REUNION OF FORMER

BOY SCOUT TROOP 187

Of Burton Elementary School

Solite Park
4614 Fayetteville Road
Durham, NC 27707

Monday, September 7, 2009 - 2:00 P.M.
History of Boy Scout Troop 187

Troop 187 was organized in the late 1950's and the charter was issued to the P.T.A. of Burton Elementary School by the Boy Scouts of America on February 28, 1951. The troop's organization was the result of the efforts of many citizens in the Burton Community—including Messrs. Elwynn W. Midgette, Woodrow W. Barbee, Coy V. McIntyre and Overton Jefferson, who became members of the first troop committee. The names of the first scouts may be found in the listing under 1951,

The scoutmaster was Mr. Solomon Jefferson who worked with the boys up through the summer of 1951. Mr. Jefferson left the troop to attend school in the fall of 1951. The boys were told that Mr. R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., a newcomer to the community, had some connection with scouting and Scouts Bruce Caldwell and Jesse E. Lee were sent to his home to ask him to serve as their scoutmaster until one could be found. Mr. Bryant consented and began meeting with the boys in October 1951. The troop reregistered in February 1952. Some of the scouts dropped out and the following names were added: Leroy McCoy, James Lee McIntosh, Gilfred D. Sowell and Oscar James Williams, Jr.

In August 1952 a group of scouts from Troop 187 took a hike on the newly paved, but not travelled, highway from Burton School to Chapel Hill and then on to Dr. Howard Odom's farm on University Lake beyond Carrboro where we camped out overnight.

With the cooperation and support of the troop committee, the Burton P.T.A., parents and friends, Scout Bruce Caldwell and Oscar J. Williams, Jr. represented Troop 187 along with some other scouts from Durham at the 3rd National Scout Jamboree at Irving Ranch near Santa Ana, CA, in July 1953. Mr. Bryant served as the Assistant Scoutmaster for one of the groups from the Occoneechee Council. Several Explorer Scouts from Troop 187 journeyed to Pope Air Force Base at Fort Bragg for an encampment there which included an air cruise in a C-47. In July 1954 Scouts from T-187 and Ronald Schoolder, T-55 and Oscar Williams, Jr., represented Troop 187 on a naval cruise aboard the USS Wyandot, a naval transport, for a week. The cruise left the Norfolk Naval Base and included a trip up the Chesapeake Bay to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD, and out to sea for two days. On August 1, 1955 another trip was taken on USS Latimer (amphibian Personal Attack Carrier -- APA 152) from Norfolk Naval Base to the Brooklyn (NY) Naval Yard for a week and Scout Oscar J. Williams, Jr. represented Troop 187 on that trip. Scoutmaster Bryant accompanied these scouts on these trips. Later scout Bruce Caldwell took at naval cruise on USS Maury for a similar trip.

The troop was very active and participated in all scouting events such as council sponsored hikes, camps, camporees, field days, scout circuses, expositions, Order of the Arrow, etc., and we have won many blue ribbons.

Scouting grew in our community. The McDougald Terrace made it necessary that new units were organized. Mr. William Battle, cubmaster and Mrs. Georgia Owens, den mother, were active in Cub Pack 187 which was organized under the Burton P.T.A. in March 1954. Explorer Post 187 for boys 14 years old and older was also organized in 1954. Mr. Wiley Neal and Mr. Cicero M. Green, Jr. served as explorer advisors.

In 1988, after 37 years as scoutmaster, Mr. Bryant retired as the scoutmastership of Troop 187 and the troop was transferred from Burton School to Asbury Temple United Methodist Church, on corner of South Alston and Angier Avenues with Mr. Julius Davis as scoutmaster. Mr. Davis passed in 1998 and were told that the unit was passed on to Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. A tracer is being persued to check this information.

Another history will include the scouts and their contributions.
NICKNAMES:
"Sunk"   "Pound boy"   "Skipper"
"Sack"   "Toot"    "Skip"
"E-Vai"   "Pluto"    "Porche"
"Cotton"   "Crip"    "Jinks"
"Jacobus"   "Pap"     "Thee"
"OJ"   "Pedro"    "Rick"
"Mr. Kelly"

WHEN WERE YOU IN THE TROOP 187?

Burton Elementary School

1951  Charter Members in Troop 187

John L. Ceasar, Jr.
Walter Farrington
Judge Ronald T. Barbee
Toy (Roland?) Garrett
*Donald W. Parham
Forest Hargraves
Bruce Caldwell
Jesse Edward Lee
*Leon Bryant, Jr.
*Coy Vincent McIntyre, Jr.
Erwin Edward Josey
Roman Lee Theron Mills
Alfred Miller
*Wallace Miller
Sterling Upchurch
*Willie Watkins
John Smith

Robert Moore
*Charles McLaurin
*Willie McLaurin,
Walter McQuiller
Joseph McQuiller
*Daniel Lee Hunter
*Bobby Smith
*Fred D. Nelson
*Leroy McCoy

1952
Oscar James Williams, Jr.
Charles Marshall
Robert "Pedro" Bernice Curington
Herbert Thornton
Giffred Delano Sowell
*Travis Jackson Williams
(4 yr. honor student a Harvard U.)

*Deceased
1953
Freddie Lee. Bratcher
James Wesley Johnson
James E. Carver
James Council McIntosh
Sylvester White
Ernest White

1954
*Jesse Allen
James McLaurin
*John Thomas Allen
Calvin Liddell Allen
Rommie Lee Mills
Johnnie Edward Mitchell, Jr.
William Earl Burnette
Robert Cain, Jr.
James Conrad Ward
Rev. Joseph Vernon Wiggins
Johnny Wiggins
Jessie Oliver Wright

1955
George "Pap" Prince
James McNeil
*Zavalouis Hubbard
*Walter R. Barbee
*Henry Walter Holden
Horace Hedgepeth, Jr.
Robert Palmer
Leon Clemmons
Chester Lee Ralph Williams
Alonzo Sellers
Walter Young

1956
James Carraway
Jerry McClain
Rev. John Marvin McKinnon
James A. McKinnon, Jr.
Samuel Bridges
Robert Moore
*Andrew Lee Blackwell
Willie Blackwell, Jr.
Charles M. McNeill
Clyde Moore
Billy Frank Caple
Melvin Curtis Barbee
Stacey Mitchell
Herman Evans
Herbert Wayne Criss
Glennard Roland Williams, Jr.
*Dr. Charles E. Sutton
Samuel Lee Sellers
*Anthony Jerome Spells
*Chester Day Steele

1957
James Arthur Daniel
Archie W. Jones, Jr.
Archie Wayne Weeks
Byron "Jinks" Bell
Roger McKinnon
Douglass Morgan
Edwin Caple
Randy Carter Barbee
James Neely
*Robert Earl Johnson
Arnold McClain, Jr.
William "Bill" Page
Cleveland Ray Harris
Columbus Gabriel Pressley
Rev. Samuel Louis Criss
Eugene Lowery
Levander Wiggins
James Satterfield
Thomas Smith

1958
*James Raleigh Luster
Dr. Isaac A. Robinson
Rev. James Henry "Toot" Robinson
Larry Cain
Gayford Caston
Kenneth Earle Harris, Jr.
Charles Lorenzo "Pluto" Brown
Fred Edgerton
Bennie Edgerton
Clayton Leak
James Warren "Sunk" Robbins
Henry Powell
Alvin Johnson
Roger Ward
Charles Samuels
Ronald Schooler T-55

1959
Harold Malone T-55
Robert Clifton Hayes, Jr.
Donnie Parker
Carter Farrar
*Rybie Hunt
*Avon Freeman McPhatter
*David Edward McNeill
George Hubbard
*Bernard Ray Williams
Darriel Wayne Williams
Troy Lee Wilson, Jr.
Ronald L. Umstead

1960
John Wesley Lee, Jr.
Walter James Johnson
Robert Reuben Covington
Freddie Linwood Lee
Horace Linwood Bridges, Jr.  
Phillip Arthur Chavis  
Paul Kendall, Jr.  
*James Council  
John Hubbard, Jr.  
Donlad "Pound Boy" Gladden  
James Tell Pippin  
William Lloyd Gunn  
William Richard Fitzgerald, Jr.  
Laverne Allen  
Thomas Leverm Peace  
*James Jacobus Hayes  
John Anthony Alston  
John Taylor  
Lawrence Taylor  
*Robert Taylor  
Chester Lee Robinson, Jr.

1962
Ronald Joy Bell  
Joseph Donnell Bolden  
Ronnie Michael Brunson  
David Cunningham, Jr.  
Gerald Alexander Garner  
Wendell Edmundson Holloway

1963
Billy Brockington  
Bruce Tyrone Bridgers  
Robert Louis Davis, Jr.  
Samuel Harold Hampton, Jr.  
*Michael Steven Brown  
James Elliott Frazier, Jr.  
Kara Mason Clemmons  
Clarence Hall  
Freddie Norman Jenkins  
Michael Arnold Jenkins  
*Bertram "Skip" E. Lee  
Walter Lee Jackson  
*Edward Lamont Perry  
*Levon Thornton Stanely  
*Anthony Girard Spells  
James Edward Thompson, Jr.  
Joseph Wayne Williams  
Clarence Ivan Watkins, Jr.  
William A. Thompson  
James Arthur Williams

1964
*Eric Alphonso Haskin  
James Claude Riley, Jr.  
John Davis  
Donald Adair  
Leonard Avon McNeal  
Howard Lee Davis  
Johnnie Alvis Goode  
Leroy Johnson, Jr.  
David Junior Moore  
*Rev. Barry Cranston Lillie  
Thomas Wayne Suit  
John H. Waddell  
Edwinnon Smith  
Sherman L. Steele

Michael T. White

1965
Reid Lamont Pennington  
*Allan "Pete" Joyner  
Dewey Bullock  
*General Cheek  
Anthony Edwards  
John Calvin Cobb  
Ronald Jones  
Edward Bernard Bell  
Clifton Leon Bellamy  
Alphonso Crawford  
Malcolm Cornell Mangum  
Walter J. Ross  
John T. Williams, Jr.  
Thomas Taylor  
M. Taylor  
David Lee Waddell  
Matthew Williams  
Edward Louis Williams  
Abraham Gilbert Shaw

1966
George Lee Bailey  
Donald Lee Hamm  
Alger Clinton Marable  
William Terry Crumpler  
Clifton Edward Jones  
Jerry Mangum  
Michael Lee Jacobs  
Ray Anthony Fulton  
Claudie Eugene Cheek, Jr.  
Michael Louis Johnson  
Donald Clinton Jones  
Jerry Chambers  
Donald Wayne Blue  
Michael Gregory Jones  
Ronald Allen  
Leonard Meekins  
Bernard Thomas Allen  
Christopher Davis  
William Kizzie  
Lubbo Daughtridge, Jr.  
Wille Joyner, Jr.  
Steven Allan White  
Richard Ivory Walker  
Charles Franklin Thompson  
Thurman Lee Spicer, Jr.

1967
Kenneth Branch  
Stanley Alvin Jones  
Thomas Wayne Jones  
Robert Leondras Jones, Jr.  
Robert Joseph Jones  
Harold Leon Jones  
Willie Lee England, Jr.  
Charles Leon Davis  
Kenneth Charles Redding  
Victor Lee Mack, Jr.  
Dr. Alfred Mack Roberts  
Howard Lee Peace  
Robert E. Chavis
James Donnell Daniels
Charles Edward Leslie
Norris Bryson Boston
Michael McCoy Lyons
Charles Edward Malone, Jr.
James Samuel Osborne, Jr.
Frederick D. McEachern
Rufus "Cotton" Waddell
*MAllard Waddell
William Boyd Royster
Cannady M. C. Washington
Falcon Hughes Rogers
Roderick Earl Torain
Frederick Anthony White
*John Lee Snells

1968

*Theo Curington
Percy Adolphus Brinkley, Jr.
Clifton Bernard Hayes
Calvin Leadel Green
Calvin David Dalrymple, Jr.
James Henry Cheek
Joe Nathan Bass
William Burch
*Rev. Thelbert Jackson Brown
Lewis Abram
*Thomas J. Richardson
Marvin C. Mc Gee
Isaac Medlin
Ernest Lee Cagle, Jr.
Ellis Jerome Swinton
Eric Waddell
Douglas Ray White
Preston Antonio Teasley
Michael David Wester
*John Emanuel Shaw

1969
Larry Davis
James Waddell Day, Jr.
Larry Mangum
Ivan Keith Owens
León Lowery
Sherwin Joyner
Larry Darnell Coffin
James Lamark Daye
Terry Lee Daye
Anthony Madison
Kenneth Augustus Gilliard
Clifton Bernard Broadhurst
Kenneth Ray Allen
Ronald Ervin McEachern
James Maurice Byrd, Jr.
Eldred Maurice Burnett
Robert Eugene Kennell
Riccardo Lamont Hayes
Tyrone Lamar McLaurin
Edward Hines, Jr.
Charles Bernard White
Lorenzo "Zeke" Rorie, Jr.
Van Teasley
Jeremiah Scott
Ronald Wayne Snipes

Inus Moore, Jr.
Lewis Nathaniel Owens, Jr.
Carl Wayne Covington
Gregory Lamar Nunn
Frederick Lee Hunter
George Leonders Horton
Lawrence Davis, Jr.
Calvin Luther Kearns
Dwight Devon Harris
Michael Reginald Harris
Michael Criss
Darryl Keith Harris
Anthony Hayes
Deryl Harrington
Daryl Baker Anderson
Steven Hayes
LeRoy Williams, Jr.
Jeffrey Andre' Simmons
Arthur "Pete" Wayne Waddell (HwyPtrl)

1971
Michael Curtis Linton
Billy S. Moise, Jr.
Connie Burnell Dunlap
Jimmie Gibson
R. Kelly Bryant, III
Gary James Lennon
Thomas Lennon, Jr.
*Alvin Hatley
Barry Evans Chase
*Stephen Colter
Jonnie Robert Taylor
Valmy Thomas Royster

1972
Quinton Brown
Samuel McCullers
Rev. Cleveland Davis
Dwight Alstonj
Timmy Robinson
Kevin Renard Simmons
Darryl Hamilton
Lt. Col. Joseph Calvin Biggers, III
Rev. Timothy W. Jones

1973
Nathaniel Green

1974
Toney McCrea
Jeffery Bates
Joseph Jones, III
Onix L. Owens
George E. Bell, Jr.
Rudy Laws
Sylvester Hall, Jr.
Marelous D. Harris
Clayton Redding
John G. Smith
Bennie L. Umstead

1976
Undre' Copeland
Lennie Curington
Elias "Skipper" S Hodge
WHAT YEAR?
Willie Dixon, Jr.
*Ralph McMillon
Vernon Chambers
Michael Wayne Chambers
Linwood T. Green
Mike Gay
Randy Brooks
"Sack?"
Arnold Miller
Toney Gay
*Willie Thomas Brooks, Jr.
Kenice Green
Jimmy Mitchell
Terry Earl
Derle Daniels
?
Fleming
James Holloway
*Nathaniel Wall, Jr.
Eldwin Saunders
*Franklyn Shaw
Brian Umstead
Vernon Umstead
Cedric L. Rogers
LeRoy Williams ((Policeman))
J. C. Rush
L. J. Rush
Toney Ford
*Marcus Deon McKinnon

TROOP LEADERS:

At Burton Elementary School:
Solomon Jefferson, Scoutmaster Feb-Oct 1951
*Elwynn W. Midgette, Institutional Representative
*Lee M. Goode, Institutional Representative
*Wiley F. Neal, Jr., Explorer Advisor
*Bernard Lonnie Upchurch, Asst Scoutmaster
*Samuel D. Morrison, Assistant Scoutmaster
*Joseph C. Biggers, Jr., Assistant Scoutmaster
*Cicero M. Greene, Assistant Scoutmaster
*Albert Hayes, Assistant Scoutmaster
*William Hill, Cubmaster
Mrs. Georgia Owens, Den Mother
At Asbury Temple United Methodist Church:
*Julius Davis, Jr., Scoutmaster (3rd) 1988 - 1998
At: Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church ?? 1998 - ?

Field Scout Executives:
*George Fisher Newell
*Henry W. Gillis (and * Rev. D. N. Howard)
Rev. Larry Harris, (Apex)

*Deceased

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