

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 results 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 Inving Ranch near Santa Ana, CA, in July 1953. Mr. Bryant served as the Assistant Scoutmaster for one of the groups from the Occonechee 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 Schooler, 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 a 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 we were told that the unit was passed on to Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. A tracer is being pursued to check this information.

Another history will include the scouts and their contributions.

NICKNAMES:

"Sunk"
"Sack"
"E-Vai"
"Cotton"
"Jacobus"
"OJ"
"Mr. Kelly"

"Pound boy"
"Toot"
"Pluto"
"Crip"
"Pap"
"Pedro"

"Skipper"
"Skip"
"Porche"
"Jinks"
"Thee"
"Rick"

WHEN WERE YOU IN THE TROOP 187?

Burton Elememtary 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

*Deceased

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
Gilfred Delano Sowell
*Travis Jackson Williams
(4 yr. honor student a Harvard U.)

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
Darlief 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.
 Donald "Pound Boy" Gladden
 James Tell Pippin
 William Lloyd Gunn
 William Richard Fitzgerald, Jr.
 Laverne Allen
 Thomas Lavern 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 Bridges
 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 Thoranton Stanley
 *Anthony Girrard 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 Suitt
 John H. Waddell
 Edwinnon Smith
 Sherman L. Steele

Michael T. White

1965

Reid Lamont Pennington
 *Allan "Pete" Joyner
 Dewey Bullock
 *General Cheek, Jr.
 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
 Lubby 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.
 Rev. Robert Lee Joy, 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
 *Marshall Waddell
 William Boyd Royster
 Cannady M. C. Washington
 Falton 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. McGhee
 Isaac Medlin
 Ernest Lee Cagle, Jr.
 Ellis Jerome Swinton
 Eric Waddell
 Douglas Ray White
 Preston Antonia Teasley
 Michael David Wester
 *John Emanuel Shaw

1969

Larry Davis
 James Waddell Day, Jr.
 Larry Mangum
 Ivan Keith Owens
 Leon 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.
 Marellous D. Harris
 Clayton Redding
 John G. Smith
 Bennie L. Umstead

1976

Undre' Copeland
 Lennie Curington
 Elias "Skipper" S. Hodge

1980
Mark Harris

1983
Derrick Daniels

1985
Fernando Kea
Ricardo Lorenzo Cobb
Leondras E. "Buddy" Owens, Jr.

1986
Travis E. Bass
Hollie McCoy
Enrico L. "Ricky" McQueen
Yunkee Lee
Andre' D. Nichols
Kenneth Wayne Owens
Steven Owens
Prentiss Alonzo Cheek
Michael Terrell
Darren Wayne Sellers
Rodney Terrell
Thomas Sellers

1987
Frankie Levon Owens
Gregory Bryant Holeman
Irving "E-Vai" Walter Truitt
Humphrey Truitt

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
R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., 2nd Scoutmaster Oct 1951-Oct. 1988
*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., Assistan 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 - ?
4th Scoutmaster 1998?

Field Scout Executives:

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

*Deceased