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2007 YEAR IN REVIEW
The Year Of The Chapter?

FROM THE EDITORS

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Looking back at 2007. The Winter issue has always been where we have listed all of the known issues of the previous year. The year 2007 would usually be considered an "off year" in terms of production. While the year did not have a National Jamboree or a National Order of the Arrow Conference, the World Jamboree did lead to the production of several emblems, more than any other World event before. How much was this an "off year"?

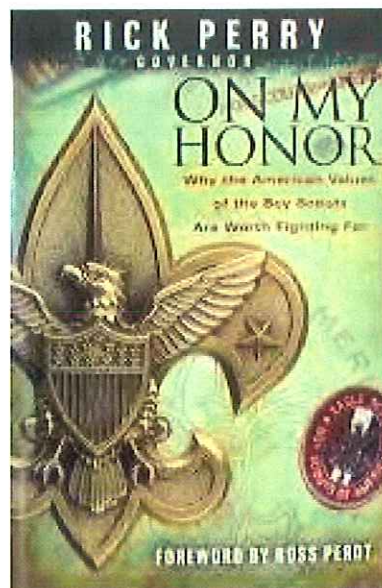
#	ISSUES		ACTIVITIES	
	LODGE	CHAPTER	LODGE	CHAPTER
85	0	0	4	0
200	8	4	5	5
237	3	0	9	0
239	2	0	4	0
265	9	2	10	2
326	5	19	7	3
340	0	5	7	0
385	2	0	6	0
564	2	3	7	1
TOTAL	31	33	59	11

COUNCIL	CSP	WORLD JAMBO
Cent. FL	19	1
Gulf Coast	4	3
Gulf Ridge	2	1
Gulf Stream	3	2
N. FL	7	2
S. FL	2	2
SW FL	3	2
Suwannee R	1	0
WC FL	3	2
TOTAL	44	15

For the first time in memory, there has been more chapter emblems made (33) than lodge emblems (31), even though only five of the nine Florida lodges have chapter emblems. Chapter activity patches are still limited for the most part for staffing Camporees (the Nok Su Conch Craziiness account for the rest).

This year is a rare "off year" as well, as the only National patch event will be the ArrowCorps5 service projects. Chapter patches are still likely to be made in growing

numbers, especially in older lodges where chapters will be celebrating their own anniversaries.



"On My Honor". Texas Governor Rick Perry has written a new book about his experiences in Scouting as he grew up in the town of Paint Creek. He also includes the thirty-year history of the

litigation that the Boy Scouts of America has been forced to defend. Most have been won by the BSA, some lost.

Speaking of which, the city of Philadelphia has had a lease with the Boy Scouts for their headquarters office; the same office building that was built by the Scouts and given to the city. Despite the terms of the long-term lease of \$1 each year, Philadelphia has broken the lease, and gave the Cradle of Liberty Council a choice: either renounce the policies of the national BSA, pay the market rate lease of \$200,000 each year, or vacate the building. The date of eviction is scheduled to be May 31, 2008.

See you at the Section Conference!

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2007 FLORIDA CHECKLIST

ORDER OF THE ARROW LODGE ISSUES

SEMINOLE LODGE 85

NO NEW ISSUES

ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200

- ☐ 200-S-31 traditional service flap design; 65mm x 122mm; CD
- ☐ 200-S-32 2007 Section S-4S Conference Host; RED border (unrestricted); 1100 made
- ☐ 200-X-19 2007 Section S-4S Conference Host; pocket patch; 700 made
- ☐ 200-N-9 (also P-4) 2007 Section S-4S Conference Host; 250 made
- ☐ 200-J-2 2007 Section S-4S Conference Host; 250 made
- ☐ 200-C-5 2007 Section S-4S Conference Host; 200 made
- ☐ 200-X-20 2007 Section S-4S Conference Host CSP; 1400 made
- ☐ 200-PIN-7 matches the two Chiefs on S-30 and S-32, in color; 600 made

chapter issues

Apieka Chapter

- ☐ X-2 alligator head; 200 made

Elemukulek Chapter

- ☐ X-1 chevron shape

Oglala Chapter

- ☐ R-1 Best All Around Chapter 2007; 100 made

Saturiwa Chapter

- ☐ R-1

AAL-PA-TAH LODGE 237

- ☐ 237-X-53 Scoutreach Mentoring
- ☐ 237-S-91 2007 World Jamboree; GLD border; sold for \$5 each
- ☐ 237-S-92 2007 World Jamboree; GMY border; sold for \$25 each

SEMIALACHEE LODGE 239

- ☐ 239-S-69 2006 NOAC Pre-Ordeal Honor Team (issued in 2007)
- ☐ 239-S-70 2007 Section S-4S Seminars Host

O-SHOT-CAW LODGE 265

- ☐ 265-S-116 2007 Southern Region Chief; YEL border; sold by lodge
- ☐ 265-S-117 2007 Southern Region Chief; GMY border; distributed by the chief
- ☐ 265-S-118 "A Tradition of Excellence"; sold to attendees of the Lodge Banquet Weekend

AND the Section Conference

- ☐ 265-S-119 new regular issue design
- ☐ 265-X-44 Ron Bell (issued for event)
- ☐ 265-S-120 2007 World Jamboree; GLD border; sold for \$5 each
- ☐ 265-S-121 2007 World Jamboree; GMY border; sold for \$25 each
- ☐ 265-B-5 design of F-3; 50 made
- ☐ 265-S-122 2007 LEC

chapter issues

Nok Su Chapter

- ☐ X-6 RED sea kayak; 100 made; \$5 each
- ☐ X-7 BLU sea kayak; 100 made; \$10 each

TIPISA LODGE 326

- ☐ 326-C-5 8 1/2" diameter; no felt backing
- ☐ 326-C-6 same as C-6; felt backing
- ☐ 326-C-7 Joe Cyr Tipisa Museum Dedication
- ☐ 326-J-7 map of the 14 chapters; GRN background
- ☐ 326 belt buckle; cast metal of lodge neckerchief design

chapter issues

Astatula Chapter

- ☐ X-3 5th anniversary

Elauwit Chapter

- ☐ X-8 3 Years Of Service
- ☐ X-9 5 Years Of Service
- ☐ X-10 7 Years Of Service
- ☐ X-11 LBL background; glow-in-the-dark border

Estiote Chapter

- ☐ X-2 RED border, no lettering

Klallam Chapter

- ☐ Klallam Chapter X-1

Micconope Chapter

- ☐ X-13 BLK monochrome

Takachsin Chapter

- ☐ X-1

Tomoka Chapter

- ☐ X-10 50th anniversary of the chapter; GMY border, full color design
- ☐ X-11 50th anniversary of the chapter; GLD monochrome
- ☐ X-12 50th anniversary of the first chapter meeting

- ☐ N-2 50th anniversary, poly-cotton cloth

- ☐ N-3 50th anniversary, satin cloth

Tosohatchee Chapter

- ☐ X-7 "flaming chicken"
- ☐ X-8 flaming chicken on rectangular design

Wewahitchka Chapter

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- ☐ X-5c patch dyed DGN; given to attendees of the 2007 Section Seminars; 15 made
- ☐ X-5d patch dyed DBL; service award; 25 made

Woapalane Chapter

- ☐ X-3 "Return To Flight 2006"

TIMUQUAN LODGE 340

chapter issues

Arpieka Chapter

- ☐ A-5 WHT monochrome; 200 made

Hiyaraba Chapter

- ☐ X-5 chevron shape

Outina Chapter

- ☐ Outina Chapter X-6 GRN border; 200 made

Yahi Yaha Chapter

- ☐ Yahi Yaha Chapter X-5 53 mm x 74 mm; BRN mylar border
- ☐ Yahi Yaha Chapter X-6 77 mm x 104 mm; BRN mylar border

YUSTAGA LODGE 385

- ☐ 385-S-56? Frank Henry commemorative
- ☐ 385-X- Whipple Circle restoration project

OSCEOLA LODGE 564

- ☐ 564-medal 2007 Elangomat
- ☐ 564-medal Ceremonial Team

chapter issues

Tokosee Mathla Chapter

- ☐ X-5 TAN face on panther; Ordeal
- ☐ X-6 BLU face on panther; Brotherhood
- ☐ X-7 PNK face on panther and RED triangle; Vigil

LODGE ACTIVITY PATCHES

SEMINOLE LODGE 85

- ☐ Winter Fellowship
- ☐ Spring Conclave
- ☐ Lodge Banquet
- ☐ Fall Conclave

ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200

"Four Principals Of The Ordeal" theme

- ☐ Winter Fellowship
- ☐ Spring Fellowship
- ☐ Summer Fellowship
- ☐ Fall Fellowship
- ☐ "Special Needs Camporee" staff

chapter activity patches

Elemukulek Chapter

- ☐ 2007 River Bend District Winter Camporee
- ☐ 2007 River Bend District Winter Camporee STAFF

Oglala Chapter

- ☐ 2007 Great Muscogee District Camporee STAFF; 50 made

Onathequa Chapter

- ☐ 2007 Conch Craziess Weekend; 100 made
- ☐ 2007 Suwannee River District Camporee Onathequa Service Corps; 75 made

AAL-PA-TAH LODGE 237

"Florida Tourist Art" theme

- ☐ Spring Pow Wow
- ☐ year patch
- ☐ S-4S Delegate
- ☐ Mega Scout Show
- ☐ Mega Scout Show; STAFF
- ☐ Service Weekend
- ☐ Ordeal
- ☐ Winter Fellowship
- ☐ Banquet

SEMIALACHEE LODGE 239

- ☐ Winter Fellowship
- ☐ Spring Fellowship
- ☐ Ordeal
- ☐ Fall Fellowship

O-SHOT-CAW LODGE 265

"Indians Of The Southeast" theme

- ☐ Winter Ordeal
- ☐ Lodge Banquet
- ☐ year patch
- ☐ Section S-4S Conference delegate
- ☐ Summer Ordeal
- ☐ Fall Ordeal
- ☐ Haunted Forest; BRN border (attendee)
- ☐ Haunted Forest; BRN mylar border (staff)
- ☐ Section S-4S Seminars delegate
- ☐ Fellowship

chapter activity patches

Nok Su Chapter

- ☐ 2007 Conch Craziess Weekend; 100 made
- ☐ 2007 Conch Craziess Weekend Vigil Breakfast; 35 made

TIPISA LODGE 326

"Ceremonials" theme 2006-2007; "Northwest Native American Items" theme 2007-2008

- ☐ 2006-2007 Chapter Ordeal; 3 1/4 inch sides; error
- ☐ 2006-2007 Chapter Ordeal; 4 inch sides
- ☐ 2007 Spring Conclave
- ☐ 2006-2007 year patch
- ☐ 2007 Service Weekend

2007 FLORIDA CHECKLIST

- ☐ 2007 Fall Fellowship
- ☐ 2007-2008 Chapter Ordeal
- chapter activity patches**

Astatula Chapter

- ☐ 2007 Manatee District Camporee; full color design (attendees)
- ☐ 2007 Manatee District Camporee; GLD monochrome (staff); 100 made

Tomoka Chapter

- ☐ 2007 Halifax District Camporee (lodge and chapter totems on patch)

TIMUQUAN LODGE 340

"Branches of the Armed Forces" theme 2006-2007; "Muscle Cars" theme 2007-2008

- ☐ 2007 Winter Conclave
- ☐ 2007 Spring Fellowship
- ☐ 2007 Vigil Breakfast
- ☐ 2007 Lodge Banquet
- ☐ year patch 2006-2007
- ☐ Summer Conclave
- ☐ Fall Conclave

YUSTAGA LODGE 385

"High Adventure Programs" theme

- ☐ *Green Bar Bill Training*
- ☐ *Green Bar Bill Training; staff*
- ☐ Ordeal
- ☐ Lodge Banquet
- ☐ Fellowship?
- ☐ Pow Wow?

OSCEOLA LODGE 564

"Seminole Shirts" theme

- ☐ Ordeal
- ☐ Work Day
- ☐ Summer
- ☐ LLDC
- ☐ Fellowship
- ☐ Winter Fellowship
- ☐ Vigil Breakfast

chapter activity issues

Tokosee Mathla Chapter

- ☐ Panther District Camporee

SECTION S-4S ISSUES

2007 SECTION S-4S CONFERENCE, HOSTED BY ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200

- ☐ patch, cut edge and button tab. Available 1/ attendee; 1250 made
- ☐ patch; rolled edge and no button tab; sold at Trading Post; 700 made

- ☐ jacket patch; 250 made
- ☐ chenille; 200 made
- ☐ neckerchief; 200 made
- ☐ neckerchief slide; 150 made
- ☐ bolo tie; 100 made
- ☐ pin #1; design of conference patch; 300 made
- ☐ pin #2; participation; design of the two chiefs in BLK, to fit over chiefs on conference patch; 900 made
- ☐ Vigil Reunion; 400 made
- ☐ Ordeal Luncheon; 400 made
- ☐ Section S-4S Golf Tournament (held in conjunction with the Conference)

- ☐ Section S-4S golf ball
- ☐ Section S-4S golf towel

SECTION S-4S SEMINARS, HOSTED BY SEMIALACHEE LODGE 239

- ☐ patch

COUNCIL SHOULDER PATCHES **CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL**

- ☐ SA-78 Baden-Powell Club
- ☐ SA-79 2007 FO\$; "Character Partner"; SMY border; \$1000 donation over three years
- ☐ SA-80 2007 FO\$; "Character Partner"; GMY border; \$250 donation
- ☐ SA-81 Commissioner Team; RED border; for recruiting one commissioner; 140 made
- ☐ SA-82 Commissioner Team; WHT border; for recruiting two commissioners; 50 made
- ☐ SA-83 Commissioner Team; BLU border; for recruiting three commissioners; 30 made
- ☐ SA-84 Commissioner Team; GLD border; for recruiting four commissioners; 30 made
- ☐ SA-85 Philmont Trek; 200 made
- ☐ SA-86 Lenard and Marjorie Williams Scout Reservation; GMY border; 1000 made (dated 2008)
- ☐ SA-87 Lenard and Marjorie Williams Scout Reservation; GMY border; 1000 made (dated 2008)
- ☐ SA-88 50 years of Space Flight; Northrup-Grumman; 500 made (dated 2008)
- ☐ SA-89 50 years of Space Flight; International Space Station; 500 made (dated 2008)
- ☐ SA-90 50 years of Space Flight; Mars Rover; 500 made (dated 2008)
- ☐ SA-91 50 years of Space Flight; Hubble Telescope; 500 made (dated 2008)
- ☐ SA-92 50 years of Space Flight; Lunar roving vehicle; 500 made (dated 2008)

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- ☐ SA-93 50 years of Space Flight; space shuttle; 500 made (dated 2008)
- ☐ TA-94 RED/ WHITE; 85 YEARS; 1.5 mm thick letters, 4 mm tall; no tags between lettering; 1000 made
- ☐ SA-95 RED/WHITE; 85 YEARS, with WHT THANK YOU; 500 made
- ☐ TA-96? RED/WHITE; 85 YEARS; 2 mm thick letters, 5 mm tall; tags between letters; darker RED twill; 100 made
- ☐ WJ-07 World Jamboree 2007
- ☐ Z- Sea Scout; private issue, made for a single unit

GULF COAST COUNCIL

- ☐ SA-8 2007 FO\$; multi-color background
- ☐ SA-9 2007 FO\$; RED monochrome background
- ☐ SA-10 2007 FO\$; BLU monochrome background
- ☐ SA-11 2007 FO\$; photochromatic background
- ☐ WJ-07a US flag and state outline; BLU border; issued to contingent members
- ☐ WJ-07b US flag and state outline; WHT border; issued to troop leaders and staff
- ☐ WJ-07c eagle on horizon over beach; part of matching set made by Alabama councils; 100 made

GULF RIDGE COUNCIL

- ☐ SA-39 Wood Badge; ORG fdl; attendee; 100 made
- ☐ SA-40 Wood Badge; GLD fdl; staff; 100 made
- ☐ WJ-07 World Jamboree 2007

GULF STREAM COUNCIL

- ☐ SA-22; FO\$; "Kind"
- ☐ SA-23; "Service to Camp Tanah Keeta", SMY border (40 hours)
- ☐ SA-24; "Service to Camp Tanah Keeta", GMY border (80 hours)
- ☐ SA-25; "Service to Camp Oklawaha", RED border (40 hours)
- ☐ SA-26; "Service to Camp Oklawaha", BLK border (40 hours)
- ☐ WJ-07a GLD border; sold for \$5 each; 190 made
- ☐ WJ-07b GMY border; sold for \$25 each; 115 made

NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL

- ☐ SA-38 (also 200-X-20) "King of College Sports"; 2007 Section S-4S Conference Host; 1400 made
- ☐ SA-39 FO\$; color design; \$120 donation
- ☐ SA-40 FO\$; GRN monochrome; given to those participating in IC presentations; 75 made
- ☐ SA-41 Brownsea 2007
- ☐ SA-42 Kodiak training; GRN border; attendee; 74 made
- ☐ SA-43 Kodiak training; GRN mylar border; staff; 26 made
- ☐ SA-44 Winter Blast; 150 made
- ☐ WJ-07a shark design
- ☐ WJ-07b University of Florida "King of College Sports" design; 103 made

SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL

- ☐ SA-30 2007 FO\$
- ☐ SA-31 2007 Eagle Sponsor; RMY border; \$150 donation
- ☐ WJ-07a GLD border; sold for \$5 each; 310 made
- ☐ WJ-07b GMY border; sold for \$25 each; 95 made

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COUNCIL

- ☐ SA-14 Silver Beaver Association; GRN border
- ☐ SA-15 Silver Beaver Association; SMY border
- ☐ SA-16 2007 FO\$; \$125 donation
- ☐ WJ-07a GLD border; sold for \$5 each; 100 made
- ☐ WJ-07b GMY border; sold for \$25 each; 50 made

SUWANNEE RIVER AREA COUNCIL

- ☐ SA-16 2007 FO\$

WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL

- ☐ SA-11 90th anniversary of the council; palm tree design; 500 made
- ☐ SA-12 90th anniversary of the council; BSA logo design; 500 made
- ☐ SA-13 2007 FO\$; \$186 donation
- ☐ WJ-07a GLD border; sold for \$5 each; 90 made
- ☐ WJ-07b GMY border; sold for \$25 each; 40 made
- ☐ Z- Troop 30, Dunedin, FL PRIVATE ISSUE



200-S-33 2008; ArrowCorps5; sold for \$15 each; 250 made.



265-B-5 2007; design of F-3 "ugly duckling"; 50 made.



326 Wewahitchka Chapter (clockwise, from left) J-1 2008; GMY border. R-1 RMY border; regular issue. R-2 WHT border; service award. R-3 GMY border; 50th anniversary





265 To-Hopki-Lagi
Chapter X-3 2008; 100
made.



326 Tosohatchee Chapter
X-8 2007; "wild chicken"
design on older patch
design.



(left) 200 Winter
Fellowship 2008; (below)
200 year patch 2008; 22
colors. Parts of the
lodge's 2008 "Florida's
Coral Reef" series.

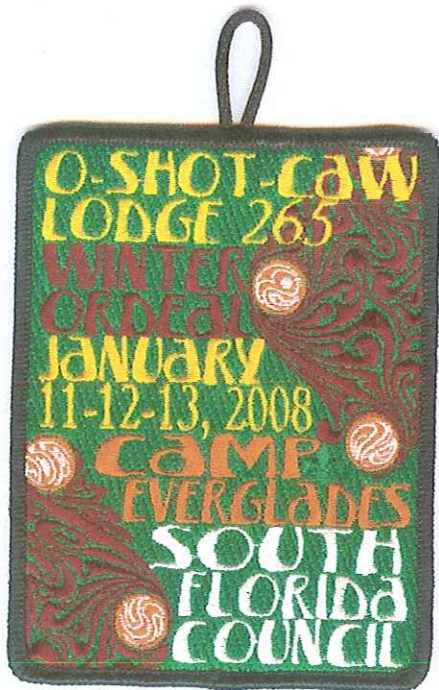




265 Section S-4S Seminars 2007 Delegate.
Part of 2007 series "Indians of the
Southeast"



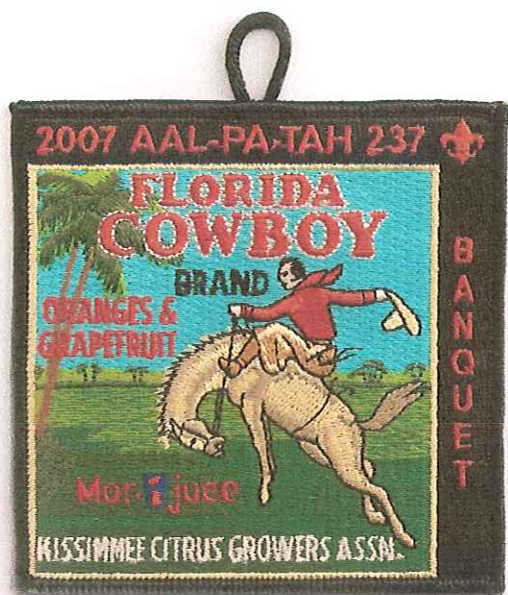
(above) 564 Winter Fellowship
(RED background), 2007 Vigil
Breakfast. Parts of 2007 series
"Seminole Shirts" (left) 564
Ceremonies Team medal.



265 Winter Ordeal 2008. Part
of 2008 series of activity patch
designs based on rock concert
poster art.



326 luggage tag; 2008.



237 Banquet 2007. Part of lodge's 2007 series "Florida Tourist Art".



326 Native American Weekend 2008. Part of 2007-2008 series "Northwestern Native American Items"



(left; top) 85 Spring Conclave 2007. (below) Fall Conclave 2007. Not pictured: Lodge Banquet 2007.



(right, top) 385 Green Bar Bill 2008 Training. (below) Green bar Bill Staff.



Gulf Stream Council SA-27 2008 FO\$



North Florida Council SA-42 2007 Kodiak Leadership Training; GRN mylar border, staff; 26 made



Gulf Stream Council SA-26 2008; BLK border; 40 hours of service to Camp Oklawaha



North Florida Council SA-43 2007 Winter Blast resident camp; 150 made.



Gulf Stream Council SA-25 2008; RMY border; 80 hours of service to Camp Oklawaha



Southwest Florida Council SA-14 Silver Beaver Association; GRN border



North Florida Council SA-42 2007 Kodiak Leadership Training; GRN border; 74 made.



Southwest Florida CSA-14 Silver Beaver Association; SMY border



Central Florida Council SA-97 2008
Sunshine Trade-O-Ree; sold for \$10 each;
300 made

2008 SUNSHINE TRADE-O-REE

The twentieth annual Sunshine Trade-O-Ree is now history. What began as a gathering of collectors in a motel suite in Melbourne has grown into a Florida reunion of traders and friends in Orlando every February, with many coming from outside the state to join in the fun.

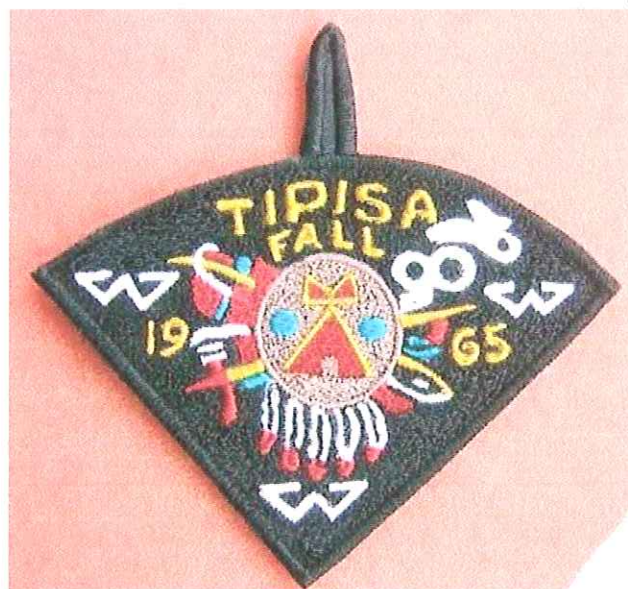
For the last several years, the event has been sponsored by Central Florida Council, and run by Terry Grove. This year, the council made a commemorative CSP for the Trade-O-Ree. Almost all of the available tables were sold out, and over 200 people ultimately attended over the two days.

Almost anyone could have found a need for their collections with a little bit of searching, and a little bit of money or trading material. The highlight of the weekend was the auction on Friday night, where an O-Shot-Caw 265 Lodge Executive Committee 1979 patch sold for \$950, and a 1979 SE-6 Conference maroon border (host version) sold for \$1200.

Camp Down, a facility owned by the Orlando Utility Commission, has been the host facility for the Trade-O-Ree for the last several years. Next year's event will be held at a new, as-yet unidentified venue in the metro Orlando area.



Artwork for the 2008 Section S-4S Conference,
hosted by Osceola Lodge 564



Recently sold on eBay; crude "reproduction" of the Tipisa 326 Fall 1965 patch. Real patch has a cut edge and seven feathers; fake has rolled edge, five feathers, irregular lettering.

NEW ISSUES

Not a whole lot has been made since the last issue of the Newsletter, so this section will be somewhat short.

> **Echokotee 200** has released their ArrowCorps5 flap (**S-33**). Orders were taken for a short time, at \$15 each; 250 were made.

> **O-Shot-Caw 265** made a new bullion (**B-5**), in the design of the "ugly duckling" flap of the 1960s. Only 50 of these bullions were produced, and they were sold at the lodge's Fellowship event.

To Hopki Lagi Chapter created a new patch for their chapter, their third in 30 years (**X-2**), with a total of 100 made.

> From **Tipisa 326**, **Wewahitchka Chapter** has made even more items, this time with a design that no one has yet been able to explain. With the new design, there is a regular issue (**R-1**, RMY border), a service patch (**R-2**, WHT border), with 25 made, and a 50th anniversary patch (**R-3**), with a matching jacket version (**J-1**). The anniversary versions each had 150 made. **Tosohatchee Chapter** has another new emblem, combining their "crazy chicken" totem with their older design (**X-8**).

But most of the new issues in the last few months have been council shoulder patches. **North Florida Council** held a Kodiak training weekend for their Venturing program, with two CSPs made: GRN border for the attendees (74 made), and GRN mylar border for the staff (26 made). In late December, the council held their first Winter Blast resident camp program, with each attendee receiving two CSPs made for the activity (150 made).

Gulf Stream Council was the first council in the state to come out with their 2008 FO\$ CSP. Two for those that gave service to Camp Oklawaha (BLK border, 40 hours; RMY bdr, 80 hours) came out late in 2007.

In 2007, Southwest Florida Council made two shoulder patches for their "Silver Beaver Association", one with a GRN border, the other with a SMY border.

notes & asides

What are the lodges in the state making for their 2008 weekend patches?

> The theme for the 2008 activity patches for **Echokotee 200** is "Florida's Coral Reef". Each of the five weekend patches (four Fellowships and the Section Conference) features one of the aquatic creatures that are on the year patch. The year patch itself has 22 colors, which is likely to be a record for the number of colors on a patch.....

> ...until **Aal-Pa-Tah 237** releases their 2008 patches, with the theme of "ArrowCorps5". The year patch is a combination of each of their five activity pieces, around a central design in the middle. This patch is expected to have 32 colors, and 30 sides.

> **Tipisa 326** is continuing with their 2007-08 series of Northwestern Native American items, with an extra item made for their first annual "Native American weekend". Still to come are the Service Weekend, Spring Fellowship, and the year patch. The artwork for the year patch, depicting an ornamented canoe, is stunning.

> **Timuquan 340** is continuing with their 2007-08 series of muscle cars, but there was no patch available for their Winter Conclave. The reason given was either bad weather in China, or the party responsible for placing the order failed to do so.

> **O-Shot-Caw 265** will have a theme for 2008 of "Rock Concert Posters", with each event's badge in the style of an old 1960's psychedelic advertisement.

> **Seminole 85** will have a puzzle set for 2008, with six different pieces for the year. The full set could be ordered early by lodge members.

> **Osceola 564** and **Semialachee 239?** Don't know yet. But Osceola usually has a theme. If Semialachee puts a series together, this could be the first year in a long time that all eight lodges in S-4S have themes.

> In 2006, "The Scout History Project"

was launched by Ben Killen, Tim Hall, and Chris Brightwell, with the assistance of Dr. James Flatt, as a way to document the history of Scouting, through two projects. The Scout History Wiki is set up to work the same way as Wikipedia.com, allowing contributors to post articles about all sorts of Scouting history (not just patch-related). To learn more about this and how to get involved, go to www.scouts.org/history/wiki/Main_Page.

The second project is a series of internet broadcasts called "ClothTalk". So far, thirty "podcasts" have been posted on a bi-weekly basis, up to October 30, 2007. Each podcast is between 28 and 45 minutes, with insightful interviews with collectors, traders, and Scouting historians. To download the podcasts in mp3 format, go to either www.scouts.org/history/clothtalk/, or www.scouts.org/history/clothtalk/?cat=5 for those with dial-up access (low-quality sound). Check out episode 15, for the interview with Terry Grove, about his authoritative book on the Eagle Scout rank, its history, and the related insignia.

> In December 2007, National distributed a letter to the councils, announcing a change in the new "approved vendor policy". If it was possible to make a bad situation worse, this was it. Where the previous interpretation of the policy required all items purchased by councils, lodges, districts, and units to come from suppliers that have been approved by the BSA (with the required fees and extremely high insurance coverage), the announcement allows purchases from unapproved local vendors, so long as that vendor does business with only one council. What this will mean is that small vendors will not have to purchase the \$5 million in liability insurance, and charge 8% for the BSA royalty fee, as long as the vendors drops its business with all but one council. Those that attempt to create business with other councils are at a competitive disadvantage with the very small and very large vendors.



> Congratulations to Ken Knaebel, for being named as the 2009 Section S-4S Conference advisor by Timuquan 340. Extremely wise and capable choice! Also, for being selected for Silver Beaver.

THE RUMOR MILL

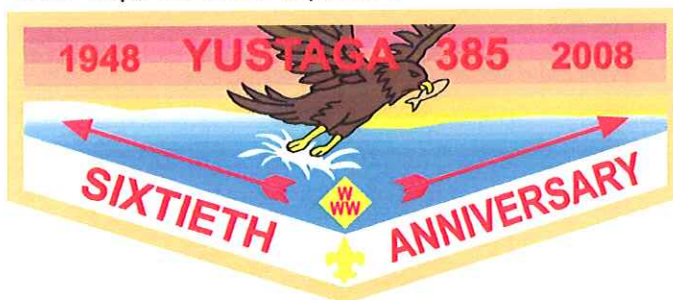
* O-Shot-Caw 265 is planning to produce items for their ArrowCorps5 contingent. Planned are three two piece sets: one set for everyone to buy, another for just the contingent, and a special set, one per contingent member.

* Section S-4S will also be making two patches for the national service project this summer, but attendance will not be the difference between the two patches, just the amount that the purchaser wants to spend (\$5 vs. \$25). Proceeds are for scholarships.

* At the Spring Ordeal for Osceola Lodge 564, a design competition was supposed to take place for a new flap. This is in addition to whatever gets made for hosting the 2008 Section Conference.

* Echokotee 200 has developed a series of patches for their Ceremonial Committee. One patch will be for all lodge members to purchase, another for members only, and a jacket patch for those that participate in four ceremonies.

* Yustaga 385 will be celebrating their 60th anniversary this year. Their website (www.yustaga385.com) has the artwork for their flap, we have it pictured here as well.



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