



Seated from left to right: Rollie Zavada, Harold Eady, and Bob Smith. Standing from left to right: Irwin Young, Ken Mason, Maurice French, Si Becker, Blaine Baker, and Carlos Kennedy.

Former SMPTE Presidents Gather for 2nd Annual Reunion

Seven former SMPTE Presidents, their spouses, and guests gathered in Flat Rock, NC from April 23 to 26, 1998 for the Second Annual SMPTE Former Presidents Reunion.

The event was organized by Fran and **Carlos Kennedy** and held at their home in Ken-wood Forest. Former Presidents in attendance were **Ken Mason** (1975-76), **Bob Smith** (1979-80), **Harold Eady** (1985-86), **Carlos Kennedy** (1987-88), **Maurice French** (1989-90), **Blaine Baker** (1991-92), and **Irwin Young** (1993-94). Also present were former SMPTE Engineering Vice-President **Rollie Zavada** and retired SMPTE Director of Engineering, **Si Becker**. Messages and photos were received from former Presidents unable to attend.

An old fashioned southern barbecue was held the first night. The remaining nights were spent dining at local restaurants.

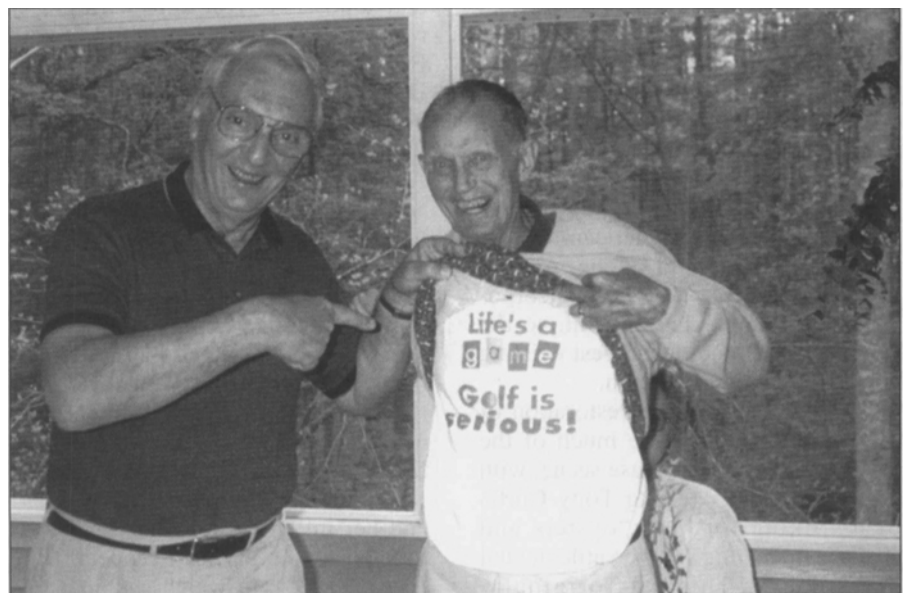
Some of the guests participated in the second annual golf tournament organized by Mason. The tournament was won by Si Becker; as a result, he will organize next year's event. The remaining members toured the Carl Sandburg National Historical Site, and visited the waterfall in Pisgah National Forest and "The Cradle of Forestry."

Day three was spent touring the Biltmore Estate; of particular interest were the Faberge eggs displayed there. The timing of the group's visit was excellent as the annual Spring Festival of Flowers was taking place. The forest in the area was in its splendor displaying dogwood and azalea blooms, and many other flowers.

The group had a wonderful time

telling stories about the Society—mixed in with a few fabrications about the past. They all looked forward to the Third Annual SMPTE Former Presidents Reunion which will be organized by golf tourney victor Becker and his spouse in Charlottesville, VA.

"We hope that all former Presidents can join this enjoyable event next year," said Kennedy.



Golf tournament victor Si Becker (left) enjoys a humorous moment with Ken Mason.