for sale on eBay again in August from seller crimreaper. At the time, this seller showed 100% positive feedback but for only 8 transactions, one in April of 2012, one in 2011, and the rest in 2009. None of these appeared related to Scout memorabilia.

The blanket sold for \$3,183. What made this sale especially noteworthy were reports from TSPA that this blanket no longer existed. It had been purchased by them last year, taken apart by them, and the patches on it had been sold individually. Destry Hoffard of TSPA reported this apparent fraud on the Scout Patch Collectors Facebook page shortly after the blanket appeared.

We believe some attempts were made to alert eBay to the fraud but obviously for naught as the auction completed successfully. The winning bidder told us the seller had a US address and phone number but was from the Philippines. The bidder was confident he would not be held to account for the bid, which he placed much earlier and had been entered while he was traveling. The

big loser here may be eBay or Paypal as we believe the buyer is guaranteed getting his money back. When we went back a few days later to review the auction again, it had been taken down completely and there was no reference to it in lists of the seller's recent auctions or the buyer's recent bidding.

Rick Obermeyer reported on Patch-L that the screaming NOAC dangle from **Tipisa 326** was so well received at home that the lodge is adding sound to some of their regular flaps. The sound will be the first 18-20 seconds of the OA song, which he points out is otherwise known as the "Imperial Russian National Anthem." It will be a band version, not a Russian chorus version.

Rick also wanted to make clear the origin of those screaming NOAC dangles. He personally purchased 150 of the dangles from the lodge and had the sound added at his own expense (\$11.87 total each). He sold them for \$12 to the general lodge membership. He believes less than 20 of these went to NOAC and were traded there. He suggests they be cataloged as a "Z", but certainly not as a contingent item.

We watched the eBay sale of a 50 flap OA lot in late August that brought a high bid of \$186 including shipping. Most of the flaps were nothing special that we could see. There were over 40 different lodges represented, some anniversary flaps, some 1990's NOAC flaps, (just one of those **Amangamek Wipit 470** flaps that lodge sold by the thousands for \$1 each and that plagued 1-1 traders for decades), and other standard flaps covering a period of 30 years or more. We thought the sale was one measure of the value of older yet relatively common flaps in today's market—a little over \$3.50 with a volume discount. That's a little discouraging for 1-1 traders when many lodges are asking \$5 for their current flap.

Jim Scherbarth sent us the image of a new flap from **Michigamea 110** commemorating Camp Betz's 90th anniversary and the 75th anniversary of the first OA fellowship and ceremony conducted at the camp in 1937. Jim tells us the lodge made 200 of these and sold all at the Spring Fellowship for \$10 each. Each attendee was allowed to buy one on Saturday and the remainder sold out on Sunday, again one per person.

Jim also sent us a short history of **Nissaki 110**, the earliest predecessor to the current lodge, and a photocopied section of the lodge's 1938 Charter showing that name. In 1936 Scouts from Whiting Council were inducted into the OA by Scouts from Chicago Area Council at Camp Nissaki in the Indiana Dunes State Park. Jim believes, however, that Nissaki was actually part of **Owasippe Lodge 7** at that time (a chapter) because 2nd Class councils did not have OA lodges and Lodge 110's first charter is dated 1938. Whiting Council merged with Hammond Council in 1938 to form Pokagon Council, a 1st Class council that was granted an OA charter.

From that historic reference we segue into news that Paul Myers has published a new book or really two books in one, on the early history of both Owasippe Lodge (1921-1961) and the Chicago Council camps (1912-1961), primarily Camp Owasippe. This is latest of many reference works that Paul has written and published over his collecting life, and we highly recommend it.

Paul grew up in Chicago and was himself a chapter chief there. He has been collecting Chicago related memorabilia and historical information for close to five decades. These books are an unprecedented sharing of his accumulated research and analysis of early Scouting and the Order of the Arrow in Chicago. He presents his case that what happened in Chicago had

enormous influence in both institutions throughout the country at the time and into the future. He also shares possibly surprising opinions on the relative contributions of several historic figures, some revered today and others all but forgotten.

The combined books are an 8.5 x 11 inch paperback of 140 pages. Both are liberally illustrated with photos and images of insignia, camp life, important personages, documents, brochures, and maps. Beyond the value to local people, the books should be very valuable to anyone interested in the early history of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

Paul sells the book for \$15 postpaid through eBay (search for Owasippe) or directly (contact him by email at Gimogash@comcast.net). That's a bargain.

Keeping the Owasippe segues going, a very rare twill Vigil sash attributed to this lodge from the 1920's-early 1930's was offered on eBay with a buy-it-now price of \$15,000 but drew no bid. We're sure the seller would have been happy to have a buyer at that price, but the listing also served as advertising. The sash may sell at a negotiated lower price in a private transaction now that prospective buyers know it is available.

The seller of the sash provided information on the sash by quoting directly from another of Paul Myer's publications, one specifically on OA sashes. This particular twill sash was used in Chicago and perhaps in other Midwest councils 1929-1932. This was a time when Vigils were very rare and were only awarded at National Meetings. Paul's book states that this style of sash was received by 24 Vigils at the 1932 National Meeting (representing lodges 7, 29, 40, 41, and 51), for example.

Kory Lewis of Kansas wrote in response to our Tribe of the Red Arrow discussion earlier this year. He sent us an image of a Red Arrow suspended from a black lanyard that was sold in an eBay lot, November 2010, together with Coronado Council Camper patches dated 1941 and 1943. The Tribe history we got to examine at the Dallas TOR listed the black lanyard as designating a Brave member, the beginning rank.

Then in September Roger Schustereit sent us an image of a neckerchief, dating from the 1930's or 1940's, from the Order of the Black Arrow, which was the first Scout honor society adopted by Comanche Trail Council of Texas. The neckerchief had belonged to the father or grandfather of one of Roger's friends. Roger tells us that this council switched to the Kunieh society next before joining the OA in 1945.

Dan Gille, past advisor to **Mikano 231**, reported to Patch-L in early September that his lodge and **Mascoutens 8** would formally consolidate sometime in October. A new name and totem have been selected but not announced.

Karl Henley sent us images of recent **Sipp-O 377** flaps, including one that commemorated the lodge having issued 100 flaps in its history. That is an unusual anniversary to celebrate and a first to our knowledge. This flap is cataloged as the S98 (100 made); adding two twill flaps, including the F1 first flap, got the flap total to 100.

Two other flaps finished a set of four noting the four seasons in farm country. The S97 featured a fall season farm. The S99 featured a summer farm and barn, the state of Ohio, Vigil members, and the lodge's 65th anniversary. Earlier flaps from past years had featured spring and winter farms. Karl tells us the

lodge made 150 each of most of these. Their council serves a mainly rural area.

Roger Schustereit made a bulk deal of flaps at the Austin TOR and that nearly completed his dispersal of the Irv Block collection, a service he provided for the family after Irv passed away. We asked Roger about the experience of handling a friend's collection. All of us must one day dispose of our own collections and some may be called upon to help a friend's family in a similar fashion. His experience might help us manage our expectations.

Roger did indeed spend a lot of time checking the cataloging of patches, and offering them for trade or sale wherever he could. One thing that worked was offering to trade out of the collection for Texas OA that was easier for him to move locally. After three years the bulk deal took most of the remainder off his hands but he still had some "better" OA pieces and odds and ends that finally went in a last bulk deal at the Las Vegas TOR.

He looks back on the experience as a labor of love for a great friend and Scouter. And more to the plus side, he learned a lot about OA from around the country and made a ton of new friends.

Roger also sent us the image of flap from **Karankawa Lodge 307** with the design featuring a resting cougar. What is special about this flap is the front left leg of the cougar is an independent badge attached to the flap at a grommet, allowing it to swivel. We had not seen that before.

James Deroba writes that **Woapeu Sislija Lodge 343** has issued three flaps commemorating one of their members becoming 2012 National Chief. The flaps come with white, blue, or gold mylar borders.

Chuck Williams reports that **Puvunga Lodge 32** attended their first conclave, W4-S in September. In the conclave auction one of the S1 flaps sold for \$150 and their two-piece trader set went for \$160.

Dave Panko sent us the order blank for **Gila Lodge 378** NOAC two-piece sets. There were six sets, each showing a Gila monster riding something for fun: skateboard, motorcycle, bucking bronco, steer, ATV, or Jet Ski. The lettering on the flaps was fluorescent. Proceeds from the sale of these sets defrayed NOAC contingent costs.

A discussion thread on Patch-L made it clear that several lodges are still producing OBV sets, including **Abnaki Lodge 102** where each Vigil flap is signed and issued one per life. It was reported that the lodge had 500 of these Vigil flaps made, which at one per life may last into the next century.

Another writer noted that **Pocumtuc Lodge 83** ordered their OBV sets through National in 2008, as well as a later reorder, without any comment.

Another discussion thread on Patch-I concerned the first use of various patch types that are now familiar to OA collectors. For example, Frank Kern noted he thought the first pie shape came from **Nanuk 355** whose P1a surfaced at the 1950 National Jamboree. The first neckerchief is thought to be from **Anicus 67**, worn as hosts for the 1940 National Meeting at Camp Twin Echo.

Bill Topkis commented that the first arrow pin was made around 1916. He thought the earliest OA patches were the felt cut-out W and arrow issued by Unami/Wimachtendienk. The earliest

known OA chenille would be the first **Minsi Lodge 5** chenille dating to around 1922. The earliest known round dating to circa 1927 would be the Unami flat chain stitch or the **Swatara 39** R1. The earliest use of the pocket flap was likely **Ajapeu 33** in the early 1940s where a deer was embroidered directly onto the pocket. They later made a patch that could be crimped onto the pocket flap, which is considered the first flap. **Tamet Lodge 225** also had a felt arrow worn on the pocket flap that is shown in a painting from 1943/44.

Roy More writes that he captured images of over 1000 OA badges at NOAC this summer and will be adding those to the Blue Book online. He sent us individual links to many badge photos, including one to a back patch from **Gila Lodge 378**, which may be the largest OA badge ever made (made in the shape of Texas and New Mexico combined).

He also passed on a link to his blog about the Blue Book regarding the state of that reference and plans for its future. From the blog you can link to two presentations that Roy prepared for the Dallas TOR and NOAC this year. Read here what the TSPA is working towards and the problems they face.

Creating Blue Book 2.0 seems to be in the best interest of the hobby, based on discussions and feedback he has received. While most lodges will be largely unaffected, certainly some will see many revisions. Roy thinks doing this once per generation would not be unreasonable. But it is a huge undertaking requiring many volunteers. He has pointed out in the past that they may receive information on 2000 new badges in a year, yet still fall behind. Even after seeing thousands of new patches at the 2010 National Jamboree they continue to encounter issues from that period or before. <http://oabluebook.com/blog/?p=34>

Quick comments:

- **Timmeu 74** has already issued a nice, brightly colored two-piece set for the 2013 National Jamboree, with a design featuring John Deere equipment.
- A new Brotherhood flap from **Michigamea 110** for the first time features leaves on the branch upon which their totem squirrel has been standing since 1965.
- Mike Conkey tells us that **Tupwee Lodge 536** made 200 of their striking NOAC 2012 set showing a steam engine and train rolling through the Rockies.
- David Fry reports that the red border NOAC 2012 flap from **Kittatinny Lodge 5** we described last time was for participants and the nearly identical flap with black border (S50) is a trader flap.
- A **Puvunga Lodge 32** Charter Member flap (75 made) sold on eBay in October for \$309.
- The **Achpateuny Lodge 498** S29 flap we describe below has apparently been colored to match the new Scout uniform.
- Tom Wadnola has created a Facebook group called Patch Design, where information and discussions about designing patches can be found.
- We heard a report that Alapaha Area Council (**Alapaha Lodge 545**) and Southwest Georgia Council (**Immokalee 353**) voted to merge in October (new council name is South Georgia) with the lodges merging by the end of 2013.
- Rich Price reported on Patch-L that **Witauchsoman Lodge 44** would not be distributing their 2012 NOAC delegate sets until their Fall Weekend.

The following badges did not sell on e-Bay when there were no bids at the seller's minimum, which we list.

- 354x1 WAB sateen \$1999
- 375a1 WAB sateen \$2599
- 548s1a \$112 FF (\$129)

Here is a list OA badges of note that changed hands recently in Internet auctions or in private sales for which we have certain information. Figures in parentheses are the prices asked for the Dave Thomas first flap (FF) collection.

- 76f1 light use? \$320 FF (\$544)
- 90s1 Can \$3050, \$2719 FF (\$2850)
- 106f1 Wiy \$227 FF (\$580)
- 118s1 \$1002 FF (\$810)
- 207f1 worn \$618 FF (\$1350)
- 226f2 Man \$326
- 228p1 \$415
- 240f1 FF \$100 (\$125)
- 255F1 Chief \$335 FF (\$449)
- 278f1 \$163 FF (\$439)
- 302f1 \$65 FF (\$327)
- 304s1 Chu \$309 (\$405)
- 312f1 worn \$308 FF (\$537)
- 342f1c \$435 FF (F1a \$407)
- 343f1 Ach \$336 FF (\$439)
- 466f1 \$135 FF (\$366)
- 468f1 light wear? \$617 FF (\$2750)
- 478s1a BLU BMT \$295 FF (\$368)
- 496f1 crisp \$882 FF (\$1260)
- 505f1 \$555 FF (\$700)
- 512f1 \$900 FF (\$1600)
- 514f1 \$800 FF (\$900)
- 524s1 worn \$320 FF (\$715)
- 528f1 sewn, box soil \$330 (\$780)
- 532f1 \$3170 FF (\$4000)
- 548s1 \$86 FF (\$129)
- 564f1a \$148 FF (\$215)

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 NOAC 2012 set with X30
5c21 Red C Yel Blk __; NOAC 2012
5x31 Blk R Nbl Wht Nbl Fdl;
 "Kittatinny Award 2012"
12s26 Gmy R Mar Gmy Gmy Fdl; "1922-2012"
32s1 Lbl C MC Wht Drn Fdl; first flap
43s22 Blk R Drd Wht Dyl SS; NOAC12
45s34 Smy R M/C Blk Blk Fdl; "1992-2012"
50s52 Dgr R MC Drd __; BRO; "2009"
59s13 Blk R MC Blk Blk Fdl; raccoon
59s14 Wht R MC Lgy Dyl Fdl; "15"; 15th ANN
66s91 MC R Blu Red Red BSA; hawk in storm
74s20 Grn R MC MC Dyl Fdl; JAM13
74x3 Grn R MC MC Dyl Fdl; JAM13
78s38 Dgr R MC Blk Yel Fdl; Elangomat
78s39 Blk R MC Red MC Fdl
88eS1 Red R Wht Grn Blu Fdl; "Kishahtek;
 The First Fellowship"
102s28 Gry R MC Blk Pbl Fdl; Red "102"
110s45 Red R MC Red Brn Fdl; w/leaves
110f3 Red R Wht Dgr Wht Fdl; Camp 90th;
 "First Fellowship 1937"
164s60 Blk R MC Blk Blk Fdl; ORD
164s62 Wht R MC Blk Blk Fdl; VIG
167s41 Dgr R MC Dgr Tur Fdl; new design
194s28 Yel R Tur Blk Yel Fdl; "NOAC 2012/
 Awaken the Whale"; trader
204s122 Red R MC Dyl Dyl fdl; ORD?
253s49 Red R Blk Dbl Dyl Fdl

253s50 Gmy R Blk Dbl Dyl Fdl
253x9 Bmy R MC Wht Blk Fdl; 65th Ann
300s53 Pur R MC Red MC Fdl;
 Ghosted totems in relief
300s55 Pur R MC Red MC Fdl; NOAC 2012
 Ghosted totems in relief
300s56 Blk R Grn Dyl Grn Fdl; set w/x28
300x28 Blk R Grn Dyl Grn Fdl; "NOAC 2012"
307s73 Red C Lbl Red Yel Fdl;
 Front leg swivels
343s32 Wht R M/C Wht Wht Fdl;
 "Home of the 2012 National Chief"
343s33 Gmy R M/C Wht Wht Fdl;
 "Home of the 2012 National Chief"
343s34 Blu R M/C Wht Wht Fdl;
 "Home of the 2012 National Chief"
374j1 Red R MC Red Yel Fdl; RND
377s97 Blk R MC D Org Org Fdl; Fall scene
377s98 Red R Blk Red Blk; Fdl "100, 100, ..."
377s99 Pur R MC Red Red Fdl; VIG; "65"
470s142 Red R Dgy Gry Wht Fdl; "NOAC 2012/
 Founder's Day/Bite Marks"
498s29 Dol R MC Dol Dol Fdl;
536s24 Dgr R MC Red Red Fdl; "NOAC 2012"
536x4 Dgr R MC Red Red Fdl; NOAC 2012/
 Tupwee Express;" railroad train
553s47 Gmy R Blk Red Red Fdl; 50th Ann
614x11 Bmy R MC Wht Dgr Fdl; CHV;set w/S14
619s23 Gry R MC Blu Wht Fdl; night scene
619s24 Blk R Blk Org Blk Fdl; "15 Years"
619s25 Yel/Blk R/C Lbl Red Red Fdl;
 "Where the North Begins"
804s1 Red R MC Red MC Fdl; first flap



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32s1



43s22



5C21



66s91



5s50



74s20
74x3



78s38



102s28



110s45



124s28 2012 NOAC



204s122



300s56
300x28



374j1



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Award



470s142



498s29



536s24
536x4



553s47



804s1



614x11



619s25

Collecting Camp Patches

Uniforms help ID Mystery Patches



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I like to define "Mystery Patches" as probable camp patches, usually older, that are not easily identified

such as those patches consisting of a felt letter or two or just an object. Periodically, we show such patches in this column or in other areas of this Journal and sometimes, a helpful reader can provide an identification.

A great aid in making the ID of these patches can be the Scout shirt with the camp patch sewn on the right pocket. In the good ol' days before CSP's, most Scouts had their town strip sewn on their left shoulder so putting the two patches together can help with the ID of the camp patch. Because of this factor, I like to keep the patch sewn on the shirt, even though it is more bulky and doesn't fit neatly in a small zip-lock bag like my other camp patches.

An example is the patch from **CAMP BURTON** – Monmouth Council. The camp patch is a dark blue felt "B" which, by itself, could be from one of many older camps beginning with the letter B. However, there is a khaki and red town strip on the shirt indicating this scout was from Ocean Grove (New Jersey) that would place it in the Monmouth Council



area. I confirmed this ID with New Jersey camp expert Randy Holden.

Another is a tan on red felt patch of a man on a horse (a pony express rider?) with no letters or words to identify it. Without the uniform shirt, an ID would be very difficult. However, the shirt has a ST. JOSEPH red and tan strip that led me to assume it was from Pony Express Council, headquartered in St. Joseph, MO. Their camp was **CAMP GEIGER** so now we have an ID.

The next mystery patch on a shirt was not actually a mystery patch at all as I knew it was a **CAMP ROOSEVELT** from Katahdin Area Council. However, it is a neat patch from the 1920's so I will show it even though it has some mothing. It is a red felt tent-shaped patch with CR in the center. The town strip on the sleeve is from Wakefield (Maine).

I also knew the ID of the next patch but there is a little story behind it. The patch is a 1930's dark blue felt teepee with a yellow S from **CAMP SQUANTO** owned by Squanto Council in MA. The khaki and red town strip is from Abington (MA). The shirt had a name tag probably sewn by the Scout's mother prior to him going to camp. I did a Google search using the name on the label plus the town name on the shirt and came up with an Attorney by the same name. I contacted him and sure enough, the shirt belonged to his late Father. I

learned that his father was a prominent physician in Abington, MA and happened to be the camp bugler at Camp Squanto.

There was a semi-controversial patch



on a uniform shirt that I wrote about a few years ago. I have a shirt with a 1941 **CAMP ARROWHEAD** patch and a khaki and red Waterbury and Conn strip on the shoulder. The council covering Waterbury in 1941 was Mattatuck Council. However, I have not been able to find any written documentation that Arrowhead was a Mattatuck Council camp. Does anyone recognize this Arrowhead patch and if so, do you know if it was from Mattatuck Council or from somewhere else?

The next one took a little detective work. The patch is a dark blue round felt with a large yellow felt "C" and a small red felt star resting on the bottom of the "C". The tan/red town strip is Denison. Lone Star Area Council in that general area of TX and owned Camp Lonestar. Therefore, the patch with the small red star in the big "C" is **LONE STAR AREA COUNCIL SUMMER CAMP**. Ta Dah!!!

Moving on to more recent camp patch news – here is a trivia question (actually, since it concerns camp patches, I would call it a significance question). Has there ever been a **CHENILLE** camp patch? I will not keep you in suspense. The answer is YES – my friend Dr. Roger Schustereit from TX sent a chenille **CAMP KAROONDINHA** patch from Susquehanna Council in PA.



Roy More of MI has provided the latest information about the new Michigan Crossroads Council. It is made up of four Field Service Councils (FSC) – **President Gerald R. Ford FSC** serving the Gerald R. Ford and Scenic Trails legacy councils, **Water & Woods FSC** serving the Tall Pine, Lake Huron Area, Blue Water and Chief Okemos legacy councils, **Southern Shores FSC** serving the Southwest Michigan and Great Sauk Trail legacy councils and **Great Lakes FSC** serving the Great Lakes legacy council.

My concern was what was going to happen to the Scout Camps run by the legacy councils (AGAWAM, COLE CANOE BASE, D-A SCOUT RANCH, GRELICK, HOLAKA, KIWANIS, LOST LAKE, MUNHACKE, MUSCOOTAH, NORTHWOODS, PAUL BUNYAN, ROTA KIWAN, ROTARY, SILVER TRAILS,



TAPICO, TEETONKAH AND GERBER.) It is my understanding that all of these camps had seasons for 2012.

Here are the plans for Michigan camps in 2013 as reported by Michigan Crossroads Council. The following will operate as Boy Scout Resident Camps: COLE CANOE BASE, D-A, GERBER, GREILICK AND ROTARY. The following will operate as Cub Scout Resident Camps: D-A, GERBER, GREILICK, MUNHACKE, and ROTA-KIWAN. The following will be open for weekend reservations: Cole Canoe Base, D-A, GERBER, GREILICK, HOLAKA, KIWANIS, MUNHACKE,

NORTHWOODS, ROTA-KIWAN, ROTARY, SILVER TRAILS, TAPICO and TEETONKAH. CAMP MUSCOOTAH IS A WILDERNESS CAMP WITH NO SUMMER PROGRAM. The following camps will NOT be operating in 2013: AGAWAM, HOLAKA, LOST LAKE, NORTHWOODS, PAUL BUNYAN, and TAPICO although some will be open for weekend reservations.

The primary reason for these drastic changes is financial. The Michigan Scout Camping program lost a great amount of money and the leadership had to make a strong action plan. I for one do not like to see any BSA camps close but Michigan apparently had no choice.

At this year's Unami Trade-o-ree in Philadelphia, Ron Oslin of VA showed me a remarkable patch that was previously unknown to me and is not in The Camp Book II.

It is an older felt FDL that has BSA on the patch named **CAMP STIRLING**. I did a Google search and came up with nada.



Can anyone ID this camp?

Since **THE CAMP BOOK II** (TCB-II) came out, we have been receiving some very nice comments for which we are most appreciative. We are also receiving some excellent updates and corrections from local experts around the USA. I would like to convey **SPECIAL** thanks to Dick Cordes from NY who shares the same devotion to detail that Dave, Kevin and I used in producing the book. Dick has gone through the book and made meticulous notes on possible corrections and improvements that we will incorporate in the first update to the book.

Regarding updates, we will be offering the updates in download format at no cost to those purchasers (confirmed by Jason Spangler who is handling distribution of the book) who have registered their book with us. I would remind everyone who has TCB-II in any format to send in the completed registration page so that you can receive the updates when they are available. Naturally, we will make the updates available to anyone at a modest cost if you don't register the book with us and we will also offer them in CD and printed formats at cost to all. The Camp Book II itself, in download, CD or printed versions, is still available from scoutinghotfinds.com (Did you really think I could get through an entire column without a commercial???)



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CSP CORNER

Mergers and New CSPs

Lots of CSPs being made this year for the 100th anniversary of Eagle Scouts and Sea Scouts. If you want to collect these – I recommend getting them now while they are available before they become scarce and more expensive to land. Just look back to the 100th anniversary of BSA CSPs – they are not nearly as prevalent on ebay and for the tougher ones that might have been missed – they are going to be hard to find. We are still discovering new 100th anniversary issues that were made in 2010 for special events, FOS etc.. Will make an update to the ISCA list on the website soon with the latest info.

NEW ISSUES

Council	Issue #	Border	Sky/Bkg	FDL	SE	BSA	Name	Issue Description	Qty
Anthony Wayne Area	SA-18	BLK	BLU TARTAN		GLD		GLD/M	"BSA 2010, Wood Badge C-02-10"	
Blue Ridge	SA-36	ORG	LT BLU	WHT		WHT	WHT	"Camp Old Indian", 2012	
Blue Water	SA-16	BLK c/e	R/W/B	GLD, RED			BLU	"2011 Eagle Scout"	50
Blue Water	SA-17	BLK c/e	RED/WHT	YEL			BLK	"2011 Popcorn Sale"	100
Blue Water	SA-18	WHT	LT BLU/WHT			TAN	BLK	"1912 2012, 277 TFA-2, Central Region Flotilla"	50
Blue Water	SA-19	GLD/M c/e	LT BLU	LT BLU			BLK	"Friends of Scouting, 2012, Soaring into the Future", \$172 DN	
Boston Minuteman	SA-84	DK BLU	LT BLU/GRY	LT BLU			BLK	"NOAC 2012, Moswetuset Lodge #52"	
Cal Inland Empire	SA-181	GLD/M	BLK	BLK			YEL	"Eagle, Class of 2011"	100
Cal Inland Empire	SA-182	WHT	PUR		YEL		YEL	"International Scouting Committee"	
Cal Inland Empire	SA-183	RED	PUR		YEL		YEL	"International Scouting Committee"	
Cal Inland Empire	SA-184	RED	LT BLU	BRN			RED	"2012 Auction", attendee	100
Cal Inland Empire	SA-185	WHT	LT BLU	BRN			RED	"2012 Auction", \$25 donor level	100
Cal Inland Empire	SA-186	BLU	LT BLU	BRN			RED	"2012 Auction", \$100 donor level	75
Cal Inland Empire	SA-187	BLK	LT BLU	BRN			RED	"2012 Auction", staff	35
Central Florida	SU-B	SIL/M	GRN		GRN		YEL/RED	"A Century of Scouting 1910-2010, National Executive Board, Orlando 2009"	
Central Florida	SU-C	GLD/M	GRN		GRN		YEL/RED	"A Century of Scouting 1910-2010, National Executive Board, Orlando 2009"	
Cherokee, TN	SA-125	BLU	LT BLU			BLU	BLU	"2012 Skyrmont Scout Reservation"	
Cherokee, TN	SA-126	YEL	LT BLU			BLU	BLU	"2012 Skyrmont Scout Reservation"	100
Connecticut Rivers	SA-50	RED	LT BLU	YEL			BRN	"J.N. Webster '12"	300
Five Rivers	SA-27	BLK	LT BLU	RED			RED	"2011 FOS, A Scout is Clean"	
Five Rivers	SA-28	BLK	BLK/PUR	WHT			WHT	"A Scout is Reverent, 2012 Friends of Scouting"	
Five Rivers	SA-27	YEL	R/W/B			BLK	YEL	"Eagle Scout"	
Glacier's Edge	SA-27:1	RED	LT GRN	YEL			LT BLU	"Baraboo Circus Heritage, 24"	
Glacier's Edge	SA-29:1	BLK c/e	GRY	BLK			YEL/RED	"2011, Friends of Scouting, Friendly", error	
Grand Teton	SA-320	GRY	YEL/ORG	LAV			BLK	"Silver Beaver Colony 2"	
Grand Teton	SA-321	SIL/M	YEL/ORG	LAV			BLK	"Silver Beaver Colony 2"	
Grand Teton	SA-322	RED	LT BLU	BLU			BLK	Red OA arrow, 2012 auction \$50 DN	
Great Lakes	SA-37	COP/M	DK BLU	YEL			YEL	"2012 Philmont", trader issue	120
Great Lakes	SA-38	SIL/M	DK BLU	YEL			YEL	"2012 Philmont", youth issue	190
Great Lakes	SA-39	GLD/M	DK BLU	YEL			YEL	"2012 Philmont", adult issue	130
Great Lakes	SA-40	RED/M	DK BLU	YEL			YEL	"2012 Philmont, Tour Director"	45
Great Lakes	SA-41	BLU/M	DK BLU	YEL			YEL	"2012 Philmont, Ranger"	50
Great Lakes	SA-42	RED	BLK	BLU			YEL	"FOS 2012, Building More than Campfires"	
Greater Niagara Frontier	SA-65	YEL	WHT		R/W/B		BLK	"Friends of Scouting, Duty to God", 2012, \$100 DN	
Greater Niagara Frontier	SA-66	WHT	TAN	BLU			RED	"Philmont Scout Ranch 2012, Crew Member"	139
Greater Niagara Frontier	SA-67	SIL/M	TAN	BLU			RED	"Philmont Scout Ranch 2012, Crew Leader"	60
Greater Niagara Frontier	SA-68	RED/M	TAN	BLU			RED	"Philmont Scout Ranch 2012, Crew Advisor"	60
Greater Niagara Frontier	SA-69	GLD/M	TAN	BLU			RED	"Philmont Scout Ranch 2012, Contingent Advisor"	53
Hawk Mountain	SA-69	SIL/M	YEL/WHT	GRN/M			BRN	"Catholic Scouting, PX"	100
Hawk Mountain	SA-70	YEL	GRN TARTAN	YEL			WHT	"2012, Wood Badge Feast"	150
Hawk Mountain	SA-71	GRY	R/W/B	ORG			GRY	"2012, Reading Express"	250
Hawk Mountain	TA-72	RED	LT BLU	LT BLU			RED	"2012, Reading Phillis Scout Night"	
Hawk Mountain	TA-73	RED	WHT	WHT			RED	"2012, Reading Phillis Scout Night", thank you issue	
Hawk Mountain	TA-74	RED	LT BLU	LT BLU			RED	"2012, All Star Home Run Derby"	
Hawk Mountain	TA-75	RED	LT BLU	LT BLU			RED	"2012, Popcorn Kickoff"	
Hawk Mountain	SA-76	SIL/M	R/W/B & YEL	BLK			BLK	"2012 Philmont Scout Ranch"	
Hawk Mountain	SA-77	SIL/M	YEL/WHT	GRN/M			BRN	"Catholic Scouting, IHS"	
Las Vegas Area	SA-11	RED	RED/ORG/YEL	TAN			GLD/M	"Wood Badge Association", ax & log	
Las Vegas Area	SA-12	RED	RED/ORG/YEL	TAN			GLD/M	"Wood Badge Association", beaver	
Las Vegas Area	SA-13	RED	RED/ORG/YEL	TAN			GLD/M	"Wood Badge Association", bobwhite	
Las Vegas Area	SA-14	RED	RED/ORG/YEL	TAN			GLD/M	"Wood Badge Association", eagle	
Las Vegas Area	SA-15	RED	RED/ORG/YEL	TAN			GLD/M	"Wood Badge Association", fox	
Las Vegas Area	SA-16	RED	RED/ORG/YEL	TAN			GLD/M	"Wood Badge Association", owl	
Las Vegas Area	SA-17	RED	RED/ORG/YEL	TAN			GLD/M	"Wood Badge Association", bear	
Las Vegas Area	SA-18	RED	RED/ORG/YEL	TAN			GLD/M	"Wood Badge Association", buffalo	
Las Vegas Area	SA-19	RED	RED/ORG/YEL	TAN			GLD/M	"Wood Badge Association", antelope	

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Longhouse	SA-53	RED	R/W/B		YEL		GLD	"33rd International Scout Jamboree at Blair Atholl, 2012, Scotland"	300
Longhouse	SA-53	BLU	R/W/B		YEL		GLD	"33rd International Scout Jamboree at Blair Atholl, 2012, Scotland"	200
Longhouse	SA-54	R/W/B	R/W/B		YEL		GLD	"33rd International Scout Jamboree at Blair Atholl, 2012, Scotland"	30
Mississippi Valley	S-32	YEL	M/C		WHT		WHT	Regular wear issue	
Monterey Bay Area	SA-33	WHT	WHT		YEL		GRN	"32nd Scottish Jamboree '10"	
Muskingum Valley	SA-37:1	SIL/M	LT BLU/YEL		GRY		RED	"2010, 100 Years, Friends of Scouting"	
Muskingum Valley	SA-45:1	GLD/M	LT BLU/YEL		GRY		RED	"2011, Friends of Scouting"	
Muskingum Valley	SA-45:1	SIL/M	LT BLU/YEL		LT BLU		RED	"2012, Friends of Scouting"	
National Capital Area	SA-111:1	BLU	RED/ORG/YEL		SIL/M		BLU	"1910 2010, Staff"	
National Capital Area	SA-121	RED	WHT		WHT		BLU	"2012 FOS, A Scout is Clean..., But not Afraid to Get Dirty", \$185 DN	
Northwest Suburban	SA-12	RED/M	NAVY		GLD/M		GLD	"2008 FOS, Friendly, Courteous, Kind", \$100 DN	
Northwest Suburban	SA-13	SIL/M	NAVY		GLD/M		GLD	"2008 FOS, Friendly, Courteous, Kind", \$250 DN	
Northwest Suburban	SA-14	GLD/M	NAVY		GLD/M		GLD	"2008 FOS, Friendly, Courteous, Kind", \$500 DN	
Northwest Suburban	SA-14:1	RED/M	NAVY		GLD		GLD	"2008 FOS, Friendly, Courteous, Kind", \$100 DN	
Northwest Suburban	SA-14:2	SIL/M	NAVY		GLD		GLD	"2008 FOS, Friendly, Courteous, Kind", \$250 DN	
Northwest Suburban	SA-14:3	GLD/M	NAVY		GLD		GLD	"2008 FOS, Friendly, Courteous, Kind", \$500 DN	
Old Colony	SA-58:1	BLK	BLU			BLK	BLK	Dining Hall with termites, individually numbered	50
Old Colony	SA-58:2	SIL/M	BLU			BLK	BLK	Dining Hall with termites, individually numbered	50
Old Colony	SA-58:3	GLD/M	BLU			BLK	BLK	Dining Hall with termites, individually numbered	50
Orange County	SA-335	SIL/M	BLU			GRY	GRY	"1912-2012 Eagle Scout Centennial, Eagle Scout Peak Climb", individually numbered	100
Orange County	SA-336	ORG	PNK/ORG/WHT		YEL/GRY		WHT	"Sea Scouts, A Century at Sea 1912-2012"	200
Orange County	SA-337	YEL	LT BLU		YEL/GRY		BLK	"Sea Scouts, A Century at Sea 1912-2012"	200
Orange County	SA-338	GRY	DK BLU		YEL/GRY		WHT	"Sea Scouts, A Century at Sea 1912-2012"	200
Otschodela	SA-18:2	RED	GRN TARTAN		YEL	WHT	WHT	"NE-III-176, 21st Century Wood Badge"	
Otschodela	SA-49:1	BLU	RED/GRY/BLU		GRY		BLU	"Veterans Memorial Dedication, September 11, 2011"	60
Otschodela	SA-49:1	BLU	RED/GRY/BLU		BLU		BLU	"Veterans Memorial Dedication, September 11, 2011"	50
Otschodela	SA-50	BLK	R/W/B		YEL		YEL	"2011 Council Auction"	
Otschodela	SA-51	TAN	LT BLU		RED		RED	"FOS, Brave", 2012, \$50 DN	
Otschodela	SA-52	GLD/M	LT BLU		RED		RED	"FOS, Brave", 2012, \$250 DN	
Overland Trails	S-10	BRN	GRN		BLK		WHT	Regular wear issue	
Pacific Skyline	SA-18:1	WHT	WHT		WHT		GRN	"Fair Share 2010, Courteous", FOS, \$175 DN	
Pacific Skyline	SA-66:1	WHT	WHT		WHT		ORG	"Fair Share 2011, Kind", FOS, \$175 DN	
Palmetto	SA-30	SIL/M	WHT		RED		RED	"Clean, 2011 Family FOS", \$150 DN	
Patriots' Path	SA-37:1	GRY	BLK			YEL	YEL	"Philmont, 2011 New Jersey Expedition"	
Pee Dee Area	SA-7	RED	LT BLU		YEL		RED	"Camp Coker"	200
Piedmont, NC	SA-53	BRN	GRN		RED		BLK	"Crew 709-V, Philmont 2012"	
Revolutionary Trails	SA-35	BLU	RED		R/W/B		WHT	"2002 2012, 10th Anniversary"	
Sam Houston Area	SA-60	ORG	LT ORG		WHT		WHT	"2012 Friends of Scouting, Defining Character. Refining Lives."	
San Diego Imperial	SA-13	BLK	LT BLU		LT BLU		RED	"Philmont 2011"	
Seneca Waterways	SA-17	BLK	GRN			BLU	BLU	"Massawepie Scout Camps, 1952 2012, 60"	500
Seneca Waterways	SA-18	BLK c/e	BLK		YEL		RED	"Camp Babcock-Hovey Staff, 75th Anniversary"	100
Seneca Waterways	SA-19	RED	BLU		WHT		RED	"Philmont, 2012 Expedition 712-Q"	300
Sequoia	SA-52	YEL	BLU		YEL		WHT	"Our 101st Year of Scouting", 2011 FOS	
Simon Kenton	SA-247	YEL c/e	BLU		WHT		YEL	"2012, 100 Years of Eagle Scouts"	
Simon Kenton	SA-248	BLK	GRY		BLU		BLK	"Scout Night, July 14th, Ohio Machine 2012 Inaugural Season"	
Simon Kenton	SA-249	DK GRN c/e	OLIVE		DK GRN		DK GRN	"NOAC 2012", trader issue	400
Simon Kenton	SA-250	RED	GRN		BLK		WHT	"NOAC 2012", delegate issue	300
Simon Kenton	SA-251	GLD/M	GRN		BLK		WHT	"NOAC 2012"	100
Simon Kenton	SA-252	RED	LT BLU		LT BLU		RED	"1962 2012, Chief Logan Reservation"	
Simon Kenton	SA-253	WHT	LT BLU		LT BLU		RED	"1962 2012, Chief Logan Reservation"	
Simon Kenton	SA-254	YEL	LT BLU		LT BLU		RED	"1962 2012, Chief Logan Reservation"	
Simon Kenton	SA-255	GRY	LT BLU			R/W/B	WHT	"Ohio State Fair 2012"	250
South Plains	SA-18:1	BLU	YEL/RED		BLU		BLU	"Courteous Kind", 2007 FOS, \$240 DN	
South Plains	SA-19:2	BLU	YEL/RED		BLU		BLU	"Obedient Cheerful", 2008 FOS, \$240 DN	
Twin Rivers	SA-130:1	GRY	R/W/B		YEL		YEL	"Trustworthy, Friends of Scouting 2011", \$500 DN	
Twin Rivers	SA-130:2	GLD	R/W/B		YEL		YEL	"Trustworthy, Friends of Scouting 2011", \$1000 DN	
Western Massachusetts	S-10	BLU	LT BLU			R/W/B	BLU	"Prepared. For Life.", regular wear issue	
Yocona Area	S-74	BLK	PUR/ORG/GLD		ORG		WHT	"Mississippi 1926", Regular wear issue	
Yocona Area	SA-75	GLD/M	PUR/ORG/GLD		ORG		WHT	"Mississippi 1926"	
Yocona Area	SA-76	SIL/M	R/W/B		RED, BLU		SIL/M	"Eagle Scout"	



Hobby Trends

Books Make a Difference

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In my periodic review of hobby trends and values I sit back and look across the hobby to gauge what is happening. In one of those reflective moments I asked myself "Why do some areas hold up so well and others fade away?" This column, is the result of one of the answers.

First some background. My team has been handling Scout memorabilia for nearly thirty years and my personal collecting activity goes back another fifteen. I have written six books and contributed to numerous others. Some areas of our hobby have always been popular, or at least so it seems from my experience, while other areas come and go.

I may be old school but I like printed reference works. So do, it seems, most others. A recent Facebook posting asked "What reference books do you use?" Others gave some posts. I then proceeded to list over 15 that we regularly use. Some of the follow-up comments came back that they had never heard of most of them. This was because either they were out of print, 'forgotten to memory', or have limited distribution.

The bottom-line is there IS a relationship between areas in our hobby that have printed reference books and their collecting strength as compared to those areas that do not. Order of the Arrow collecting is our most intense area for a variety of reasons but it is also one of the areas with the earliest illustrated collecting books – the Wabaningo Lodge Emblem Handbook circa 1952. Now there is a "chicken and the egg" situation here. Is OA collecting popular because there is a book or is there a book because OA patch collecting is popular? Its not clear. It does not matter though as there have been a series of OA patch collecting books for decades: Arapaho II and update, First Flaps, First Flaps in Color, Bill Price's books.

Other areas that are strong, at least in interest, also have a long history of collecting books. Council shoulder patches (CSPs) have a history that goes back to 1973 with the change over from red and white strips to multi-color CSPs. The authors and book titles have changed but books are still coming out on a regular basis. The current reference standard is Council Shoulder Insignia which expanded a couple of editions ago to include the former red and white council strips (RWS). RWS have been popular in their own right as reference books have been available since they were discontinued although I am not aware of such a book existing while they were actively being issued.

On the other side, areas that are weak either have not had a reference book or the reference works are woefully out of date. The best example that comes to mind is BSA National Jamboree related items. The last meaningful reference is Arapaho I by Breithaupt and Hoogeveen published in 1976. For JSPs its John Hice's BSA National Jamboree Shoulder Insignia which goes through 1997 or about 1,500 issues so less than half of the issues now out there.

Given this premise, that where there are up to date books there is collecting strength where are we today?

Areas that are current include:

- Collecting Boy Scout Rank Badges, in color (Myers)
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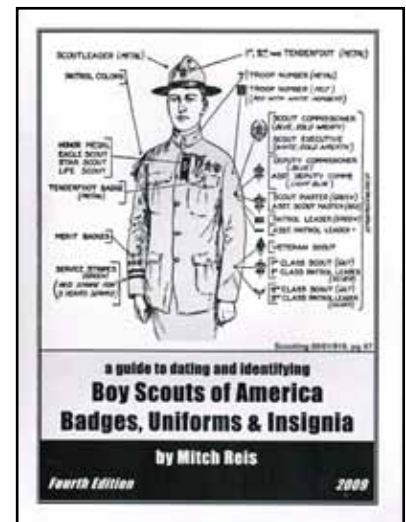
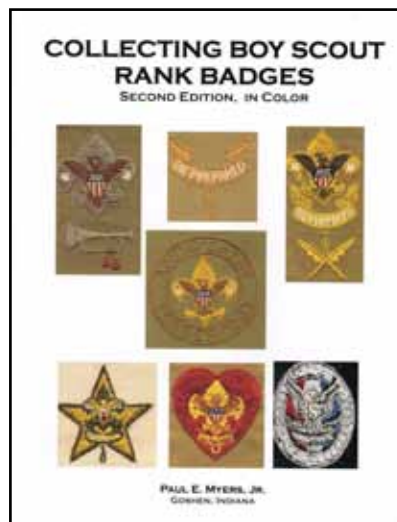
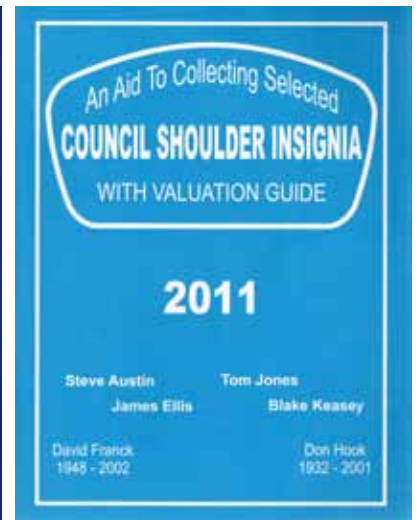
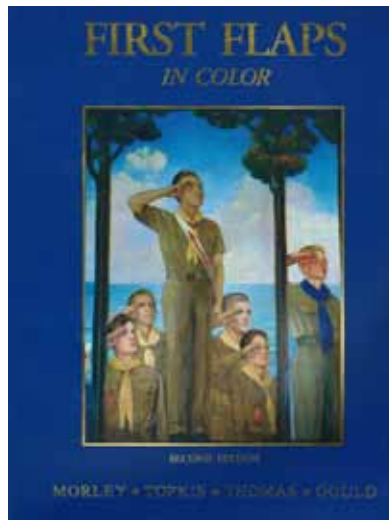
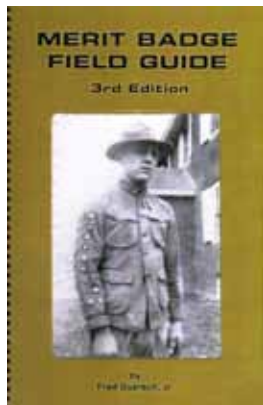
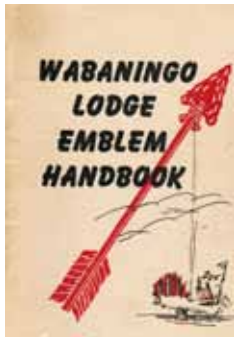
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- Early non-BSA Scout programs

Print is dead. Long live print!

As I mentioned at the beginning, I may be old school but print works for me. It seems to work for most. But we are approaching as in Council Shoulder Insignia or have passed as in OA Blue Book or The Camp Book the "print event horizon" - the point where the amount of information is greater than what can be conveniently printed. For OA Blue Book this was the 5th edition in 2004 which was two thick volumes that I never see anyone carry. The 2006 6th edition was a three volume printing that cost \$100 per copy and may not have sold 100 copies. I know folks have suggested to the authors of CSI that they include JSPs but they have not. It would not surprise me that volume thickness is one of their concerns. As it is, they have greatly reduced the printed documentation of issue varieties due to the number of issues reported.

So if print is dead but collectors like printed references what are the solutions? It is not clear. Yet. Debbie Hite and her significant other have done a wonderful job with JSPs on CDs in PDF. Neil Larsen has created a tablet version of his World Jamboree reference book. The Camp Book is distributed on a CD. There are web-sites for CSPs, camp patches, mugs, and more. The OA Blue Book with the support of collector technologists like Dave Pede are programming on-line systems with print-on-demand capabilities where you create your own "Blue Book" based on your specifications. Smart phone apps for our collecting areas are likely. One of these styles may win out. Or they all may. Smart phones and tablets are clearly part of our future but internet and wi-fi are not everywhere. Yet. The future is exciting but if you want to add value to your area of collecting, then document the past.

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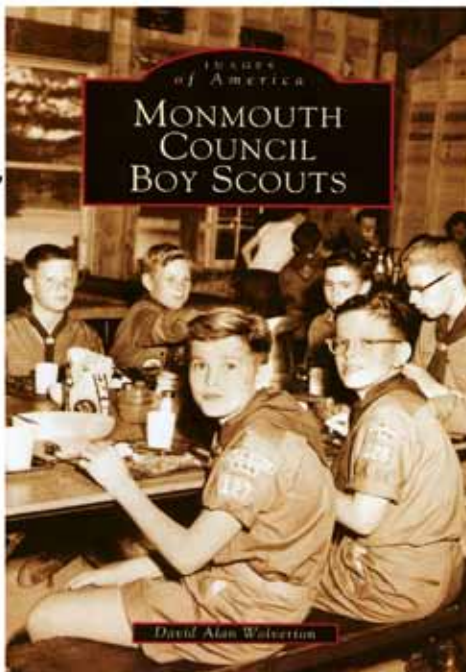
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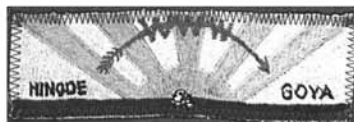
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