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Were You There? **Indian Summer** By: Ryan Bajan, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge

Indian Summer turned out to be a true success. Held in the mountains west of Asheville, North Carolina, August 2-7, the conference served as a training event on American Indian Affairs. Those who attended this event were able to take classes in all OA ceremonies, various dances, drum and sing, or just independent study.

The week started off with an opening show that presented the ties between the original Ceremony for the Ordeal and the modern one. It also

introduced the audience to different dance styles used throughout the nation.

Later that night, Arrowmen were split up into different "nations" and then into "tribes," which separated into small "clans." The purpose of these groups was to



Greg Bajan of Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge perfects his Old Style technique

build new friendships between

Arrowmen from all parts of the country. In these clans, Scouts made coup sticks and participated in an hour of service, among other things.

Sunday through Wednesday consisted of classes in whichever field of study each person chose, taught by

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Cancun, South Beach and... Cimarron? **Philbreak in Review** By: Seth Dearmin, SR-7B Section Chief

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Spring Break 2003! For most college co-eds, memories of their week-long solstice from the rigors of 8:00 AM chemistry lectures and bland meals of ramen noodles are characterized by "fun in the sun" on beaches including Daytona and Myrtle. However, a select few will remember Spring Break 2003 as a time of servant leadership and cheerful service.

In the summer of 2002, wildfires raged across Philmont's North

of the ranch. The much-traveled Ponil region was hit especially hard, causing numerous treks to be rerouted and eventually forcing the ranch to shut down all its North Country camps. After the fires subsided, the area known best for the breathtaking views from atop Baldy Mountain and for the rigorous trail that winds through the Valle Vidal became an expanse of burnt-black dirt and charred aspen trees. These massive fires not only posed cosmetic problems

Country devastating over 28,000 acres for Philmont; probable environmental

implications were also clear. Runoff from burned areas would undoubtedly pollute Eagle Nest Reservoir, causing water problems for all parts of the ranch as well as for the residents of the

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past and present national champions and judges. Participants could purchase materials for working on outfitting from the Buffalo Chips Company, and could also purchase research materials in the Written Heritage book store.

There was an activity every night of the event. A Northern drum pow wow took place on Sunday night and a Southern, on Tuesday night, both of which were held inside due to continuous rainfall. A "Life in a Longhouse" also featured dancing, but was a more educational and participation-based event than the pow wows. The Activities and Recreation Committee put on a Mountain Man Rendezvous on Tuesday night. This was an exciting event where Arrowmen could throw hatchets, shoot black powder rifles, and even see our National Vice Chief, Rich Moore, act if he was a crazy mountain man from the Carolinas.

The week ended with an inspirational closing show in which Rich Moore presented a very moving and personal story about his life and his love for the Order. The show started off with a grand entry, in which several new dancers were able to show off the projects completed during the week. At its end, ice cream and root beer floats were served to all Arrowmen. All in all it was an awesome event! I hope to see you all at the next Indian Summer. (Will you be there?)



Catawba Lodge's Contingent

Chiefly Speaking

🐘 There is a Lot Going On

Brothers,

Since our last meeting at the Dixie Fellowship, the past few months have been very exciting for the Order of the Arrow. From OA Trail Crew to OA Wilderness Voyage to the National Indian Summer, Arrowmen from across the country have had the summer of their lives. Now as we wrap-up our Summer Ordeals and Fellowships, it is time to look forward to the fall.

On the weekend of November 7-9 the amazing National Leadership Seminar and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar is coming to Leesville, SC for the brothers of Section SR-5. Very few registration slots are left, so if you have not signed up for either program then do so as soon as possible. NLS, the premier leadership training course in Scouting, is a highly intensive weekend that focuses on the technique of serving and leading others. NLATS is the new adviser training course focused on teaching the effective methods of advising youth in the Order of the Arrow. Both of these programs are incredible opportunities that you do not want to miss out on.

On Sunday of the NLS/NLATS weekend the Council of Chiefs will have our November meeting to prepare for the 2004 Dixie Fellowship at Clear Creek Scout Camp. Catawba Lodge has been working diligently all summer long to prepare for this upcoming Dixie.

I am looking forward to visiting you at your lodge fellowships and Ordeals, as well as meeting with you at NLS and NLATS.

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Remembering a Great Friend Husband. Father. Adviser. Mentor. Friend.

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Ed Gibbs 1948 - 2003

traits when section training adviser Ed Gibbs passed away while on a troop camping trip.

Ed, who had previously served at the section level as an adviser to the program coordinator and as an Indian Affairs judge, was also a former lodge adviser of Skyuka Lodge and an adult leader for BSA troop 1. Because of his unyielding service to our organization, Ed impacted the personal growth of hundreds of youth and adults and thereby was able to improve the program that affects thousands of Scouts and Scouters.

Ed passionately believed in the youthled philosophy of the OA and was always a source of support and reassurance that both youth and adults could turn to in times of need. A true servant of our organization, Ed had an unmatched combination of programmatic knowledge, consistent dependability, and unwavering passion for the programs of the OA and BSA. Most of all, people who knew Ed will remember his contagious jovial personality, filled with jokes and laughter, that always lightened the mood of his surroundings.

Ed, you will be truly missed, but the time that you spent with each of us will be forever treasured.



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Exciting Times

How wonderful it is to be a part of the OA right now. With so many new and continuing programs on the ropes, our Order seems to buzz with activity. Summer draws to a close, and with it ends a series of OA adventures. Of course, lodges from across our section made themselves an integral part of their council summer camps. National outdoor service opportunities starting last spring with Philbreak and ending this summer with OA Trail Crew and Wilderness Voyage gave Arrowmen the chance to improve BSA properties as well as surrounding communities. And for American Indian affairs enthusiasts, our own Tsali Lodge was the service lodge for Indian Summer, the newest national event.

I hope this issue of the Five Feathers captures some of the excitement that comes with the cheerful service and brotherhood to which our Order is dedicated, and infects Arrowmen with the desire to become more a part of that excitement.

I would also like to draw your attention to the newly redesigned section website at www.sr5.org. Be sure to visit to get up-to-date Dixie Fellowship information and a link to the 2004 Dixie Fellowship home site.

In closing I would like to thank all of the contributing writers and particularly Seth Dearmin for sharing his experiences with us from outside our section.

In Scouting,

D. Barratt Park II

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A Note from the Editor A Lesson from the Past Unali'yi Lodge 60th Anniversary 🐘 By: Patrick Dunn, Unali'yi Lodge

Unali'yi Lodge recently celebrated 60 years of cheerful service. During the month of May 1943, the first members of Unali'yi Lodge were inducted into the OA. We have come a long way since then, increasing membership, becoming active in the section, and developing a quality program for our youth.

In May of 2003, we held our 60th Anniversary Fellowship at Camp Ho Non Wah. There were over 100 current members, and around 45 "alumni" present at the function, many of whom were influential members of both the lodge and the section in the past. Those Arrowmen present represented all six decades of our history.

The weekend began Friday evening with a "History of the Lodge" slide show, followed by a brotherhood ceremony. At the cracker-barrel that night, the visiting members introduced themselves so that newer lodge members could see who ran the lodge in the past.

Saturday morning was filled with carnival games, pie-eating contests, camp tours, and climbing wall activities. The camp tours were an especially enlightening experience for all who participated. Not only did alumni see how much the camp had changed, they told stories of how camp used to be, allowing younger lodge members to take a trip into the past.

The dedication of the new J. Rucker Newbery Lodge was also held during the Fellowship. All past and current lodge chiefs, lodge advisers and staff advisers present assisted in the cutting of the ribbon, officially dedicating the building to J. Rucker Newbery.

Of course, no fellowship at Unali'yi Lodge is complete without a pow wow. The pow wow allowed all the former Unali'vi dancers and singers to join the new members in an afternoon full of songs. Everyone who danced enjoyed the pow wow, and those who watched saw the founding members of our lodge's dance and sing teams perform.

The banquet held on Saturday night was filled with special awards and recognitions. Rusty Riddle, adviser for the weekend, began a new tradition by inducting those lodge members who have performed outstanding cheerful service into the Unali'yi Lodge Hall of Fame. Over 20 members were inducted and received special plaques for all the hard work they have done. The 2003-2004 lodge officers were also installed during the banquet: Lodge Chief Patrick Dunn, Vice Chief of Administration Nathan Delph, and Vice Chief of Program Chris Leeper.

Dr. E.W. Rabon, a former Unali'yi Lodge chief currently of Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge, presented framed photos of camp from earlier years that are to be hung in the new museum in the J. Rucker Lodge. The evening ended with a spirited worship service featuring live music.

With the past 60 years behind us, we are now looking towards the future, where we plan to build on our past. We hope to increase the strength of the administrative portion of our Lodge, while still maintaining our excellent program. We are also continuing our efforts to promote camping both within our council and the surrounding areas.

The Five Feathers is published quarterly. If you have an article and/or picture (with caption) for submission, please send it to Barratt Park at secretary@sr5.org. The next submission deadline is Sunday, November 9th.

Summits, Stomps and Spoons **My Experience at OA Trail Crew** By: Kane Bonnette, Bob White Lodge

I left Augusta early on the morning of June 12th. Driving with a friend from my lodge, Joe Dorsey, we crossed ancient mountains, wide rivers and vast American plains in our travels West.

on to Black Horse Camp. This was to be our base as we spent the next 5 days building trail up the south face of Baldy Mountain, providing an alternate route for hikers seeking to summit the tallest

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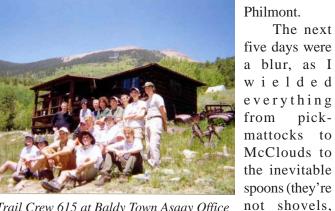
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After 3 days on the road, we arrived in Cimarron, New Mexico. Little did we know what great adventures awaited us at Scouting Paradise. the Philmont Scout Ranch.

Joe and I had signed up for the

2003 session of OA Trail Crew. I thought it was a great deal. Pay \$100 and get yourself to Philmont and you get to spend 2 weeks in the backcountry. We showed up at the Philmont Welcome Center to find a table set up just for Trail Crew, where I filled out a release form, headed off for a medical recheck, and dropped off my pack at the Cons building. While I was stowing my gear and getting ready for lunch, I met up with members of the previous week's Trail Crew, who were preparing for their selfplanned trek. After a week of toil in the backcountry, they had nothing but praise for the program! This promised to be an exciting trip.

That evening, the twenty-two of us (four foremen and eighteen participants) departed for Maxwell campground after a quick review of backcountry techniques and bear etiquette (bear bags and smellables would be a big part of my life for the next few days). After a short night in Maxwell, we hiked to Miranda cabin, where we breakfasted with the mountain men, and continued



OA Trail Crew 615 at Baldy Town Asaay Office

spoons!) We spent our days grading the trail, building rockwalls, and uprooting Aspens and Pines that were in the way of the pre-surveyed trail. But it wasn't

all work. While waiting on loads of gravel, I had time to chat with the other 17 participants of OATC 615, who hailed from across the country. We spent the nights gathered around a campfire in the rustic 'couch' a

previous Trail Crew had constructed, and sang songs, traded jokes, and discussed the dinners we'd cooked. After building 250 feet of trail (no small feat) we hiked to Baldy Town and finally summited the mountain that had stood before us all week in its colossal splendor, so close and yet so far away. As the twenty-two of us climbed the steep trail, we felt that we had really accomplished something

together. It was an amazing sight from 12,441 feet up—something that none of us would ever forget.

After a quick stop in base camp, where we got a much needed shower and laundry run, we headed back out, but this time for our self-planned trek. Those days were memorable, as we traded off the jobs of navigator and Crew Leader daily. We covered most of Philmont's Central Country, seeing natural sights such as Cathedral Rock and Lover's Leap, and getting a taste of Philmont's backcountry programs, such as sparclimbing, black-powder rifle shooting, and metal forgery. The staff at Crater Lake really appreciated having a Trail Crew in camp, and we even got a fresh bag of cherries for helping them chop some wood. But nothing compared to the Stomp at Cypher's Mine, where we rocked the cabin until the late hours of the night. The sights on our trek



The Meadow with Miranda and Baldy in the background

culminated with the sunrise from the top of the Tooth of Time on the last day.

Although we had to leave the next day, we all knew we'd had a

great 14 days. I

found out at our final dinner that I'd been tenting with the National Vice-Chief! I'd just made 21 best friends, and I couldn't wait to get back to Scouting Paradise, perhaps as a foreman next time. It's an experience I loved and one I encourage all Arrowmen to take advantage of while they still can.



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Philbreak

neighboring town of Cimarron.

The OA was quick to react by launching a program called Philbreak. Three program sessions were planned during the three most popular weeks of college Spring Break. Rapid promotion of Philbreak began and by early March, 75 dedicated Arrowmen chose to forego the "fun in the sun" found at Spring Break hot spots like Cancun and South Beach, for a week of good old-fashioned manual labor.

When I pulled into the Philmont Training Center—our headquarters for the task at hand—I was thrilled to meet 24 other Scouts from across the United States. Our backgrounds and interests were varied. We hailed from New York, Wisconsin, Indiana, and North Carolina; we were computer programmers, members of the Armed Forces, business majors, and geography majors.

We displayed a "work hard, play hard" attitude throughout the week. We spent four arduous days of our Spring Breaks dropping dead trees, controlling erosion, and protecting Philmont's water sources. When the 5:00 PM whistle blew at the end of each work day, we were covered in ash from head to toe and singing John Denver classics on our journey back to base camp. Twilight activities for the week included Villa tours, strumming banjos around a campfire, a hotly contested basketball match up at Cimarron Middle School, and a day on the slopes at Angelfire Ski Resort.

While we 25 Spring Breakers may have missed out on opportunities to work on our tans or take long walks on the beach, we were extremely fortunate to give back to the Boy Scout program that has given so much to us. We reinforced the purpose of our great Order through our unselfish service, through our cheerfulness, and through the brotherhood we shared. This group of 25 strangers found a higher purpose something greater than ourselves-in a week of servant leadership. I strongly urge you to give some thought to making Philbreak a part of next year's Spring Break plans.



Thinking Global U-Fund to Help Africa

In more than thirty countries, the success of Scouting relies on outside support. Since 1963, the Universal Scouting Fund, or U-Fund, has existed to allow members of the Scouting

Movement to contribute to development efforts by Scouts in these nations. However, while Scout Associations worldwide spend considerable efforts to promote Scouting locally and nationally through programs such as the of Friends Scouting campaign in the United States, the U-Fund has until recently remained

a little-advertised, ineffective tool. Around the world, Scouting is known for its dedication to youth development and for its impact on local communities. For decades, the Scouting Movement in Africa has striven to improve the quality of life through community service and development programs whose aims include

AIDS prevention, conservation of farmland soil, poverty eradication, and peace education in wartorn countries, among many others. Recently, the Africa Scout Region petitioned to administer and utilize U-Fund resources so that African

Scouts and Scouters can reinforce and build upon development programs. Starting in January 2003, the World Scouting Bureau agreed to dedicate the U-Fund to the African cause for the next three years.

Although Africa has already benefited substantially, support money issued to National Scout Associations is limited to \$1000 per project due to lack of funds. The effect of increased interest in the U-Fund could therefore help the Scouting Movement in Africa bring about profound changes.

A donation to the U-Fund, however modest, can help buy a school uniform for an AIDS orphan, provide vocational training for a street child, or preach peace to troubled peoples. Donations should be sent to the National Headquarters in Irving Texas, which will forward them to the National Scout Bureau in Geneva, Switzerland. For more information, email afrscout@africa.scout.org or visit www.scout.org/africa.



Lodge Reports



Muscogee Thad Mobley, Lodge Chief

In the months that have passed since seeing most of you guys at Dixie, Muscogee Lodge has been very busy. With Dixie 2005 on our minds, the lodge has conducted two Ordeals, one in May and one July, and we had a blast during the annual Summer Fellowship. The lodge is also looking forward to the fall. With the Fall Ordeal and Fellowship soon approaching, the lodge will be turning the reigns over to new group of elected officers in October at the Fall Fellowship. Also in November, Muscogee will be sending a full contingent to NLS and NLATS at Camp Kinard. Any brothers in the section that have interest in attending any of Muscogee's fall events please contact Lodge Chief Thad Mobley. With Dixie 2004 coming sooner than we think, Muscogee looks forward to seeing everyone, and good luck in preparing for the main event.



Over the summer months, Catawba Lodge has been very active. In May and June, we held two Ordeal weekends at each of our council camps, in support of the council's "Beaver Weekend" programs. With these Ordeals, we have the privilege of over 140 new Arrowmen and 30 new Brotherhood members joining our ranks. Our woodworking shop, the result of our OA Service Grant work, which has been named the "Heritage Arts Center" by the council, was completed shortly before the start of summer camp, and was utilized fully in the camp program at Camp Grimes. The lodge is very excited to have completed this task, and many Scouts are going to reap the benefits of it for years to come when they visit camp. Upcoming events include one last Ordeal for the summer in August, and

our big Fall Fellowship in September. Both will take place at Clear Creek Scout Camp, the site of the 2004 Dixie Fellowship. We are planning to finish out the year great, and look forward to seeing our out-of-lodge brothers at Leesville, SC in November.



Eswau Huppeday Lodge is finishing up it's year strong with our upcoming Fall Fellowship, which will be held September 19 - 21 at Camp Bud Schiele. At this event we will have our Vigil Call Out and Ceremony and a Brotherhood Ceremony. We will have a weekend full of Fun Events such as an Iron Chef contest, a Rickshaw race, bamboo baseball, fun training events, some good movies, and our patch auction. We will also install our new Lodge Officers for 2003-2004. Our officers are Lodge Chief Jeff Rasmussen, Vice Chief of Program Brian Manuel, Vice Chief of Administration Brendon Haney, Secretary Peter McAnulty, and Treasurer Zack Queen.

Our Lodge is also planning to promote camping and other good OA things to the Council at our Council Rondevuez this fall. We will have an Indian Village, along with a Camp Promotions exhibit and other exhibits that will promote our Lodge and the Order.



Atta Kulla Kulla Ryan Bajan, Lodge Chief

All is well in Whippoorwill country. The lodge had a great turnout at Dixie Fellowship and placed in many competitions and events. In the past few months, the lodge has completed an excellent workday for camp, a cookout held at Camp Old Indian, and our recent Vigil Callout. Our lodge has called out ten very deserving arrowmen for the Vigil Honor.

Apart from that, AKK is looking

forward to an excellent year. The lodge has all spots filled for both NLS and NLATS and is hoping to send more. This summer, the lodge will have inducted over 200 new Arrowmen and will have had over 40 Brotherhood conversions. It has been a great year for AKK, and we look forward to seeing some of you in Ridgecrest.



Skyuka Greg Garrison, Lodge Chief

Skyuka Lodge is doing very well. We held our first annual Dog Days in May, combining our Spring Fellowship with the Council's Spring Camporee. This event helped Camp Bob Hardin get ready for summer camp and also gave the lodge time to get more work done. We have made plans to hold this event next year in hopes of building the event stronger through the years of experience. Our bylaws committee has also been very busy with rewriting the bylaws and bringing them up to date. We held six successful tap-out ceremonies during summer camp. We tapped out about 125 Scouts who will go through their ordeal during our Summer Ordeal. Skyuka Lodge also sent two of our American Indian Affairs staff to the Indian Summer to serve on staff. They will help youth from all over the country to build their regalia and learn how to dance, sing, and perform our ceremonies. If you wish to attend an event, get in touch with me. Thanks for supporting Scouting!



I would like to begin by saying that it is an enormous honor to serve as a two-term chief for Santee Lodge. After our wonderful showing at Dixie I am excited about the upcoming year. We are currently reflecting on the past as Santee celebrates the 65th anniversary of our lodge. As "the Tradition Continued" we held our annual OA week,

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which ended with the Native American based pageant. The week ran over into our Summer Fellowship where we inducted new ordeals, got some work done, called new candidates for vigil, and celebrated our 65 years with a banquet. Now we are looking forward to the forthcoming year of Santee as a time to continue with old traditions but also a time to begin new traditions of our own. We are finalizing plans for our Fall Fellowship and Winter Banquet, but also beginning plans for Spring Fellowship, DIXIE, OA Week, and of course NOAC. All of Santee is eager to get the next year flowing and we can't wait to see y'all soon!



Chris Hoover, Lodge Chief

Tsali Lodge has been very busy in preparing for Indian Summer. We were the Service Lodge for this new national event. We had a great time at the Dixie Fellowship. Take care and enjoy the rest of your summer.



Bob White Kane Bonnette, Lodge Chief

Bob White Lodge continued its long tradition of service after the Dixie Fellowship. Beginning with the Annual Beaver day, the lodge hosted council 'beavers' as troops came in to give service to Camp Linwood Hayne in preparation for the 2003 summer camp session. Beginning with a fellowship evening for Arrowmen on Friday, the lodge saw beavers coming in as early as eight in the morning. Throughout the day, hardworking members built Fred Sheds, shade pavilions and fences, cleared brush, and spread the ubiquitous wood chips throughout the camp.

But summer camp didn't stop the tradition of service. The lodge began a new tradition this year as we hosted an ice cream social for OA members in camp that week. At the end of summer camp, the lodge worked the annual post-camp clean up day, where we helped Linwood-Hayne recover after yet another year of summer.

The lodge is also hard at work helping to construct the new council camp, Camp Robert E. Knox. Devoted to construction of the staff site, a pavilion, and a new OA cabin, our lodge is heavy into fund-raising as we work to collect the money needed to complete these ambitious projects. To these ends, we had a professional artist paint a 17" x 23" landscape of our current OA cabin, and we are selling prints at a cost of \$50 apiece. Only a thousand prints have been made, and you are all welcome not only to collect a piece of section memorabilia but to help out a fellow lodge by purchasing one of the these prints. Please contact lodge adviser Rick Mann if you are interested.



Unali'yi Patrick Dunn, Lodge Chief

Unali'yi Lodge is doing great. We are celebrating our 60th anniversary and feeling good about another 60 years. Our Camp Promotions began strong at the Council Program Preview Conference, where our lodge "Where to Go Camping Guide" was distributed to Troop leaders.

We are also planning a Fall Fellowship for the second weekend in December. This will be our Vigil and Founders weekend, culminating in a banquet on Saturday night. We are beginning to work with the "Charleston Promise," a major community service project in our council.

Also scheduled soon is the grand opening of our new J. Rucker Newbery Lodge. We are planning to make a special edition patch to help pay for the furnishings and the displays for the museum, located in the upstairs area.

Our Lodge is busy celebrating the past and preparing for the future. Hopefully, we will have as much success in the future as we have had in the past.



Tomo Chi-Chi Douglas Hess, Lodge Chief

It has been a great year in Tomo-land! We had a great summer ordeal. We inducted 38 new members into our lodge; we also had around 12 new brothers who sealed their membership with brotherhood. Well, the next event is our annual meeting on Aug. 22-24. This will be our 65th annual meeting so it should be a big one. We will elect new officers for the coming year around lunch on Saturday. I have enjoyed being lodge chief this year in the best section in the nation! Great job Dixie, SR-5, we are looking for a great year to come.



Recently, Itibap had a Summer Fun Day at Camp John J. Barnhardt. At this event we had about 45 members to show up for seven hours of FUN, RELAXATION, FELLOWSHIP and of course old-fashioned BBQ which was topped off by some delicious homemade ice cream. We all had fun playing basketball and volleyball, rappelling off the tower, and what could be more perfect than to end the day with a swim in the pool. The event lasted from 12 noon to about 6:45 p.m. Some of us came home with sunburned faces and backs. But we had a good time. Now it is time to get back to business as usual.

We had a good group from the lodge go to the 2003 Indian Summer at Ridgecrest and were glad to see many of you there. We will have our Fall Ordeal coming up in September, which I hope will be successful. Plans are underway now for the event. We are also hoping to have a good group of members to go to NLS in November. I hope to see some of the other lodges there as well.



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Section Calendar

Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Available
November 7-9	NLS / NLATS
November 9	COC Meeting
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline
April 23-25	Dixie Fellowship - Clear Creek Scout Camp
July 31 - August 5	NOAC, ISU - Ames, IA