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Cape Fear Council, BSA Historical Association Annual Report 2009

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During the past year the association was able to expand both its display space and its collection. We were assigned the 2 large display cabinets formally used in the scout shop and were able to relocate them to the lobby in the scout office building. The smaller case, which had been in the lobby, was then relocated to the BB&T Training Center. This allowed us to mount larger displays in both locations.

A steering committee has been established and held its first meeting in March.

Major additions to the collection were received from the estate of Gene Risley III, Ken Newbold and Ben Viloski. Additionally many smaller but no less important items were received. Many council scouters have dipped into their personal collections to help us fill gaps in the association collection. We now have over 3,300 items in our inventory. A copy of the 6/30/09 inventory will be supplied Mr. Clevinger along with this report.

An open house, Historical Association annual meeting & memorabilia garage sale was held on October 11, 2008. During a January 2009 event we were able to display over 200 Cape Fear Council patches that we normally do not have display space for.

During this year, our second year of operation, we have been able to devote more time to organizing the collection especially the historical paper items such as copies of The Tide and board minutes as well as the research material we have collected. Additionally most of the Cape Fear Council related patches have been scanned and are ready to be displayed on the council web site. One of our members, Tony Bollinger has been working with council staff to set up a Historical Association web site within the council web site. Our portion will be linked to the council site. In addition to the patches we will have many council history items as well as our needs on the site. The first items are up but not linked yet.

We have continued our audio interviews of local scouters. During the past year we have interviewed Sam P. Douglas, Jr., Frank Gault, Dickson McLean, Sr., Ron Ely and John J. Burney, Jr. We hope to continue these interviews in the future.

During the year the association disposed of, by both sale & trade, some scouting related items that did not fit our collection. A June 30, 2009 financial statement is attached. As part of the ongoing effort to upgrade the Upchurch Museum, the association is working with council staff to replace the lighting in the building. The association will pay for the new lights. Additionally we are constructing storage areas under the BB&T Training Center display cabinets.

A special thanks to John Fort & Tony Bollinger for their continued help.

The next meeting of the association is scheduled for Saturday September 12, 2009 at the BB&T Training Center.