



# THE OCTORARO LOOP

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**THE HSRAA Reunion on July 15, 2007 is being held at Camp John H. Ware, 3<sup>rd</sup> this year and celebrates the Camp's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

**The HSRAA "Bill Robertson Day" longtime service of the many who have over the years from Explorer Base to its as Camp John H.**

**The Reunion is a well as an renew friendships, years past and enjoy**



**Reunion celebrates which honors the Bill, his family and made a difference the early days as an current prominence Ware, 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**great family day as opportunity to relate stories of many activities.**

**You are invited! See information in HSRAA Reunion article on page 2 to register for this fun alumni and family event.**

## **TWO ANNIVERSARIES ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS SUMMER! LODGE 22 PLAYS A KEY ROLE!**

The Order of the Arrow Octoraro Lodge 22 plays an important role in preparing for the 80th season for Camp Horseshoe campers and for the 50<sup>th</sup> season at Camp John H. Ware, 3<sup>rd</sup>. At the Lodge's April and June Service weekends, hundreds of Lodge members devote countless hours of hard work on various projects that enable the Camp Staffs at each camp to prepare for



Flag Pole Hill serves as landing strip for first campers

the traditionally fine turnout of summer campers. The HSRAA applauds the

Octoraro Lodge 22 efforts to help set up camp that result in both camps opening smoothly and maintaining their eminence in the quality Scouting program delivered.



View of White House HQ, Kindness Center and Browning Memorial in 1927 from Flag Pole Hill

## **HORSESHOE SCOUT RESERVATION CELEBRATES ITS 80<sup>TH</sup> YEAR.**

Opening June 24 is Camp Horseshoe under the continuing fine leadership of Mike Berkeihiser and his seasoned staff. Plenty of

fun is in store for the summer along with great advancement opportunities.

Since the 1960's Troops have camped as units for their traditional period(s) during the summer. Scouts who desired additional weeks at camp had to make arrangements with a unit to do so. Newly implemented this summer is the "provisional" program which will offer Scouts an added period at camp in a "provisional" unit.

## **CAMP JOHN H. WARE, 3<sup>RD</sup> CELEBRATES ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY!**

Again, Camp Ware Staff are prepared to deliver a diverse program under Jim Montich's leadership. Cub camping will be featured in the first week along with the Special Needs Camporee. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> season for the Camporee. Later in the season, Boy Scout camping will be featured along with additional camping weeks for the Cub Scout program.



**Lawrence Lodge first building at Camp Jubilee**



**Campsite improvements await provisional Troops in 1960's at Camp Jubilee**



**HSRAA's Camp Ware Gateway**

## **"BILL ROBERTSON DAY" and HSRAA REUNION PLANS**

The Reunion features recognition of the service that Bill, his son, Bruce, and Grandson Ryan have given since Bill came to what was then Camp Jubilee in 1969 when he was Scoutmaster of Troop 44 of Oxford. Now, Bruce is the Troop's Scoutmaster, and following in his dad's footsteps. We also pay recognition of so many other devoted Jubilee/Ware leaders and workers who found a unique and memorable experience there.

Schedule for the Sunday, July 15 HSRAA Reunion includes:

- 1 PM to 4:00 PM– Activity areas at the Pool, Archery, Rifle Range and handicraft are open. See the new Archery Range Pavilion built by HSRAA funds.
- 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM – Alumni Class photos (location to be announced)
- 5:15 PM - Retreat Ceremony
- 5:30 PM – 'Pig Roast' Barbecue and Entertainment
- 6:15 PM - Recognitions and Business Meeting.

Cost for the Barbecue is \$10 per person. HSRAA T shirts on sale along with a limited number of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Camp Ware patches at the Trading Post.

Registration for the Reunion must be made by July 9, 2007 on the HSRAA website [www.hsraa.org](http://www.hsraa.org). Or, you may contact the Council Service Center by telephone: 610-696-2900 to register.

**- JB Rettew, Editor**