

TROOP 682
HISTORIAN REPORT

ON FEBRUARY 11, 1990 TROOP 682 OF PLEASANT VALLEY BECAME A REALITY, WHEN ITS CHARTER WAS PRESENTED TO OUR SPONSOR, PLEASANT VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (PVUMC). AT THAT TIME, SAM BARNUM WAS RECOGNIZED AS OUR FIRST SCOUT MASTER. FRANK STIPE, SCOTT DENNISTON AND PAUL CULLINANE WOULD SERVE AS MR. BARNUM'S ASSISTANTS. THE TROOP OF 12 BOYS WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO PATROLS, THE IGUANAS AND THE WOLVERINES. FRANK STIPE III WAS ELECTED SENIOR PATROL LEADER. GREG BARNUM WAS ELECTED THE ASSISTANT SENIOR PATROL LEADER. OUR FIRST TROOP MEETING WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 1990 AT THE PVUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL. A ROSTER OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TROOP IS LISTED BELOW. MY FATHER, BILL RIGSBEE, SERVED AS OUR FIRST UNIT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. HE TALKED MY MOTHER, SANDY, INTO SERVING AS SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE.

AT OUR FIRST TROOP MEETING, THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS AFTER OPENING, WAS TO DECIDE ON THE COLORS FOR OUR TROOP NECKERCHIEFS. WE CHOSE RED AND BLACK AS OUR FIRST CHOICE. TROOP FLAGS WERE DISCUSSED AND OUR SCOUT MASTERS ARE TO ORDER THEM AS OUR FINANCES ALLOW. WE RECEIVED \$300.00 FROM OUR FORMER TROOP, 160. WE'VE GOT TO GET BUSY ON FUND RAISERS. THE SCOUTS WORKED ON THEIR ORIENTEERING SKILLS THAT THURSDAY NIGHT. IT WAS A PRETTY GOOD BEGINNING FOR OUR TROOP.

OUR FIRST CAMPOUT AS A NEW TROOP OCCURED ON THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 23, 1990 AT CAMP ROCK ENON NEAR WINCHESTER, VA. IT RAINED UNTIL WE GOT THERE ON FRIDAY NIGHT, AND THEN THE WIND BEGAN TO HOWL LIKE I HAVE NEVER HEARD IT BEFORE. BUT THE WORST WAS YET TO COME. AS THE WIND DIED DOWN THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THE TEMPERATURE BEGAN TO PLUMMET, AND PLUMMET, AND PLUMMET. WE FROZE OUR LITTLE FANNIES OFF. MR. BARNUM WAS LATER QUOTED AS WE CHIPPED THE ICE AND SNOW FROM HIS HALF-FROZEN BODY AS SAYING "THIS MUST BE THE COLDEST CAMPOUT I'VE EVER BEEN ON...BRRRR!" BUT WE HAD FUN! THE KLONDIKE DERBY WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE TRIP. WE COMPETED AGAINST TROOP 160 ON SATURDAY, AND THE IGUANA PATROL CAME IN FIRST PLACE, (DESPITE LOSING MOST OF THEIR WATER ON THE WAY TO THE FINISH LINE). OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDED "AN EGG COOKED IN AN ORANGE", "FUZZ STICK CARVING", AN ORIENTEERING COURSE CALLED "STARBURST", "SPAGETTI SQUARE KNOT TYING", AND "SUSPENDED STRING BURNING". AT THE CAMPFIRE ON SATURDAY NIGHT, SKITS WERE PERFORMED BY ALL THE PATROLS. WE PACKED OUT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, PAUSING LONG ENOUGH TO CONSUME ENOUGH HOT CHOCOLATE TO THAW OUT. WE LATER LEARNED THAT THE WINDS WERE CLOCKED, JUST NORTH OF US, AT UP TO 70 MILES PER HOUR. THE TEMPERATURE WAS IN THE SINGLE DIGITS...(WE SHOULD GET AN ICE BERG PATCH FOR THIS TRIP). BUT....WE HAD FUN!

JEFFREY "BRANDON" RIGSBEE
TROOP 682 HISTORIAN
MARCH 2, 1990