

Troop 32 Historical Committee

In a little more than 360 days, we will witness the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America on February 8,th 2010. Both at the National and Council level, there will be ample opportunities for the Scouts and Scouters of Troop 32 to enjoy this special moment in the history of the BSA. However, Troop 32 is among the units which has a rich history and we have much of it collected.

During Troop 32's 70th Anniversary, a video history was produced and distributed. During Troop 32's 75th Anniversary, a hardbound book was published. Although we will be shy of our 85th Anniversary as a unit, the BSA 100th Anniversary is a golden opportunity for the current Scouts and Scouters to meet our Alumni from days gone past. It's also an opportunity to create another heirloom that chronicles the amazing adventures we've had in the last 5 years.

I'm looking for volunteers who can assist in the following:

1/ typing our current history onto word format or converting from formatting it is in.

2/ Inserting the pictures used for the original 75th Anniversary history book

3/ writing the history of significant Troop events from the summer of 2002 to present.

- story of our consistent membership increase. Our Secret?
- 2005 National Jamboree contingent – 1st Troop in history of Longhorn Council to totally make up a Jamboree troop
- Hawaii Summer Camp. USS Arizona, USS Missouri, Kwahadi dancers, Dole Plantation, HAWAIIANA Award, etc
- Alaska Trip. Arctic Circle, interesting stories, high adventure story
- Eagle Scout and former SPL Jonathan Demma realizes his vocation while studying engineering and joins the Franciscan Priory located at New Jersey. Jonathan is among the 8 + religious from Troop 32 that we know of.
- Philmont Kanik. Building Quincy hut and staying in it overnight
- Aviation Campouts. I hear there was frozen water buckets in the morning during 1 weekend
- WR Shooting weekends.
- Panther Camp. The tradition of preparing our newest scouts and the stories that come with it...something about 10 inches of rain in ___ hours
- Milestone of 200 Eagle Scouts. I've begun a special edition booklet featuring our Eagle Scout accomplishments, a picture if I have it, and stories.

- A Legend In His Own Time: John Edward "Ole Man" Gillespie was published during 2008 in conjunction with the special issue 100th Anniversary patch given out during the Longhorn Council Camporee.

4/ Scanning of pictures down to a file size that we can fit all this onto 1 CD. Since I have 100 pages of articles from 4 newspapers, Scouting Magazine, Columbia magazine, Official BSA Ad's featuring a T32er, etc regarding Troop 32ers throughout our history, working to refine it but get as much as we can publish for everyone to enjoy.

5/ Does someone have video mixing experience or capability with 16mm, 8mm and VHS formats? If someone has this ability for 1 or all of these, we can also put together a DVD with historic T32 movies from as far back as the 1940's.

6/ Pictures and identifications of Scouts and Scouters with as many scouts together at once. Both in the video history and in the hardbound book, I tried to feature every scout I could at least once by using pictures with as many scouts at once in uniform. Group pictures are preferable from every major event.

7/ Conducting a "Photo Shoot" of all current and former Troop 32 Alumni similar to our photo shoots undertaken during 2002. Group pictures of all Eagles present at photo shoot, all religious awardees present at photo shoot, all clergy present at photo shoot, etc.

8/ We need a few images of Troop 32 patch issues to add to current collection. We have very few group Kanik Philmont pictures, 1 summer Philmont expedition patch (2006-7or 8), etc.
www.philmontadventure.com

9/ Recent Crew group pictures for Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, etc.

We are over halfway on our way to a CD that no one in Longhorn Council will be able to match.

On Tuesday, Feb 17th, I will bring a portion of T32 historical items for display as part of some Pack visits. I would like to meet during a future regular meeting when those interested can all get together.

Unpreserved history is legacy lost,

John Ryan

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