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WHAT WAS THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS DESIGN?

- A) a stylized tipi
- B) the poster from the first "Star Wars" film
- C) a bad drug flashback
- D) the movie "Wicker Man"
- E) a good drug flashback

SECTION S-4S 2006 CONFERENCE

FROM THE EDITORS

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The Annual April busy season. The annual Section S-4S Conference has now come and gone, with a near-record 1200+ in attendance. It helps to have the largest lodge in the Section hosting the event (35% from that one lodge). But it was a fun time for most people there.

But what's the deal with the patch? It's been quite a while since a patch design caused so many people to hold the patch at arm's length, slowly turn it, squint, maybe shake their heads and put it away for later. We at the newsletter had given an advance viewing of the design. We knew it was a "love it or hate it" design. Maybe time will tell.

This is on top of the spring activities that most lodges have within six weeks of the conference, and with this being a NOAC year, there's a lot more patches coming. Rare will be the lodge that makes just one thing for NOAC 2006. Or just two things. The Rumor Mill will have quite a bit to mention on what to expect (just keep a firm grip on your wallets).

Yet another trend? Just when it seems we have enough trouble keeping up with lodge emblems, more and more chapters are making their own embroidered emblems. Tipisa's chapters have always had to make their presence known with thread, and now some more stuff from O-Shot-Caw, and plans from at least one chapter in Echocotee. Perhaps this is due to the latest edition of The Blue Book, which is now including chapter activity items. And just when you thought that you had everything, we now have to search out obscure district camporee patches only because the patch had an arrow, or a chapter name, or even just the letters O and A.

Congratulations to Jason Wolz and his wife Shariden, on the birth of their daughter Julia. Everyone is doing well, as you can see from this picture. Just remember Jason: one per life, no trade (no matter how much you may want to when she's a teenager, coming home late).

Electronic format. It's new, we're still learning what we can and cannot do. We appreciate your patience, and your high-speed internet access (otherwise, it is a big download, as some of you told us at the Conference). And it makes color pictures that much more affordable. If you have any questions, ideas or suggestions, just let us know.

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THE RUMOR MILL

just some of the dirt we managed to pick up.....

What's coming out for NOAC????

* **Osceola 564** already have released three two-piece sets and a single NOAC flap, but there will be one more set, and this will be delegate-only.

* **Seminole 85** has shown the art work on the order form for their three two-piece sets. All three are almost identical, with the lodge totem and Michigan State logo on the flap, and a clock tower on the MSU campus depicted on the bottom. The difference is a switch in the green and white colors on the flap. The third set is exactly like one of the other two, with the word DELEGATE embroidered in; however, this set will also be available to the general lodge membership.

* **Echokotee 200** will have multiple patches for NOAC, including a Founders' Day flap and a flap-and-dangle two piece set. Pretty good for a lodge that has never had a NOAC flap before. The samples have been made, and will be ready for the conference (as pictured inside this issue). The lodge has also received permission from the University of Florida to produce a CSP for NOAC, with the University's logo and recognizes the men's basketball team as the 2006 National Champions. Only 500 of these will be made, and are available to the lodge members participating in NOAC, either with the contingent or on staff, in limited quantities.

* **Semialachee 239** is talking about making several flaps, like the four they made in 2004, and a few sets as well. Quite a bit from a small contingent.

* **Aal-Pa-Tah 237** will likely have three more sets, and another Founders' Day patch.

* **Tipisa 326** has already shown the world their NOAC CSP, and the two-piece set that will match it will be out at their Summer event.

* **Timuquan 340** will have at least one two-piece set, with a theme of "Saint Petersburg". Russia, not Florida. The story being told is that some of the design will be in the Cyrillic alphabet of the Russian language.

* and **O-Shot-Caw 265?** We don't know yet, but it is likely to be a lot.

and as for other stuff.....

* **Seminole 85** will have its 70th anniversary flap available at their Lodge Banquet in May. The design will feature depictions of several versions of their lodge's totem, the ibis.

* **Semialachee 239** was taking orders for a flap and neckerchief, issued in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation. This is along with special camp and council patches, including a CSP (**Suwannee River Area S-??**).

* **North Florida Council's** Camp Shands will have its 40th anniversary in 2007, and the Camp Director already has ideas for many patches. No plans, just ideas. Stay tuned.

Notes & Asides

> Almost as soon as South Florida Council sold McGregor-Smith Scout Reservation to the Southwest Florida Water Management District (aka SWIFTMUD), Gulf Ridge Council worked out a deal to lease part of the property for an environmental camp program.

> Will NOAC 2006 become known as the Conference of the Lawyers? A new form was hastily issued in mid-April to all contingents and staff members that will hold the BSA and Michigan State University harmless in the event of death or injury, with instructions that no one will participate without it. This was due to the school's demands on the BSA.

Then on May 3, the NOAC website posted a statement that contingents were not allowed to use the Michigan State University logos or trademarks on anything (patches, T-shirts, websites, etc), and for contingents to quit contacting the school to ask permission. We can presume that this is to protect their trademarks, but the statement also made it clear that this was being done because it is an event being held at MSU, and not hosted by or connected to the university. This will be interesting to observe the enforcement of this. **Seminole 85** already as stated that they were one of two lodges to receive permission (the other from New York), and it would appear that **Osceola 564** didn't ask for permission to use the green helmet logo on their "beaver" NOAC flaps.

NEW ISSUES

> **Aal-Pa-ah 237** has a new unrestricted flap (**S-87**) with a checkerboard background, that matches features in the design of this year's activity patches. Also being made was a special patch for participants in the lodge's Scoutreach program (**X-49**). Once again, they will be running a pig and turkey roasting booth at the annual council Scout Show, and have two patches for their efforts. The lodge also made a delegate patch to the Section S-4S Conference, using the conference design and changing a few colors and lettering.

> **Osceola 564** now has a single NOAC flap, with the same basic design that was used on their flaps last year (**S-36**). They have also released three two-piece sets (**S-37, 39, 39; X-13, 14, 15**), with Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil sashes. Their members were referring to these as "the beaver" patches, as the design over the two pieces of the set have a beaver with a Seminole jacket. Why a beaver? Who knows. The flaps also have a depiction of the Michigan State University logo of a green Spartan helmet. Which may be a problem with the university (see the Notes and Asides column for possible reasons why).

> **Echokotee 200** made a small flocked-on-felt round (**R-12**), to be given away or traded, to help promote the 2007 Section Conference, hosted by the lodge. As part of their 2006 activity patch series of Florida Crate Label Art, a contingent patch was made for the Section Conference. **Onathequa Chapter** has made a patch for their contingent to the 2006 Nok Su Chapter Conch Craziiness weekend, with the intent of using the proceeds to pay for gas and tolls.

> Someone felt the need to create a collection of fake flaps, showing lodges that never made a patch, in order to fulfill a need to fill spaces in a collection. These designs that were used never appeared on any sort of official emblem while the lodge existed. And where else but eBay is there a place to try to sell them! How bad was it? The flap for Suriarco Lodge 239 (predecessor name for Semialachee 239) misspelled the word SUWANNEE. Is there really a desire among collectors to have a patch that never existed for a lodge, just to fill a non-existent need?

> And from the Section S-4S Conference:

- ☐ pocket patch; regular colors
- ☐ pocket patch; "special" (mylar colors)
- ☐ jacket patch
- ☐ neckerchief; regular cloth
- ☐ neckerchief; satin cloth
- ☐ chenille
- ☐ pin #1; Conference patch design
- ☐ pin #2; "S-4S"; participation award
- ☐ pin #3; Vigil sash (Vigil Breakfast)
- ☐ pin #4; Ordeal sash (Ordeal luncheon)
- ☐ bolo
- ☐ slide

From **Tipisa 326**, the host lodge:

- ☐ pocket patch
- ☐ flap
- ☐ neckerchief; regular cloth
- ☐ neckerchief; satin cloth
- ☐ pin; lodge totem (participation award for lodge members)
- ☐ bandana

NOK SU CHAPTER CONCH CRAZINESS 2006

Any regular reader of the Newsletter over the years knows what fans we are of the **Nok Su Chapter (O-Shot-Caw 265) Conch Craziiness Weekend**, held in early May of every year. This year, 28 Arrowmen traveled from across the state (and one from Alabama) to attend this event in the Florida Keys. And this year, three different patches sold out:

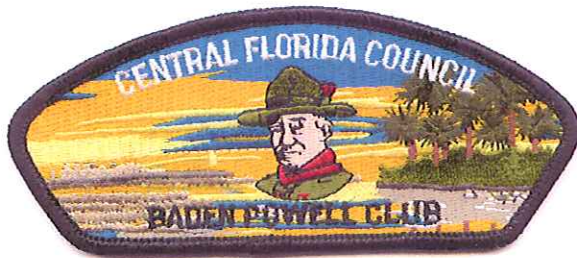
- ☐ regular patch (100 made; 1/ attendee, rest sold for \$5). Design of an angelfish, rendered in ten different mylar colors.
- ☐ Vigil Breakfast (35 made; 1/ attendee at the breakfast, rest sold 1/ person). Sea anemone, also served as a birth announcement for Julia Wolz.
- ☐ **Onathequa Chapter, from Echokotee 200** (100 made; sold \$5/ person). Design of a mileage sign, showing the distance from the camp to the home of Onathequa (Lake City, FL), Miami, Key West, and Havana.



Central Florida S-?? 2006; FO\$



Central Florida S-?? 2006; FO\$



Central Florida S-?? 2006; Baden-Powell Club



Gulf Stream S-?? 2006; FO\$;
"COURTEOUS"



North Florida S-?? 2006; FO\$. "KIND"



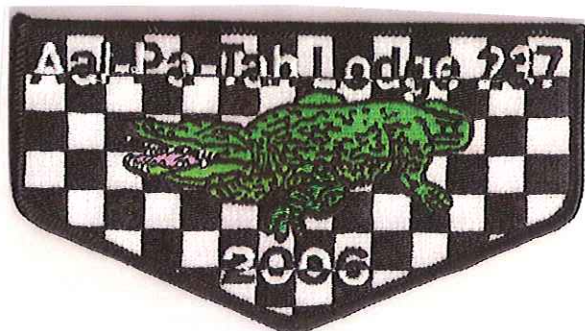
Central Florida patches; Family Membership enrollment;. BLK bdr, ; RST bdr,



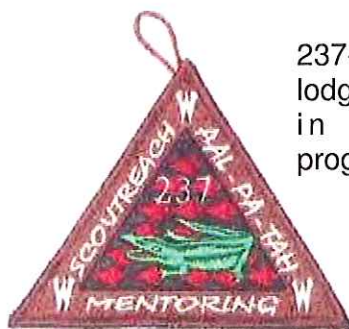
South Florida S-?? 2006; Wood Badge Association



200-R-12 2006; flocked RED on WHT felt; used to promote the 2007 Section Conference (hosted by Echokotee 200).



237-S-87 2006; trader flap..



237-X-49 2006; lodge's participation in Scoutreach program.



564-S-36 2006; NOAC; single flap



564-S-37 with X-13 2006; NOAC; GRN border, Ordeal sash. 400 2-piece sets made.



564-S-38 with X-14 2006; NOAC; LOR border, Brotherhood sash. 250 2-piece sets made.



564-S-39 with X-15 2006; NOAC; RED border, Vigil sash. 150 2-piece sets made.



200-S-29 2006 NOAC; Founders' Day flap.



200-X-19 (also North Florida S-??) 2006 NOAC; University of Florida 2006 Men's Basketball National Champions. 500 ordered. (artwork depicted)



200-S-28 with X-18 2006 NOAC; 2 piece set



200 Onathequa Chapter 2006 Conch Craziness Weekend; hosted by Nok Su Chapter, O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265



237 activity patches 2006. (left) Spring Pow Wow. 1st part of puzzle set, featuring the historical depictions of the lodge totem, against a checkerboard background. (middle) S-4S Conference Delegate patch. (right) 2006 Scout Show patch. **Not shown:** Scout Show STAFF patch.



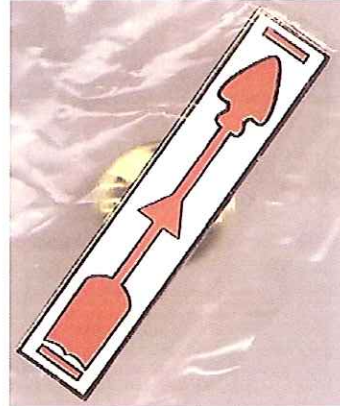
(left) 265 Lodge Banquet 2006. "White Ibis". Part of 2006 set, depicting "Birds of the Everglades" (right) 2006 Section Conference delegate, "Roseate Spoonbill".



Fakes recently found on eBay, for patches that never existed (note misspelling of "Suwannee" on patch at right). Marketed as a way to fill holes for lodges that never issued flap patches.



2006 Section S-4S Conference. (left) conference pocket patch. (right) "special" patch (rendered in GRN and RED mylars).



2006 Section S-4S Conference. (above, left) Conference pin. (middle) Ordeal sash pin; giveaway from the Ordeal Luncheon. (right) Vigil sash pin; giveaway from the Vigil Breakfast. (below, left) Tipisa Lodge 326 (host) participation pin. (middle) Conference participation pin. (right) Conference bolo.





2006 Section S-4S Conference. (top, left) conference chenille. (right) Tipisa 326 HOST patch. (left) Conference jacket patch. (below) conference neckerchief slide.





2006 Section S-4S Conference. (left) conference neckerchief; patch sewn on GYL cloth. (right) conference neckerchief; patch sewn on YOR satin. (below) Section S-4S neckerchief. 2006; embroidered into RED cloth..



265 Pooka Tooka Chapter. (left, above) R-1 RED border and lettering; 60 made??, \$5 each. (left, below) R-2 LOR border and lettering; 40 made??, \$10 each.



(above) 200 2006 Section S-4S Conference delegate. Part of 2006 series "Florida Fruit Crate Art" theme



85-S-49 2006; 70th anniversary. Features different depictions of the lodge totem through the years.



(left) 564 year patch 2006; BLK border (regular issue). (above) 2006 Ordeal. Part of the lodge's 2006 puzzle set; also depicts representations of the major clans of the Miccosukee people.



265 Nok Su Chapter Conch Crazy Weekend. (left) attendee patch. Angelfish, rendered in all mylar colors; 100 made. (right) Vigil Breakfast patch; 35 made. Sea Anemone; also has name of Jason Wolz' newborn daughter.

