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Once upon a time, all lodges had flap patches created with Swiss embroidery. And then computer stitching came around in the late 1970's, creating cheaper patches appealed to budget-conscious that professionals, but lacked the depth that Swiss provided. While computer stitching has improved tremendously over the years, it isn't quite the same. More and more lodges made the move to computer stitching, as fewer suppliers offered Swiss. And at the beginning of 2009, there was only one lodge left that still used Swiss embroidery on their regular issue flaps: Tipisa 326. No more.

END OF AN ERA

FROM THE EDITORS

David Weda, Publisher Robert Mathis, Editor

The dreaded Fall issue. The Fall issue has always been the hardest to put together. The issues for the rest of the year come together naturally, based on what is happening at that time. Winter: wrap-up of the previous year. Spring: Trade-O-Rees and/ or Section Conference. Summer: National summer event. Fall: leftovers.

The Section S-4 Seminars didn't produce a lot, either. OK, that was a Section event, just not the big event. There was one patch for the event, and another host patch (not flap), with another expected to be issued afterward. And there were a few things that had been issued in the previous three months, just not a lot.

Bad economy = bargains? continuing theme for the last two years is that the prices of some of the hard-to-get items are dropping, in some cases by at least 50%. Combination of less disposable income available for nonessentials, an increase of the supply of such pieces from people trying to raise money, and fewer collectors has skewed values downward. Cases in point: O-Shot-Caw 265-F-3, "the ugly duckling". What had been an easy \$100+ flap a few years back can barely draw a \$50 bid today. The 200/ 265 NOAC 1975 patch that was selling for around \$400 before is now struggling to get \$270.

But the good news is: if you don't have an ugly ducking in your collection or your dupes, you can get one for \$50. And the 200/ 265 NOAC 1975 can be yours for \$270. This is an opportunity for younger collectors to finally obtain some of the older pieces that had previously been out of reach. Whether the prices of four years ago have been "corrected" in this economic mess, or if patches are under-

valued today, there are bargains to be found.

Not everything old has become less expensive. Just last month, a Semialachee 239-N-2 (X-2 sewn on cloth) was made available on eBay, presumably by someone with no real knowledge of the item offered (beginning bid of \$9.99, very few Boy Scout items among those being offered by the seller). The final bid was \$3010, making this one of the top five in a list of most expensive Florida items.

And not quite so expensive, but almost as rare: a 1979 SE-6 Conference "service" patch (MAR border, available to anyone that met the service requirement, not just host lodge members) was recently listed with a poor description, and sold for \$348.87.

The cover. In a few years, Swiss embroidery will be remembered alongside LP records, rotary phones, and typewriters, as Tipisa 326 became the last lodge to change to computer stitch regular-issue flap. One can say that computer stitch has improved to be almost as good as Swiss. But compared to the heavy threaded parches that brought depth to a design, computer stitch will never be more than "almost" as good.

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notes & asides

> 2011: The Year of the Two Trade-The 23rd annual Sunshine O-Rees. Trade-O-Ree is moving back to February, and to a new location. The TOR will be held on February 18-19 at the Florida National Guard Armory. located near downtown Orlando. Walkin visitors are admitted free, and a few of the 80 tables are still available. Proceeds from the event go to Central Florida Council's campership programs. For information. more www.sunshinetor.com, contact or Howard Gross at HOGR@cfl.rr.com, or (407) 415-0476.

And just the week before will be the inaugural Palm Beach Trade-O-Ree. This will be February 11-12 at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, in Jupiter (Palm Beach County). Again, walk-in visitors are free, with a few of the 50 Some lodging will be tables left. available on the camp property (dorms and cabins). Proceeds from this Trade-O-Ree will benefit the Gulf Stream Council's flagship camp. For more information, contact Bill Jones jone5412@bellsouth.net, or (772) 344-1713.

- > Merit Badges? There's an app for that. The Boy Scouts of America will soon have an application for the iPhone, allowing Scouts to review merit badge requirements, track progression through the requirements, and share stories through social networking. This will work alongside the BSA Handbook application, first made available in 2009.
- > The 2010 activity patch set for Osceola 564 was supposed to depict a map of the lodge, with each of the four weekend patches showing the map of each of the chapters. Except that each patch was not made on the same scale, and the pieces do not match up to form

the expected map.

THE RUMOR MILL

- * less rumor, more of a fact that hasn't come true yet: the theme for the **Echockotee 200** activity patches for 2011 will be "Ships Named Florida". The four weekend activities, Section Conference contingent, and year patch will feature depictions of Navy ships named after the state.
- * North Florida Council's Winter Blast long term camp will have four different council shoulder patches, like last year.
- * Seminole 85 will have their 75th anniversary in 2011. And not a word so far if anything will be made to mark the anniversary.
- * The 2011 Section S-4 Conference will be hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah 237, usually a producer of prodigious amount of different items for their role in putting on the Conference. But no word as to what will be made.

NEW ISSUES

- + O-Shot-Caw 265 has finally issued their two flaps for the Section's "FourCorps" event. S-133 (RED letters) was available to lodge members, while the design with BLU letters (S-134) was for attendees of the Section event.
- + Tipisa 326 re-ordered their regular flap, with a vendor that is limited to computer stitch patches (S-44). Enough said. A new patch was also created for raising funds for the lodge Museum (X-23). Tipisa was also involved with the design of a CSP by Central Florida Council (X-24, CSP S-??), "Together In Scouting".

As for Tipisa's chapters:

+ Huracan Chapter ran the 2010 Fall Camporee for Seminole Springs District. The two patches (regular attendee and Staff) have the chapter's name, making them a chapter issue.

- + Ayochatta Chapter has a new activity patch, created for their 2010 Picnic & Call-out event.
- + **Timuquan 340** made only one item for hosting the 2010 Section Seminars (**X-16**); 350 made.
- + Echockotee 200's Onathequa Chapter, hosted their district's annual Camporee, and issued a leather patch for their Service Corps. Total of 60 made.
- + Gulf Ridge Council has two new CSPs to end the year: a new regular issue, to replace the design that has been used for the last 35+ years (S-??), and another rendered in black and white, for "Gulf Coast Cleanup" (SA-??).
- + And a new CSP from **Gulf Stream Council**, for their FO\$ campaign (**SA-??**).
- + Suwannee River Area Council finally created their own BSA Centennial CSP (SA -??), rendered completely in photosensitive threads.
- + Section S-4 has a new neckerchief available. This time, it's the Section logo, directly embroidered in to a BLK cloth. A very, very thin BLK cloth, that is almost sheer.

And for those that keep track, this is the second "S-4" non-event neckerchief, and the latest by "the Florida Section" (since 1973). That list is:

- [] SE-6; YEL piping, MBL "6" (cloth texture varieties)
- [] SE-6; LYL piping; LBL "6"
- [] SE-6; YEL piping, LBL "6"
- [] SE-6; with RED tipi; 15 made.
- [] SE-1; GRN cloth; with Panama
- [] SE-1; DGR cloth; with Panama
- [] SE-1; no Panama
- [] SE-1; 10th anniversary; GLD thread; 100 made
- [] SE-1; 10th anniversary; GMY thread; 300 made (available at the 1993 S-4 Conference)

[] S-4; 1995; "50 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE SUNSHINE" (pie patch on DGR cloth)
[] S-4S; 2003; TAN cloth
[] S-4S; 2006; 30th anniversary of Section Seminars
[] S-4S; 2006; RED cloth
[] S-4; 2008; GRN cloth
[] S-4; 2010; thin BLK cloth

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265-S-133 2010; S-4 FourCorps; lodge members; 125 made



265-S-134 2010; S-4 FourCorps; GMY shovel; attendees; 100 made



326-S-44 2010; computer stitch; RED bdr



340-X-16 2010; Section S-4 Seminars Host. 350 made.



326-X-23 2010; Lodge museum fundraiser.



326-X-24 (also Central Florida S-???) 2010; joint CSP issue by Tipisa Lodge 326 and Central Florida Council.



085 (2010) Brotherhood Day



200 2010 Fall Fellowship. Part of 2010 activity patch series, "Centennial Of Scouting".



200 2010 Special Needs Camporee STAFF



265 (above, left) 2010 Fall Ordeal. Part of 2010-2011 series, featuring art inspired by "The Highwaymen". (above, right) 2010 Haunted Forest; attendee. (not shown) 2010 Haunted Forest; staff (glow in the dark thread).



(left) 340 2010 Fall Conclave. Part of 2010-2011 puzzle set.



(above, left) 237 2010 Fall Ordeal. (right) 2010 Winter Fellowship. (below) 2010 year patch. Part of 2010 series, featuring lodge members participating in activities.





326 (left) 2010 Fall Fellowship. (right) 2010-2011 Chapter Ordeal. Parts of 2010-2011 series, "60 Years Of La-No-Che".

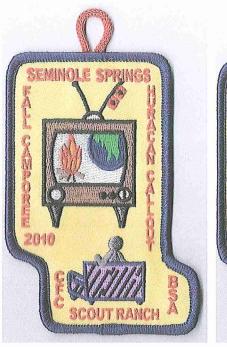




(above) 564 activity patches 2010. Clockwise, from upper left: 2010 Fall Fellowship (Oscen Tustenuggee Chapter); 2010 Winter Fellowship (Tukosee Mathla Chapter); 2010 Winter Fellowship, Vigil Breakfast (RED triangle); 2010 Workday.



200 Onathequa Chapter 2010 Camporee Service Corps; leather; 60 made.





326 Huracan Chapter 2010 Callout. (left) attendee.



326 Ayochatta Chapter 2010 Picnic and Callout.



S-4 neckerchief 2010; BLK cloth, very thin material.



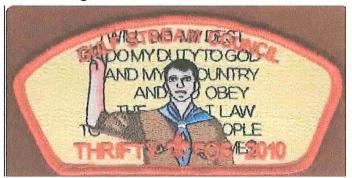
2010 Section S-4 Seminars.



Gulf Ridge Council SA-?? 2010; GULF COAST CLEANUP.



Gulf Ridge Council S-?? 2010; new regular issue design.



Gulf Stream Council SA-?? 2010 FO\$;



West Central Florida Council SA-?? 2010 Wood Badge Scholarship Fund.



Suwannee River Area Council SA-?? 2010; BSA centennial; photosensitive thread.

Palm Beach Tradeoree

February 11-12, 2011

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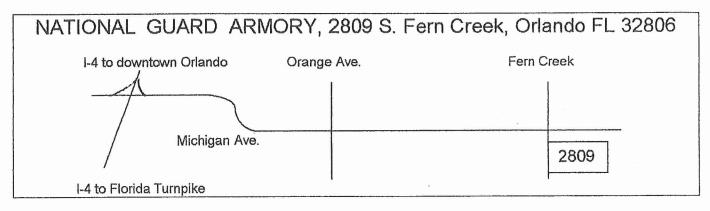
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The time for the 23rd Annual Sunshine Trade-O-Ree is fast approaching. This premier trading event attracts over 200 collectors and visitors. All profits benefit the Central Florida Council Summer Campership Assistance Fund.



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Collectors will be on hand to show, buy, sell, and trade memorabilia and answer questions about Scouting's history.

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- SATURDAY MORNING activities include silent auctions.

Here is the Good News – It is *FREE* for everyone!! It's like a free museum trip to learn and see Boy Scout History, past and present.

Opportunities for Advancement

TIGERS - Go See It - Requirement 1G - Visit a Museum

WOLF - Achievement 6 - Start a Collection. Make a collection of anything you like.

BEAR - Achievement 8 - The Past is Exciting and Important

b. Find someone who was a Cub Scout a long time ago. Talk with him about what Cub Scouting was like then. What did he do at Den meetings, Pack meetings and what kind of uniform did he wear?

Elective 22 - Collecting Things

b. Mount and display a collection of emblems, coins, or other items to show at a Pack meeting.

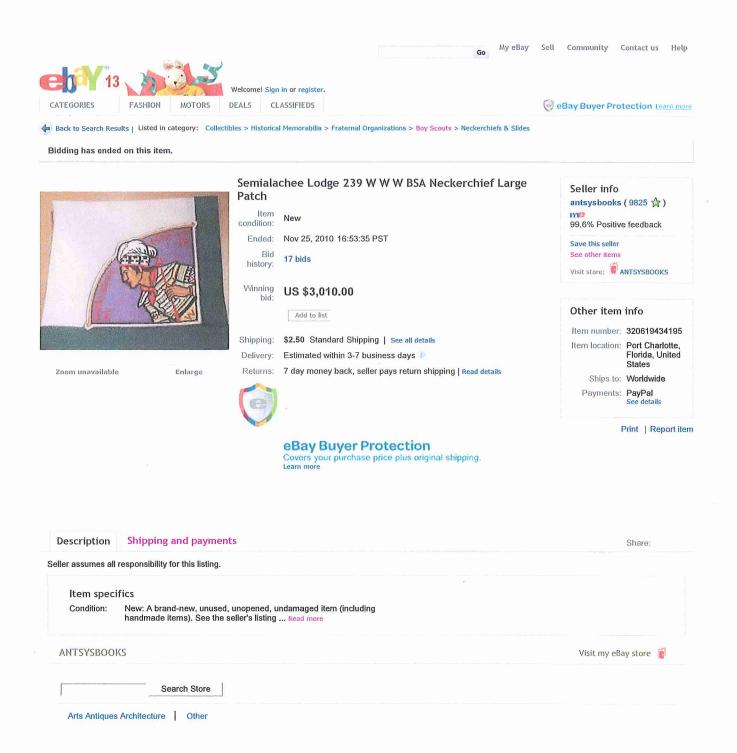
WEBELOS - Traveler, 3. Take a trip to a place that interests you.

Community, 2. Prepare and give a three-minute talk to your den on a subject of your choice.

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