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***WHAT'S WRONG WITH  
THIS PICTURE?***



# FROM THE PUBLISHERS

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**Hi.** Welcome to the Fall issue, the annual "where are we going to find the material to cover the pages of this issue?" issue. Maybe we just worry a bit too much about themes, especially when the other issues in the year tend to write themselves (year in review, Section Conference, NOAC/ Jamboree/ Summer events, and then the Fall). As this is being written, we have no cover. Maybe by the time you get to our names at the bottom, we'll have something.

**The Section Seminars.** Good to see the usual suspects at this year's Section S-4S Seminars, hosted by Semialachee 239 at Wallwood. Not as many of the usual attendees as in previous years, but perhaps because of the long drive up the state to the panhandle, a few stayed home. This was the first Seminars where the host lodge implemented a theme for the weekend. A fun time was had by one and all, and Rick Obermeyer did his Seminole cooking session for the umpteenth time in a row. Isn't it time for an anniversary patch for his seminar?

**Chapter issues.** Most of the new OA issues in the last three months for Florida have been for chapters, either for the purpose of identity, or for event participation. Tipisa 326 has issued the most over the years, but this could be caused more by the nature of how their chapters have been organized (strong leadership and programs at the chapter level that have been running their own Ordeals for at least thirty years) then

for other chapters in other lodges. No matter what the cause, keeping track of the new items, especially the rare items (< 100 made) will be difficult without assistance from the readers sharing the knowledge with others.

**We're on the internet!** Thanks to John Pannell, the owner of OAimages.com,, Robert has been able to post up information on Florida OA issues as soon as he gets the image loaded up. This is through John's blog section. Look for the buttons along the right side).

**The National sport, if the South were a nation.** Yep, Southern college football. And what a weird season it was. Let's look at the rankings of the major schools in Florida (final Associated Press poll for the season):

9) Florida (9-3)

23) South Florida (9-3)

27) Central Florida (10-3)

Receiving NO VOTES: Florida Atlantic University (7-5), Florida State University (7-5), University of Miami, Fla (5-7).

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# 1993 SILK SCREENED SECTION CONFERENCE HOST NECKERCHIEF

Some fortunate individuals on eBay picked up an item that had not previously been reported to exist. Florida collectors will recognize the design as the 1992 Section SE-1 Conference, hosted by Eckale Yakanen Lodge 552. Many are familiar with how the lodge's embroidered host neckerchief was issued after the 1993 Section Conference, due to issues with getting the order correct. So, imagine the surprise of finding a silk screened version, and also using the wrong year.

So, what's the story? According to a former leader of the lodge...

In 1992, the lodge placed an order for 94 host neckerchiefs with National Supply. When the order was received, the lodge was disappointed to find that the neckerchiefs were silk screened, and not embroidered. Complaints were made about this issue, but National refused to re-make them as embroidered neckerchiefs, until it was brought to their attention that the wrong year was on them. National agreed to remake them as embroidered, but all of the silk screened pieces were to be returned. Even the embroidered version was a disappointment, with a smaller area of embroidery than what had been expected.

As the story goes, a District Executive of Sunnyland Council took it upon himself to retain six of the 94, and sent the rest back to National for destruction. And none of them had made an appearance prior to the eBay sale in September. The description of the item on the listing stated that it was a neckerchief from the 1993 Conference, without giving the full history of the piece.

Should this be listed as an official item in the Eckale Yakanen 552 collection, or the Florida Area/ Section Conference set? It was ordered by the lodge to commemorate the event they hosted, but this was never meant to be available. It would seem to be more



(above) the silk screened 1992 Section SE-1 Conference Host neckerchief (note the wrong year). 94 ordered; all but six were returned to National and destroyed. (below) the embroidered 1992 Host neckerchief; 94 made.



"official" than the Z-1 chenille, created by a lodge member after 552 was absorbed into Osceola Lodge 564. A quantity of six surviving pieces seems to be too large to be called a prototype. For now, it will remain an unusual, and extremely rare curiosity item.



# NEW ISSUES

> The biggest producer of emblems for the OA in Florida for the last few months was not a lodge, but a chapter: **Tipisa 326's Tomoka Chapter** marked their 50th anniversary with two neckerchiefs (**N-2**, poly-cloth; **N-3**, satin), one jacket patch (**J-1**), and three pocket patches (**X-10**, for the 50th anniversary; **X-11**, GLD monochrome version of X-10; and **X-12**, for the 50th anniversary of the first chapter meeting).

Not far behind was Tipisa's "naked blue guys", **Elauwit Chapter**, with four new patches of their own. **X-8** is for members that have been in the chapter for three years (160 made), **X-9** for five year members (140 made), and **X-10** for seven year members (125 made). Another version (**X-11**) is for everyone, with glow-in-the-dark threads.

**Astatula Chapter** ran their district's Camporee, and made two patches for the event; full color for attendees (300 made;) and GLD monochrome (100 made) for the staff)

More new Tipisa Chapter items have come from **Klallam Chapter** (**X-1**; regular issue), **Wewahitchka Chapter** (**X-15**?; 2007 Section Seminar attendees; GRN monochrome, 15 made); **Miconope Chapter** (**X-13**; BLK monochrome, flap-shaped), and **Estiote Chapter** (**X-2**; RED border, no lettering).

> **Echockotee 200's** chapters have been busy as well. **Oglala Chapter** made a patch to commemorate their second straight "Best All-Around Chapter" win, as well as the passing of two longtime chapter members (**R-1**; 100 made). They also made a patch for staffing their district's 200 Camporee (50 made). **Saturiwa Chapter** created their first emblem, for the passing of one of their members (**R-1**; 100 made). **Onathequa Chapter** staffed their district's Camporee, and made an item for themselves (75 made).

**Timuquan 340** has remade a few of their own chapter patches. **Yahi Yaha Chapter** has corrected their smaller sized brown mylar border with a patch at the regular size (**X-6**), and **Outina Chapter** has made their latest version with a green border (**X-6**).

Now, for lodge issues.....

> **O-Shot-Caw 265** has their latest LEC flap (**S-122**), and once again a patch restricted to the leadership of the lodge. Another new lodge patch is for an event, but does not have the name of the event on the item (**X-44**). This was made for participants of a party for past lodge advisor Ron Bell, an invitation-only event, and distributed at one per person. And at their recent "Brotherhood Fellowship", the lodge finally released their bullion reproduction of the F-4 flap (**B-5**).

> **Semialachee 239** hosted the 2007 Section S-4S Seminars, and instituted a "Mardi Gras" theme to the event. Their host flap (**S-70**; 500 made) shows their Seminole totem in a clown hat.

> **Central Florida Council** has another slew of new shoulder patches, nine in all. One for their Philmont Fall Trek (200 made), two for the renaming of the "Winn-Dixie Scout Reservation" to the "Leonard & Marjorie Williams Family Scout Reservation" (GLD mylar, SMY mylar borders; 1000 made of each), and a new set of six CSPs for the 50th anniversary of space flight; 500 were made of each. There is also an unofficial CSP, made for a Sea Scout post in the council.

> **North Florida Council** made a CSP for attendees for this summer's Brownsea program (**SA-??**), with 100 made. A newly found issue from the council was the 2006 Scottish Jamborette Contingent (**SA-??**).

> **West Central Florida Council** has finally released their 2007 FO\$ patch, for an unreported donation.

> The Newsletter doesn't cover camp patches all that often any more, but a new item was made this summer, for McGregor-Smith Scout Reservation. This was formerly the property of South Florida Council, until the land was sold to the Southwest Florida Water Management District. They have since leased the property to Gulf Ridge Council, creating a new patch for an old camp.





239-S-70 2007; Section S-4S Seminars Host; 500 made.



326 buckle 2007; cast metal



265-X-44 2007; issued one per attendee at a party for outgoing Lodge advisor Ron Bell.



200 Satoriwa Chapter R-1 2007; 200 made.

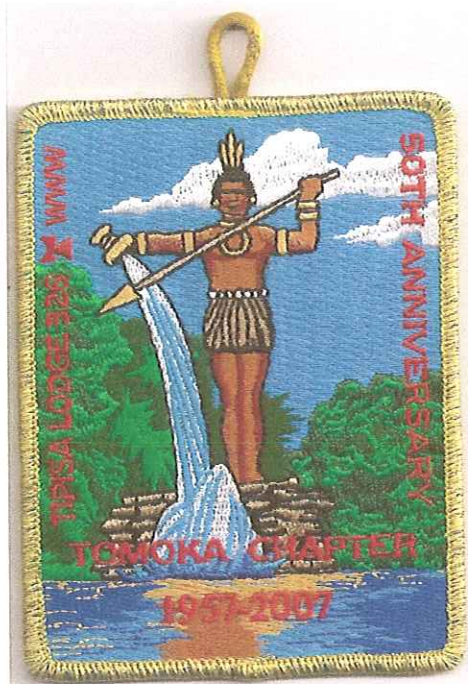


265-S-122 2007; Lodge Executive Committee 2007-08.

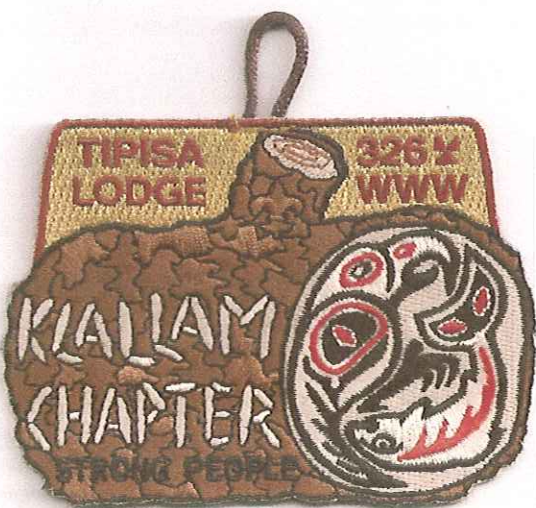


326 Estiote Chapter X-2 2007; RED border; no lettering.





326 Tomoka Chapter (left—right) 2007 X-10; 50th anniversary of the chapter; X-11; GLD monochrome version of X-10; X-12; 50th anniversary of the first chapter meeting.



326 Klallam Chapter X-1; 2007

(right) 326 Miconope Chapter X-13 2007; BLK monochrome; RED tipi outline



326 Astatula Chapter 2007 Manatee District Camporee. (left) full color; regular attendee; 300 made. (right) GLD monochrome; staff; 100 made.



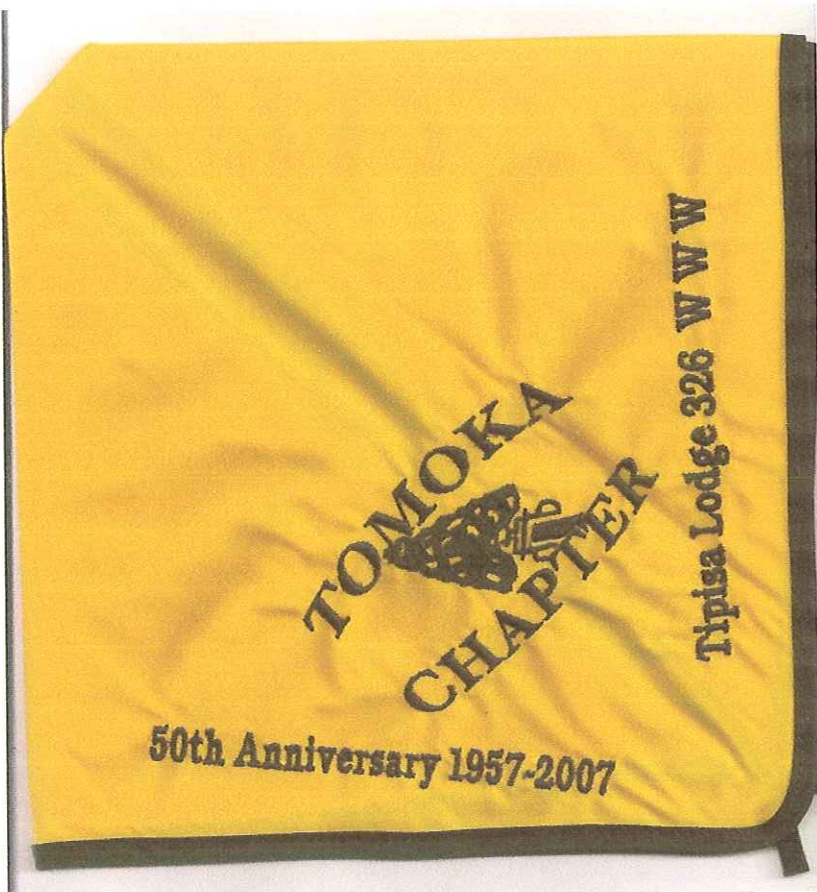




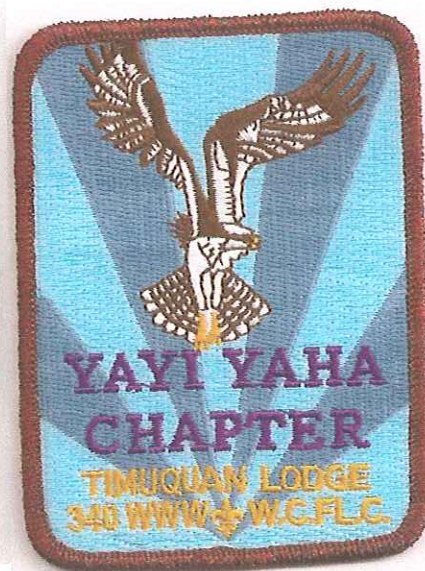
326 Wewahitchka Chapter X-14? 2006; PNK embroidery. Issued as a service award; 25 made.



326 Wewahitchka Chapter X-15? 2007; DGN embroidery; issued to chapter attendees to the 2007 Section S-4S Seminars; 15 made.



326 Tomoka Chapter N-2 2007; 50th anniversary, poly cloth. Not shown: N-3 2007; 50th anniversary, satin cloth.



340 (left) Outina Chapter X-6 2007; GRN border; 200 made. (right) Yahi Yaha Chapter X-6 2007; BRN mylar border; 77 x 104 mm.

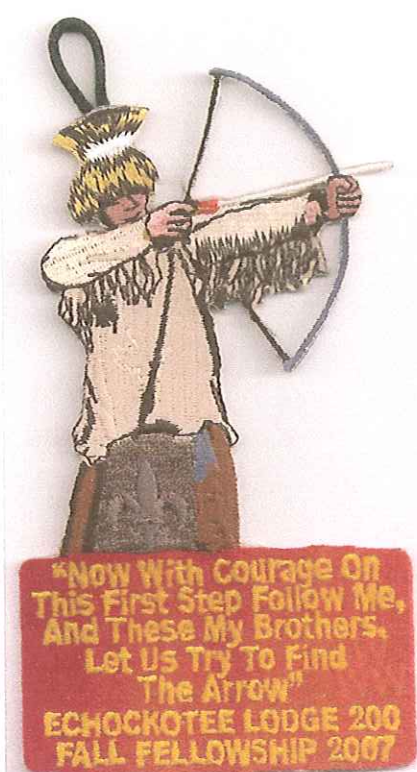




(left and above) 326 Elauwit Chapter. (left, top) X-8 2007; "3 Years Of Service"; 160 made. (middle) X-9 "5 Years of Service"; 140 made. (bottom) X-10; "7 Years of Service"; 125 made. (above) X-11 2007; glow in the dark border.



239 Ordeal 2007.

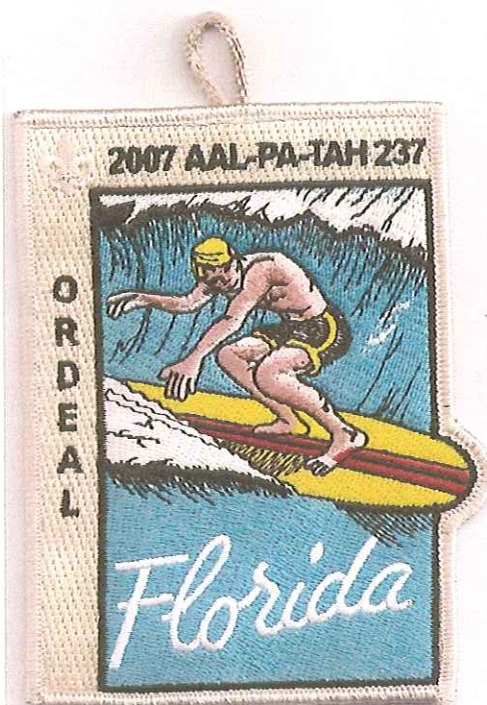


2007 Fall Fellowship 2007. Last of the five part series, "Principals Of The Ordeal".



200 (above) Onathequa Chapter 2007 Suwannee River Camporee Service Corps; 75 made. (left)

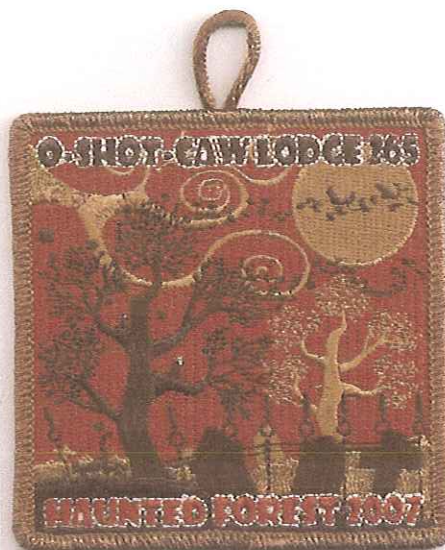




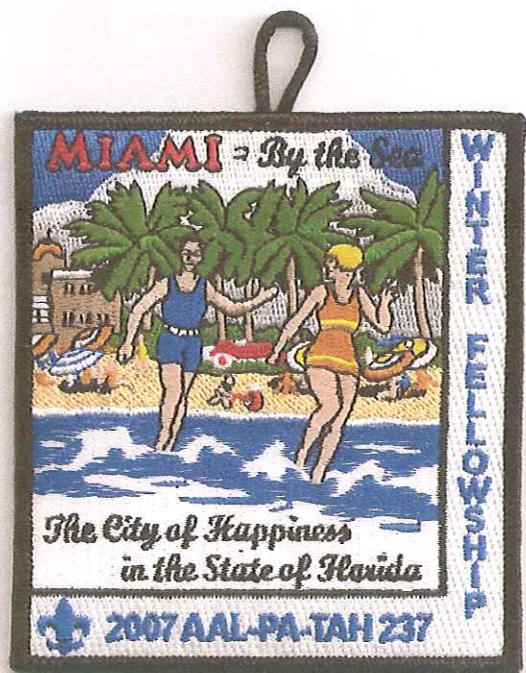
237 Ordeal 2007 (above) and Winter Fellowship 2007 (below). Parts of the lodge's activity patch series, "Florida Tourist Art".



265 Fall Ordeal 2007. Part of lodge's activity patch series "Southeastern native American Chiefs".



265 (above) Haunted Forest 2007; BRN mylar border; staff. (below) 200 Special Needs Camporee 2007 Staff.



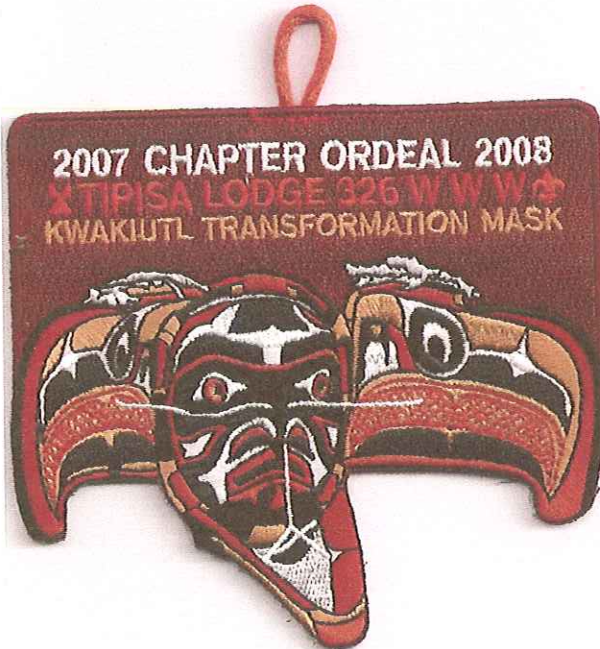
(above) 200 Oglala Chapter R-1 2007; Best All Around Chapter; 100 made. (right) Oglala Chapter 2007 Camporee Staff.



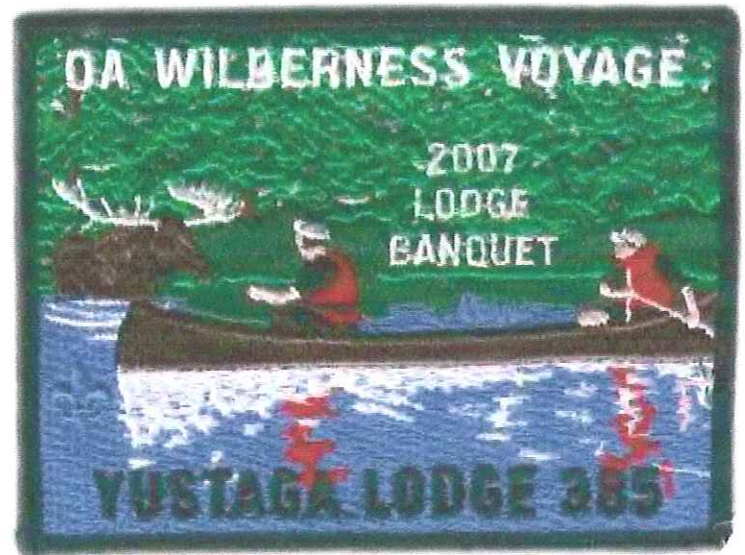




340 Summer Conclave 2007 (top), Fall Conclave 2007 (above). Parts of 2007-08 activity patch series, "Muscle Cars".



326 Fall Fellowship 2007 (top), 2007-08 Chapter Ordeal (above). Parts of 2007-08 activity patch series, "Northwest Native American Things".



385 Lodge Banquet 2007.





Central Florida Council SA-?? 2007; Philmont Trek.

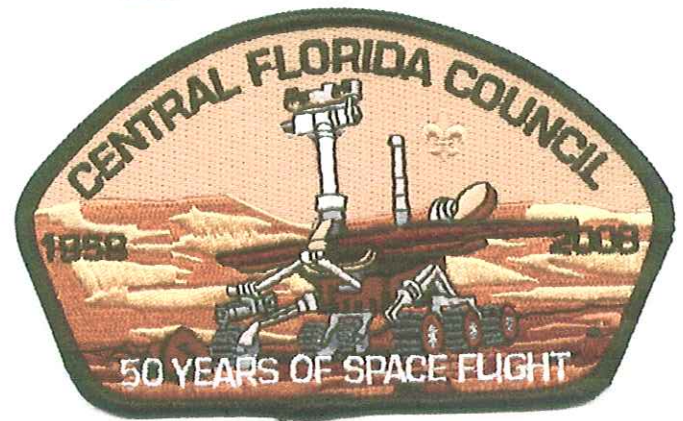


Central Florida Council SA-?? 2007; Leonard and Marjorie Williams Scout Reservation; (above) SMY border, (below) GMY border.

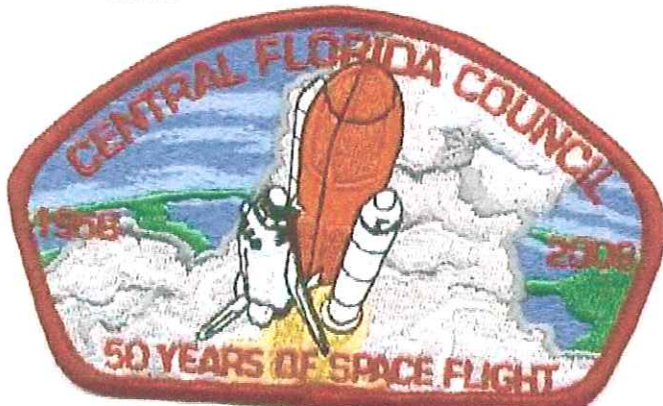


(left) Osceola Lodge 564 (top) 2007 Fellowship. (middle) 2007 Service Day. (right) 2007 LLDC. Parts of the lodges' activity patch series "Seminole Jackets".





Central Florida Council SA-?? 2007; set of six CSPs, commemorating the 50th anniversary of space flight.



Central Florida Council Z-?? 2007; private issue, made for a single unit.



Gulf Ridge Council WJ-2007 World Jamboree





North Florida Council SA-?? 2006; issued for contingent from council to Scottish Jamboree.



North Florida Council SA-?? 2007; issued for attendees



Unofficial contingent patch to the 2007 World Jamboree, from Troop 175 (Plantation, FL)



West Central Florida Council SA-?? 2007; FO\$.

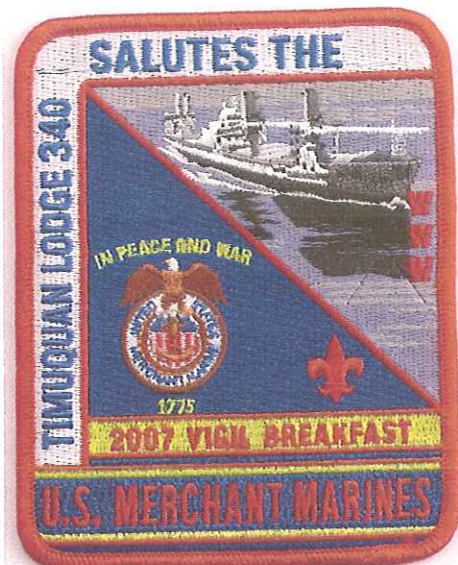
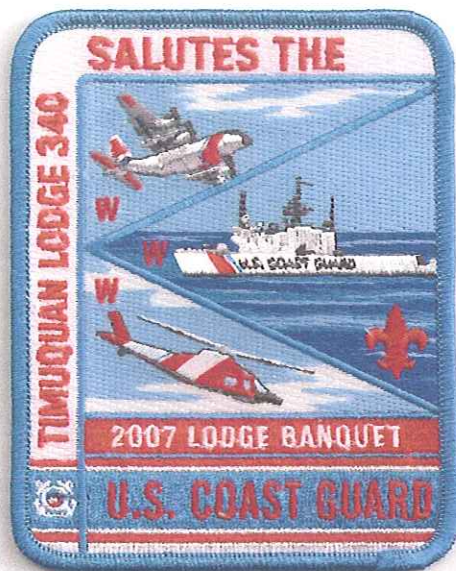


2007 McGregor Smith Scout Reservation, issued by Gulf Ridge Council. Property was formerly owned by South Florida Council, now owned by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), and leased to Gulf Ridge Council.

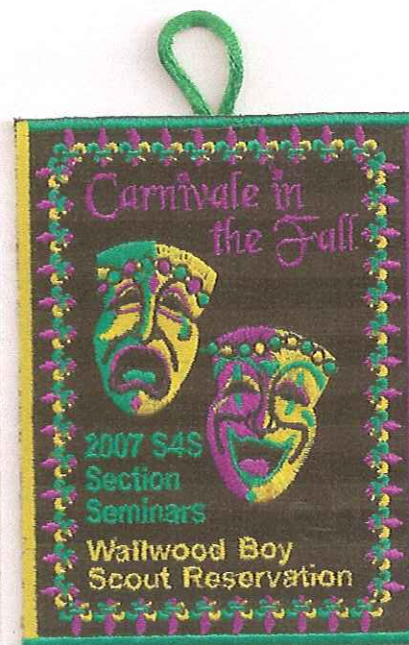


265 2007 Fellowship





(above, left—right) 340 2007 Lodge Banquet, 2007 Spring Fellowship, and 2007 Vigil Breakfast.  
 (below) Versions of the 2007 Lodge Banquet and 2007 Spring Fellowship patches, with different border colors, recently offered for sale on eBay by a seller from China.



(above) Section S-4S 2007 Seminars patch  
 (left) 239 Fall Fellowship 2007.





# The rumor mill

\* We've heard that 2008 will be a big year for some chapters of **Tipisa 326** to celebrate 50th anniversaries, so save your money. There will also be a fourth 50th Anniversary patch by **Tomoka Chapter**, available only to chapter members.

2008 will also be the 50th anniversary of the Tipisa Lodge Box. While the 25th anniversary patch in 1983 was made in jest, the recent sales of them on eBay for over \$500 is no laughing matter. So the planned 50th anniversary may be an actual lodge issue.

\* **Echockotee 200** has ordered 250 flaps for the ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> 2008 trip. Orders were taken from the members of the lodge, sold for \$15 each. A sample had been made with the US Forestry Service logo, right before the National OA Committee put the word out that this logo was not to be used by individual lodges.

\* Speaking of ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>, the Section S-4S Council of Chiefs decided at the Seminars to make three patches for the summer of 2008, as fundraisers for the service program and other Section needs. **O-Shot-Caw 265** will also be making a flap and a patch for AC<sup>5</sup>. There may be other AC<sup>5</sup>s to be issued, but no other lodges are talking.

\* **North Florida Council** will be holding their first Winter residential camp this month, and all participants will receive a commemorative CSP.

\* **Central Florida Council** will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Sunshine Trade-O-Ree, with a special CSP.

## notes & asides

\* Like many lodges in the state, **O-Shot-Caw 265** has their theme of weekend patches determined by the Lodge Chief. For 2008, their patches will be depicting lodge and OA themes in the style of 1960s psychedelic rock concert posters. **Echockotee 200's** chief, a veteran of the OA Ocean Adventure program in the Keys, has determined that their set will

feature life on a Florida reef.

\* The theme for the **Tipisa 326** 2007-2008 series is "Northwest Indian items". Thus far, the series has featured a mask and a hat.

\* **Timuquan 340** began its 2007-2008 series at their Summer Conclave. Their theme is very original: "Vintage Muscle Cars". So far, the designs have depicted a 1969 Camaro SS and a 1967 Corvette 427.

\* Discussions on PATCH-L have led many to believe that ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>, the national service project planned for the Order of the Arrow in the summer of 2008, will be a major patch event. Many lodges have planned for at least one patch, or a two piece set, while some have people have talked of their lodges' plans for multiple sets involving the different locations. One lodge, Tahosa 383 in Colorado, is planning for 30 different patches, six for each of the five locations.

Meanwhile, the National Committee notified the lodges in October that the United States Forest Service has given the National Committee limited permission to use the USFS logo, and that lodges do not have permission to use it.

It appears that most of the lodges in the state will be attending the week at the Washington-Jefferson National Forest, with a few members filtering out to the other four sites.

\* The 20th annual Sunshine Trade-O-Ree will be held February 8-9, 2008 at Camp Down, in beautiful downtown Windermere (near Ocoee, suburban Orlando). For more information, go to <http://www.sunshineter.com/>.

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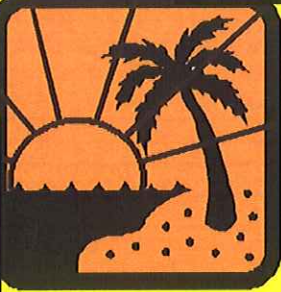
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