



February 2007 Issue

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Spring Pow-Wow

April 13-15, 2007
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May 4-5
Mega Scout Show

June 1-3
Service Weekend

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Winter Fellowship 2006

Winter Fellowship was held on the weekend of December 8-10, 2006 at TK, and it turned out to be a very successful weekend!!! We had the second annual Quest for the Golden Gator, where chapters competed in competitions throughout Saturday, and Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter came away with the trophy for the second straight year. Also, there was a Saturday Night Carnival, where there were games, music, food, a Chapter Chief Pie Eating Contest (Zach Regan of Ne-Ki-Wa prevailed), and an inflatable bounce house and boxing ring, among other activities. There were over 50 people in attendance for the “237 Surprise”, where both youth and adults played “Battle Sock”, which is where people wear a pantyhose’s single leg tied off with flour in the foot and try to cover everyone else with flour in a Battle Royale!!! For those interested, you could earn the Active Arrowman Award, where you completed various requirements, and the prize was a special drawing and the prize was a special drawing of a gator, the Trina Carnes. Turner, the Chairman, for receiving the trophy.



Thanks goes out to those people who put it all together, including those who ran the Quest games, those who helped put together the carnival, those who helped do anything, both youth and adult. This weekend wouldn't have been the success it was without their support. A special thank-you goes

out to the Lodge Officers (Adam, Brad, Jay, Jeff, Brandon, Elliott), who went above and beyond their direct responsibilities in helping getting this weekend running right. Thanks also goes out to my advisor David Pantone, for helping and encouraging me whenever, Mary Flack, for getting the weekend booklets printed so late and much more, to Patrick Rice for helping to put together the designs for both the weekend booklet and Active Arrowman pins and much more, to Cecil Phibbs and his crew for putting together the Active Arrowman pins and much more, to Mark Kidd, Ted Sobol and the entire Kitchen Staff for feeding us so well, to Oakley Hammond and Mike Stahl for the Friday Night TK Grill, and also to Peter Turner, for making sure everything went well and for being a true friend. The next lodge event is Spring Pow-Wow on March 9-11, and I urge those of you that either made it or didn't make it to Winter Fellowship to attend!!!

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Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

I would like to take this opportunity to once again welcome the newest class of Arrowmen into Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. Also, I would like to thank everyone who helped in the preparation and execution of our Lodge's two Ordeal Weekends where approximately 200 Arrowmen were successfully inducted into our Order. They successfully completed more than 1600 man hours of service at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation. Ranger Steve Steinmetz has personally asked me to thank everyone for all the work that was put into our camp.

In addition a huge "Thank You" goes out to Ian McKay for being the chairman for both of our Lodge Ordeal Weekends this year. If you are interested in helping with our next Ordeal Weekends please contact me or another lodge officer for more information.

On November 3rd, 2006, over 40 Arrowmen from Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge embarked on a journey for a weekend packed with seminars with Steve Gray as their fearless leader. This journey led those Arrowmen to Lake Wales, Florida for the 2006 Section S-4S Seminars weekend. At this weekend Arrowmen from all around the Section took place in classes relating to Ceremonies, Native American Activities, and Leadership. Kudos to those members of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge who sought more knowledge, and hopefully that knowledge will be used to help our Lodge continue to prosper.

Also, as many of you may know, the 2nd Annual Lodge Banquet was recently conducted at Jupiter High School. Many were in attendance and enjoyed the great food, fun, and fellowship. Dozens of prizes were given out including \$30.00 in gas cards. Bobby Weil had the job of coordinating the banquet and none of it would have happened without him. Please take the time to thank him for a job well done! [Ed. See page 12-13 for Banquet pictures.]

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Adam Taft

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief

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GATOR TALES REMINDER

Arrowman, Advisors, and Officers - Each issue of the Gator Tales is produced on a rather tight time table. In order to get every issue out on time we need your help.

If you are sending ANYTHING in for the next issue of the Gator Tales please be sure to send it in BEFORE the deadline.

Submission Deadline:
April 25th

Operation One Day

By: Steve Gray

Lodge Operation One Day Chairman

This Year (2006) marks the 10th anniversary of Operation One Day of Service, a Southern Region program where each and every lodge in the region is to complete a service project for their community. In our lodge, we have had three chapters complete their projects so far, with a few scheduled for the upcoming weeks. Thanks go out to the Lowaneu Mawat, Oi-Ya-Tah, and Chee-Pa-Tah chapters for completing their projects.

- **Lowaneu Mawat Chapter** completed their project on October 7th, where they worked with the E.L.C. (Environmental Learning Center) in Wabasso in completing various projects, such as removing Brazilian Pepper Trees, laying mulch, and painting.

- **Oi-Ya-Tah Chapter** completed their project on October 21st, where they completed service work for Camp Ah-Ba-Lufa in Ft. Pierce, where members cleared trails and picked up trash throughout camp.

- **Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter** completed their project in mid-October, working with the Cathedral of St. Ignatius members painting signs, parking lines, parking stops, pressure washing the back patio, cut trees, pulled weeds, and much more. Their efforts helped accumulate a combined total of 250+ hours!

Ne-Ki-Wa and Coo-Wa-Chobee chapters both have projects coming up, so those members should check the next Gator Tales for details. There was also an opportunity to go to a general project in Boynton Beach on October 28th, where the Marshall Foundation held its annual Cypress Harvest, where volunteers from the community helped harvest Cypress seeds. Due to rain, we only had 6 members from Chee-Pa-Tah go to it, after working on their chapter project. Now that's dedication! Thanks go out to all those that took the time to make their project happen, and also those that worked it.

For those of you that worked a One Day of Service project AND completed 8 hours of service at a lodge service weekend (June Service, August Ordeal, September Ordeal), you can get the Leadership in Service award. Simply go to the National O.A. Website, at www.oa-bsa.org, print it out, and get it signed off by our Lodge Chief, Adam Taft, or our Lodge Advisor, David Weda. The deadline for this year's award is approaching quickly, so get it done soon.

NOTE: Please indicate if you are receiving the award a second time when turning in the sign-off sheet.

OA Trivia

By: Steve Gray

Former Lodge Chief

More Trivia! Lots More Trivia! More Trivia than you have ever seen before!

The first Arrowman to contact Steve Gray at (772) 643-3624 or stevegray237@yahoo.com with the correct answers will receive a special prize.

1.) In the last 4 years, how many times has a Section S-4S Chief been elected to a national OA position (National chief, Vice-Chief, Region Chief)?

2.) What is the date and place of the next Section Conference?

3.) Who served as Lodge Chief in 2000-2001?

4.) Which chapter's name is interpreted as "Baby Gator"?

5.) What is ArrowCorps 5?

Previous Trivia Answers:

1. 8+

2. The old Russian National Anthem

3. 1981 - Eric Sexauer, 1988 - Derek Roth, 1997 - Eric Mason, and 2004 - Marc Edgar

4. Adam Taft, Brad Phibbs, Jay Pantone, Jeff Gray, Brandon Evans, Elliott Taft.

Ed. The questions can be found in the August issue.

Congratulations and Welcome

Congratulations to all of our new Ordeal members, and welcome to the Aal-Pa-Tah Family! You were selected by your peers for the chance to join the Order of the Arrow and you have made it. We hope you will join us at the Spring Pow-Wow for lots of Food, Fun, and Fellowship. Fast Pass members need to Call the Council Office and register. Please see the back page for instructions.

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| CHARLES FLYNN | | STEVEN SENGBERG | ZACHARY ZAMORA |

Brotherhood

Despite a shrinking list, these members below have earned just as much respect as our new Ordeal members. Many chose to remain Ordeal members, but these brothers have chosen to further themselves and the lodge by becoming Brotherhood members. The next time you see one of these members be sure to congratulate them on sealing their membership in the Order and our Lodge.

TIMOTHY ARNOLD
RENE BISSON
CHRIS BURST
MATTHEW BURST
MICHAEL CAPPOLA
KATRINA CARNES
DANE CHRISTIANSON
NICKOLAS CHRISTOS
FRANK COXON
BRANDON EVANS
LISA EVANS-GAY
SEAN FLEMING
SHEILA GALLEGOS
CHRISTOPHER GARETANO
QUINTON GOWER-WINTER
JEFF GRAY

MARC GUIONNAUD
MIKE HANEY
DAVID HOBBS
JOSHUA HOBBS
BEAU INDOVINA
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JACK KELTNER
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MATTHEW WILLIAMS
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ANDREW ZUKER

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Then bring it to...

The 2007 Section S-4S Conference.

April 13-15, 2007

**Hosted by Echockotee Lodge
Camp Shands, Melrose, FL**

**See your Lodge Chief or Adviser
for more information**

**Section 20
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First a spark...now a flame.



BROTHERS IN ACTION

Lowaneu Mawat - The Northern Ones Speak

Chief: Chas Carlson

Hello to all of you Gators out there in Aal-Pa-Tah land.

Lowaneu-Mawats is still out here going strong, looking good and being the Number One Chapter. It's been a busy few months here in the North Land. Two Ordeals, August and September, have passed us and we have gained good people into our chapter and now need to get these people active and not turn into "Sash and Dashers". Project One Day has come and gone with a lot of Pepper Trees bashed, wood painted and mulch hauled at the Environmental Learning Center in Wabasso. Members of our Chapter recently performed a crossover ceremony in Seminole Garb for Cub Scout Pack 512. We are working on a call list so everybody gets notified and no one has to call more than 4 or 5 other brothers. Our Chapter holds its meeting on the 2nd Monday of every month with the District Roundtable. The Lowaneu-Mawats wish everyone a Happy New Year! Better late than never right?

NOAC 2006

By: Chas Carlson

Contingent Leader

NOAC 2006 has come and gone; if you missed it you really missed quite something.

39 Brothers gathered together at the West Palm Beach Airport early in the day to depart for Lansing Michigan. Old friends were reacquainted and new ones were made. Everyone arrived on time and we did not have too much difficulty with Security. A couple of body searches but not too bad. The flights were full but we made it through Detroit to Lansing without any difficulty or losing anyone.

Upon arriving in Lansing, the bus was there to take us to dinner, we went by several places to eat that were full and then stopped at a Wendy's. After dinner we proceeded on to our overnight lodging which was at a Girl Scout Camp. The bus had a little trouble getting through the gate but we made it. The building we stayed in had no AC and only three rooms but we made do. In the youth room it was wall to wall mattress so naturally a wrestling match broke out. By bedtime we had a wonderful smell going in this room. Whoever's idea it was to get us sodas (mountain dew) was great but we probably need to rethink this one. Sugar and caffeine high abounded.

Up early the next morning, we got on the bus and headed to Michigan State University with a stop at McDonalds for breakfast. Arriving at MSU we stopped to get our room assignments and everything was ready for us. Smooth sailing. About this time our two lost souls found us bringing the total to 41 brothers in attendance. I did not count the number of brothers that Aal-Pa-Tah had on staff, but it was a lot. We got unloaded, found our rooms and unpacked to get ready for more fun.

Our dorms were typical college dorms with most brothers being two to a room with a shared bath with one other room. Some of the guys got three to a room but it was ok. The only problem was that there was no AC and it was the hottest week on record for Michigan. Figures. Being the kind of brothers we are we made due, with Mr. Phibbs making a couple trips to Wal Mart and buying them out of floor fans. We left them there – I wonder what ever happened to them? We were on the 5th Floor and quickly found out that the 3rd floor had AC so every time we went up or down we stopped on the 3rd floor for some coolant. They also had a store on that floor for snacks. The cafeteria in our hall was the only one with air so it was crowded but the food was great and there was plenty of it. I don't know of anyone who went hungry. The only real downside was that you had to be in the dorm by 11PM and could not get pizza after 9PM.

NOAC itself is almost unexplainable. The training (the best teaching the best), the dancing (again, we showed everyone what dancing was about), patch trading, exhibits, the shows (they are better than some professional theaters I have been to) and the fellowship of over 8,000 brothers. You have to go to realize what you have



missed; Thousands of Brothers mingling, interacting, and learning from each other. Brothers from every state and some foreign countries. Unforgettable. This was my second NOAC and I know it will not be my last. I'm already looking forward to 2009.

The last day was an early one. Up at 4AM, off to the airport and back home by Noon. It all was coordinated so smoothly that everything again came off without a hitch. The advisors that worked to make this trip happen should be

given a lot of thanks and appreciation. Sometimes we Youth don't think how much work is done behind the scenes so we can have a lot of fun.

Things that we need to correct. I can't think of any thing except maybe the AC and that is beyond our control. Also, go to the Founders' Day meeting to make sure you get what you requested.

Things that we can do better. Get more Aal-Pa-Tah brothers to go. This is an experience you will carry with you as long as you live.

Things to think about and maybe do but let's do them early, like in 2008. Get a Gator costume to show off our great spirit that we have. Founders' Day event needs to be thought up and practiced. Maybe design a special patch to sell to offset some of the expense; design it early and earmark the money for NOAC.

One last thing is to start saving your money now to go to NOAC '09. It is well worth every penny to go to this great event. I went to NOAC 04 at ISU, to the National Jamboree in 05 and then to NOAC 06 and I can tell you that NOAC is the experience every Arrowman should have in their Scouting career.

Ordeal Weekend One



What no games? This could only mean one thing! An Ordeal weekend!

As many of you have already shown you can pull your own weight and help your fellow brothers despite the job. Painting, Cleaning, or setting up displays.

If you want to see more pictures from this weekend you can find them in our online gallery! www.gallery.aal-pa-tah237.org





Winter Fellowship 2006



When it comes to having the best weekends in the Section you must bring out the big guns. Yes, that means Golden Gators, Dunk Tanks, and even Sewing!

Want to see what you missed? You can find it in our online gallery!
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Lodge Banquet 2007

Our annual Lodge Banquet was held on Saturday, January 13th, where brothers from Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge and their families came out and had some fun. The evening started out with a silent patch auction, along with some patches from the lodge box. Park Avenue catered the dinner, which consisted of chicken, potato salad, beans, roll, and an amazing cake! Throughout the live patch auction drawings were held to win candles, tool sets, gas cards, and more. The highest auction item, a special lodge neckerchief, fetching over \$200!

The regular festivities started, with Jay Pantone and David Weda giving a talk about the High Adventure program and ArrowCorps 5. Followed by recognition of our newest brotherhood members in attendance. Peter Turner and the Lowaneu Mawat Chapter were recognized for winning last year's Best All-Around Chapter competition, which is a competition where chapters compete in various areas of chapter leadership, such as service, weekend attendance, unit elections' completion, etc. The competition was started just last year.

Following this, the lodge officers were recognized by receiving a specially embroidered lodge neckerchief. The Lodge Advisor's Award was presented to Ian McKay, who has served several times this past year as Weekend Chairman, has been involved with

the ceremonies team, and who isn't afraid to jump in where his help is needed most. This award is presented annually by the Lodge Advisor, to the youth he believes has shown the most positive influence in the lodge. Next up was the annual presentation of the James E. West Fellowship, which went to Mark Kidd, who has been active in Scouting for years, and has been involved with many aspects in our council and lodge. Mr. Kidd was well deserving of the award.

The last item of the evening was the presentation of the Founders' Award. The Founders' Award was created in 1981 to honor Arrowmen in the Order of the Arrow for unselfish service above and beyond their normal duties to their lodge. In the 26 years since it was created, only 12 youth and 13 adults have been presented with the award from Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. Our lodge can present up to 2 awards annually, and if two are presented, one must go to a brother under the age of 21. This year it was decided to present two of the awards, and the recipients were Steve Gray and Captain Tom Chewning. Steve is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, and is our immediate past Lodge Chief. Captain Tom is also an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member, and has been involved with the OA for over 30 years, currently serving as the Chapter Advisor for Abaniki Chapter. We congratulate both of them for this great honor!



Steve Gray and Captain Tom Chewning



Mark Kidd



Officer Reports

Program!, Program!, Program!

My fellow Gators,

Novembers's Section Seminars were a blast! Ask any member who attended and he'll say, "It was a great experience to gain a wealth of knowledge about any subject you want!" Well, something along those lines, at least.

The last lodge event of the year was Winter Fellowship, December 8-10. Our own past Lodge Chief Steve Gray, headed this one up and boy it was a head banger! There were games galore and a carnival Saturday night with a dunk tank, bounce house and boxing ring. And wow, what a 237 Surprise!

This year started off with the annual Lodge Banquet. On January 13, we invited you and your families to partake in a night of food, fun, slide shows, giveaways, patch auctions, awards, and Adam Taft in a chicken costume! Well, not that last one... At least not this year. I just wanted to see who was paying attention. We also presented the Founders' Award to Steve Gray and Tom Chewning.

Our Lodge's Spring Pow-Wow is an event where you, the Arrowman, can have a taste of the largest Order of the Arrow event in the Southern Region: The Section S-4S Conference. At Spring Pow-Wow, you can go through seminars that deal with all sorts of topics including Native American history and dance, Ceremonies, and Patch Trading and Designing. Later, each chapter will compete in competitions as a practice round for the competitions that will be held at Section Conference! Then, Saturday night, a Pow-Wow to rock the Ages! Christian Martek, Chief of our own Hitchiti Dance Team, is in charge of this weekend and he assures me that it will be a weekend to remember! Plan to come on out on the weekend of March 9-11 to join in on the fun and festivities!

Then, April 13-15, Echockotee Lodge is hosting the 2007 Section S-4S Conference at beautiful Camp Shands in Gainesville, Fl. This is the largest Order of the Arrow event in the Southern Region with an estimated 1,200 Arrowmen in attendance! That's almost 1/8 of NOAC! Think of Spring Pow-Wow but bigger and with other lodges from all over the state. This year we hope to take home, once again, the Most Spirited Lodge Award, a first place for our King's Cup display, and Best Overall Ceremonies Team for both ceremonies for the third year in a row! If more members sign-up and attend this HUGE event, then we can expect to take home even more prizes!

Call the Council Office now to reserve your spot in all of these great events. You'd better hurry because spots fill up quickly!

Attention to all Fast Pass Holders: you still need to register for the weekend if you plan to attend because we need to know how many people to have food ready for!

This is going to be great year. Don't miss out on any of the fun!

Your's In Brotherhood,
Bradley Phibbs
Lodge Vice Chief of Program
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Your Report is Ready...

Do you know who invented reports? I know a quick report from Google and Wiki wasn't able to reveal any answers to my question. Progress Reports, Status Reports, Officer Reports, Chairman Reports, but no report on the status of all the reports!

There are lots of interesting reports, but I'm sure none of them are as interesting as the report related to the study of how cow flatus effects the environment. So just what do people want in a report? A list of cool numbers, percents, and pointless information? Lets see....

www.aal-pa-tah237.org Statistics

- Aprox. 350,000 visitors per week
- 7,000+ Gallery Pictures
- over 1,200 MB of website and pictures (~1 gig or 2 CDs)
- One Calendar of Events
- 2 pages of Lodge News
- 75% text and 25% Graphics or was that 25% and 75% respectively?
- 7 chapter websites each run by someone in the chapter
- 1 full officer and advisor list (members site)
- 3 site redesigns
- over 100 hours of typing greek to make something that looks cool and works
- A Separate Gator Tales website

Gator Tales Statistics

- 3-5 weeks for issue production, printing, and sending in mail
- 1-2 week delivery time frame
- 12 to 16 pages of content
- 50+ people that like free full color versions via email
- 20+ people saving a tree by only getting an email copy
- Aprox. 4 Proofs per issue
- 4 regular issues per year
- 4 people helping with Gator Tales
- 1 Layout editor (the person that makes everything look all purdy and brings everything together)

Well, I think that's what most people want to hear, but I'm sure some of you have much better things to do with your time than read all this boring stuff. If you have the time head over to our website and/or forums and let us know what you would rather read! www.aal-pa-tah237.org - www.forum.aal-pa-tah237.org

We always welcome anyone willing to help with the Gator Tales or the lodge website. a High Speed Internet and e-mail account that gets checked somewhat often are all you need to help, and you don't need to learn any greek to help! If you are interested please e-mail patrick@gatortales.org

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Internet Chairman
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patrick@gatortales.org

Spring Pow Wow

You MUST pre-pay the weekend fee of \$15.00. Members must also be dues-paid to participate in lodge events. Please check the label on this mailing to determine if your dues are up-to-date. Annual lodge dues are \$10.00.



On-time payments must be received in the Council Service Center no later than 3/6/2007 at 2 pm. Payment can be made in person, by mail, or by phone with credit card (VISA/MC/AMEX/DISC) at 561-694-8585 ext 234. Information required if using voice mail: purpose of payment (weekend, dues, etc.) participant name, cardholder name, card #, expiration date, street address and zip code. You will be allowed to register at the door for \$20.00.

Save the hassle of having to register. Why not purchase a 2007 Fast Pass? It's only \$90! The Fast Pass registers you for all the weekend Lodge events, covers dues, annual year patch, plus if you are not able to make it to a weekend, a weekend patch will be saved for you.

“Change Service Requested”

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