



The Old Man

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UPCOMING TROOP EVENTS

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| Aug 29 th | First Scout Meeting |
| Sep 12 th | Scout Meeting |
| Sep 19 th | Scout Meeting |
| Sep 24 th | Troop Campout |
| Sep 26 th | Meeting and BOR |

The troop calendar for 2005 - 2006 is posted on the website. Please visit the site and download a PDF file for either a monthly or yearly version. Visit early, visit often.

75th Anniversary

After months of preparation, the day was finally here for the celebration of the founding of Troop 70. The troop was founded in 1930 and has been meeting at University Park Elementary School the entire time.

Just before 11:00 am on June 25th the almost 300 alumni, guests, friends, Scouts, and parents began to arrive at University Park Elementary School. The guests were checked in by **Patti Brewer**, **Deborah Holmes**, and others, where they received their special name tags, lanyards, and commemorative key rings.

Many of the troop alumni arrived early to have time to visit with other former troop members. Several brought near and dear Scouting memorabilia for display and to share with the crowd.

In the gym were photos of **Charles Holmes**, Scoutmaster as he was stepping down in a few days from that post. Mr. Holmes has served as a uniformed leader for 30 years, 11 as Scoutmaster.

The program highlighted a recognition by Mr. Holmes of the assistant scoutmasters. Mr. Holmes praised the group as being the "...best group of assistant scoutmaster of any Scout troop in the country..."

Mr. **Gene Stone**, Scout Executive of Circle Ten Council was the featured speaker for the day. He had researched the troop and knew its history. Mr Stone said that "...Troop 70 is a troop

that just gets it right..."

He went on to add that during the 75 year history of the troop, over 25% of the Scouts who joined the troop earn their Eagle Scout rank.

A special thanks goes to **Shelley Eisenlohr** and **Leslie Melson** and the 75th Anniversary Committee for the months of hard work they put in on getting the event organized. It took a lot of hands to have a successful event and everyone's assistance is appreciated. See the last page for a listing of the committee members.

The Pospick Reign as Scoutmaster Begins

Robert (Bob) W. Pospick is the Scoutmaster for the troop. Bob has been a uniformed leader since 1981 having received his Eagle Scout award in May 1971. He also received the Aubry Pollard Award in 1972 and served as Senior Patrol Leader for a year and a half.

The Troop Committee met to discuss



possible candidates and Bob was a natural choice. Members of the committee met with Bob to discuss the opportunity and the rest is history.

Bob brings a wealth of experience, but will need the assistance of all the assistant scoutmasters, troop committee, and the Scouts to continue

the troops' successes.

Gene Stone Presents Henry Crown Award

During the 75th Anniversary Celebration, Mr. **Gene Stone** surprised the crowd. As he was detailing the history of the troop and its long tenure of successes, he began to speak about the scoutmaster, Mr. Holmes. Mr. Stone spoke of his service to the troop and the council.

Beside service to Troop 70 for thirty years, Mr. Holmes has served as Jamboree Chairman for the council three times, each time taking the largest council contingent from the Southern Region. He also has served on ten Wood Badge training staffs serving as course director last fall. He attended four world jamborees and seven national jamborees and will be leading a group to the world jamboree in 2007.

The Colonel Henry Crown Award is presented in recognition for outstanding service to youth. Mr. Stone presented the award to Mr. Holmes in recognition of his long service to the Scouts of Troop 70 and the council.

Eagle Awards Presented

The 75th Anniversary Celebration saw the presentation of three more Eagle Scouts. **Bobby Shaw**, **Michael Kaptain**, and **Travis McDaniel** all received their Eagle Scout awards at the event.

The celebration was a special venue for the awards as Troop 70 Eagles from 8 decades were there to participate in the ceremony.

The presentation of these awards brings the Troop 70 count of Eagle awards presented to 373. Please congratulate our three new Eagle

Scouts.

Thank You



The 75th Anniversary Celebration was a special event. That was known many months before it actually happened. What I did not know was what was planned for my stepping down as Scoutmaster.

A "thank you" to the Scouts, parents, troop committee, and friends is not enough to say, for the very touching pictures, comments, and award presentation. I was surprised and also very touched.

The letters from the Eagles are interesting reading. You never know what you do or say and what meaning that may have on a young Scout. Their comments affirmed the process used in Troop 70 as being very effective and having a positive influence on so many Scouts over the eight decades of operation.

My plans include serving on two council committees and leading the Circle Ten contingent to the 2007 World Jamboree. I will be supporting Bob as he begins his tenure as Scoutmaster. I know you will give him the same support that you provided me.

Thank you again for all the wonderful comments and support.

2005 National Jamboree Wrap-up

The 2005 BSA National Jamboree is now in the history books. Bob Pospick, Bill Knapp, and all the assistant scoutmasters did a wonderful job in leading the troops.

Feedback from the parents and Scouts confirm the event was a huge success. The tour had many highlights in both New York and D.C.

Most of you saw the news coverage

of the jamboree as the heat and accident information dominated the coverage. However, there were a lot of great times had by the Scouts.

A few pictures of the event are posted on the troop website (and other sites around the country). Please visit our website during the fall as the pictures will be rotated out every few weeks.

The troop photo is featured below. The combination of the famous "Old Man Texas", the flags from the jamborees the troop has attended, and the merit badge plaques made for the most impressive sub-camp gateway and one of the best in the jamboree.

The arena show was an impressive event with the address by President

world jamboree does the same, but is very different. Living, meeting, having activities with Scout from around the world for a 10 day period is a life changing experience.

The 21st World Scout Jamboree will be hosted by the United Kingdom, and will celebrate a Centenary of Scouting. It truly will be a fabulous event and a life long memorable experience for the Scouts.

There is information on the event on the Troop 70 website.

Applications for Scouts, leaders, and International Service Team members can be downloaded from our site.

BSA has a flyer out that can be sent.

Please direct your inquiries to



Bush and the fabulous fireworks.

The jamboree assistant scoutmasters were David Baxter, Stan McDaniel, Chris Hewitt, Marshall Weaver, Ashley McDaniel, and Coleman Lockett. Please tell them how much you appreciate their service to the Scouts.

2007 World Jamboree

It is hard to believe it is time to sign up for the 2007 World Jamboree, but it is. The site for the jamboree will be just Northeast of London, England and the theme for the event is "One World, One Promise".

The national jamboree provided a great experience for the Scouts. A

Charles Holmes.

Here is an excerpt from the scouting.org website.....

"A world jamboree is thousands of Scouts from many nations camping together in the spirit of world friendship. Such friendships and the desire to know one another overcome barriers of language and differences in custom, race, and religion, making Scouting relevant to world brotherhood.

At jamborees, Scouts compete in Scout skills, trade friendship tokens, meet around campfires, and make lifelong pen pals. They sample each other's foods, play games, swim together, and learn Scout stunts, how

to make gadgets, and how Scouts live around the world. They also learn words and phrases in different languages.

The first world jamboree, called by Lord Baden-Powell in 1920, was held in England. Since then every four years, except during World War II, Scouts have met in a jamboree.

The 17th World Scout Jamboree was held in Korea in August 1991. The Netherlands hosted the event in 1995,



Chile did in 1998-99, and Thailand hosted it in 2003. The Scout Association of the United Kingdom will host the 2007 event, recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Scouting.

Here is a picture from the 20th WJ in Thailand as a Troop 70 Scout makes friends with the Thais next door in the campsite.

Scoutmaster's Minute

The summer of 2005 will go down in the record books, at least at my house, as the Summer of Scouting. Summer camp at Constantine, hosting Irish exchange Scouts, the 75 anniversary celebration of our Troop, and of course a great trip to the 16th National Jamboree. But for me, it will always be remembered as the time when I became Scoutmaster of undoubtedly one of the greatest Scout troops in the nation.

For a brief moment I had angst over my decision, but quickly realized that Troop 70 is great because of the well trained cadre of adult leaders, a dedicated Troop Committee and the strong support from the parents. I would be remiss in not thanking my great friend and immediate past

Scoutmaster, Charles Holmes for leaving the troop in such a great position.

Thanks!

An important tenet of the Scouting outdoor experience is to always leave a campsite better than how you found it. Likewise, I see the same challenge for my role as Scoutmaster to continue to improve our Troop so that we can fulfill the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, which is "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law". This is no easy task, but I am confident that as an entire Troop (Committee, adult leaders, parents & youth staff) we can make Troop 70 even better. Your suggestions and comments are always welcome.

Thanks in advance for your continued support and I look forward to continuing the great legacy of Troop 70.

- Bob -

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Seventy, Inc. is the troop's 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization. It supports the operation of the troop in various ways including support to camper scholarships, leader training, and some equipment.

If you would like more information about Seventy, Inc. or prefer to make a donation, please contact Bob Pospick, Dan Herndon, or Charles Holmes.

Anniversary Committee

A special thanks to the primary committee member who works for several months to organize the anniversary event. The committee members were:

Jackie Brewer
Ramona Craddick
Debbie Dickenson
Shelley Eisenlohr
Beth Elder
Becky Everett
Alicia Fanning
Teal Lang
Tave Liefeste
Leslie Melson
Charles Holmes
Bill Knapp
Jim Phillips
Bob Pospick
Megan Rain
Priscilla Schellenberger
Ann Shaw
Anne Spradley
Ellen Welch

A special thanks to John Shipes is in order. John went above and beyond the call of duty.

John takes all the Eagle Scout pictures for the troop. In addition to that, he was the main part in a project to take a picture of all the Eagle pictures.

This project was needed since several of the Eagle pictures were damaged by a roof leak in the troop room. John spent many hours restoring the pictures and saving them in electronic form.

We now have an electronic file of each of the 373 Eagle Scouts, thanks to John.

John's business is Shipes Shooters at 214-741-2624. Please tell him "thanks" for all he has done for the troop.