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# Our Town

The Third in a series of articles  
 about the people and places that make  
 Waxhaw the place it is!

*This week's interview: Waxhaw's Police Chief, Michael T. Eiss*  
*by John Tiley*

## Preamble:

A Police Force is something most of us take for granted. Generally on a good day we only see a Cruiser glide by hopefully in the opposite direction. At worst the blue lights are flashing on the side of the road behind some hapless person caught doing a bit too much over the speed limit. But these are the people we call on in the middle of the night when we think somebody is trying to break into our house or even worse when one of us or a loved one is involved in an accident. Almost always it is the police who arrive first and may very well be the only thing standing between life and death. Yet I would hazard the guess that only a very small number of us know any of these people by sight and even fewer that know them by name. Yet every day and night they are out there, for us, ready to put their very life on the line.

In my time, I have had the pleasure of calling a select number of Policemen my friends, one even a family member. In that time I have come to realize what a tough road these people have chosen for a career. Many people fear them while others just shun them even when they are off duty. It is also however, what many might call a glamorous profession, certainly one that almost guarantees excitement and adventure with bad guys at every turn and bullets blazing, at least when viewed from the eyes of someone who never gets out of the cubicle or off the assembly line. This comes more from perception, especially as presented by the media in general. As our world evolved these past few decades all we hear about how the police are when there is a shooting, tasing, car chase and the occasional standoff. We only know what we see in the movies and on the evening news.



*Michael T. Eiss, Chief of Police*

After all, this is what the news is all about. Hard hitting headlines, the more blood and guts, the better! This gives the average citizen the impression that the police are a bit aloof, if not controlling and quick to use force, again this is a perception, sometimes earned but most of the time not. This being said, I have found that the people who do make truly good Police Officers are the ones who are in it for an altruistic sense of being, not the adventure. And I don't think anybody wants to end their day getting shot?

When I sat down with Chief Eiss it took both of us a little while to become comfortable and what I found was a family man whose kids mean everything to him, which explains his personal interest in making Waxhaw's DARE Program the best he can. A meticulous person who insists on taking all the time necessary finding not only the most qualified Officers to serve on the Waxhaw force, but people he believes will fit well into the type of community Waxhaw not only is but with all of the growth is becoming. Chief Eiss who has served on our force for four years as Assistant Chief and now as Chief for the since August 6th, 2006 is proud of the rapport he has been able to develop with the town and the ability to acquire new, modernized equipment both in the office and on the road.

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## News Around Town:

Indian Trail-Waxhaw  
 Aug 21

### Standoff suspect shoots Sheriffs Deputy, then self.

What started as a fight at a home in Indian Trail ended with a four-hour long standoff.

Union County sheriff's deputies received a call shortly before 5 a.m. Thursday about a domestic dispute at a home on Fincher Road off of Waxhaw-Indian Trail Road. They said Craig Gibson was holding his girlfriend hostage.

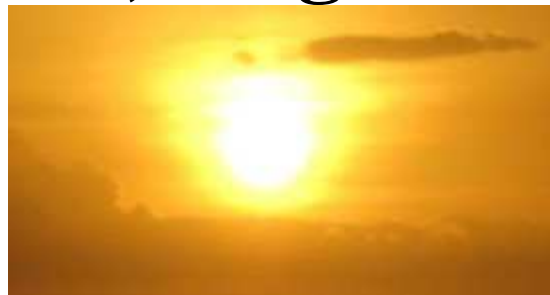
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### 3 teens more than 100 charges in car break-ins

Three Union County teens face more than a hundred charges related to a string of Weddington and Waxhaw area car break-ins. Authorities say Drew Powell, Jeffrey Knick and Robert Burns -- all 18 -- are accused of pilfering through cars in nearly a dozen upscale subdivisions.

Sorry, no new ScuttleButt this week :-)

## Ah, August...



*It's almost over and Summer with it.*

*by John Tiley*

There is something about August, besides the fact that we have no holidays in this month, it does contain the "Dog Days of Summer" of course. You know, those long, hot and humid

You can't blame them, they know that time is running out and the leisurely pace of summer vacation with it. Soon they will have to get up "early" to get to school and that means no more

days, where it seems lately we have no rain in sight and I watch my yard start to look like a desert landscape... funny how the weeds and red ants thrive under these conditions. And we're tiring of the searing heat we experience when we jump into a car that's been sitting in the afternoon sun for even a short while! It is a time that, if you are blessed with a cool breeze, thoughts of fall are overwhelming... when we can work in our yards in comfort, and procuring firewood for the upcoming winter gets added to our "to do list, soon". For us parents' we know summer is almost over for the kids and they are getting increasingly antsy, in fact at times downright hard to deal with.

late nights chatting with friends or computer games till the wee hours of the morning. Of course they have had their fill of vacation boredom and deep down, the conflicts of leisure versus getting back into the swing of things plague them. They know they'll be seeing friends and class mates they haven't heard from for months. And us parents, well, we know if we were going to get that one last family run to the beach in, we have to make it happen soon hoping that the weekend we choose won't be the weekend when a hurricane blows in!

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**W**elcome to this weeks edition of *The Waxhaw Gazette!* If you own a business and have any news worthy happenings planned or know of someone new coming in, send me a press release and I will be happy to include it. Contact me directly with comments or suggestions at: [jtiley@thewaxhawgazette.com](mailto:jtiley@thewaxhawgazette.com)

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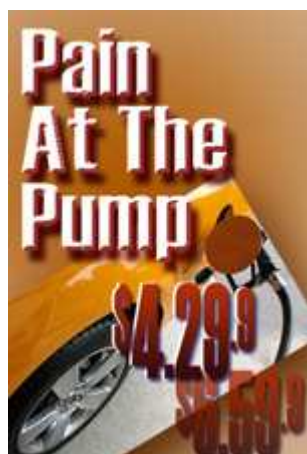
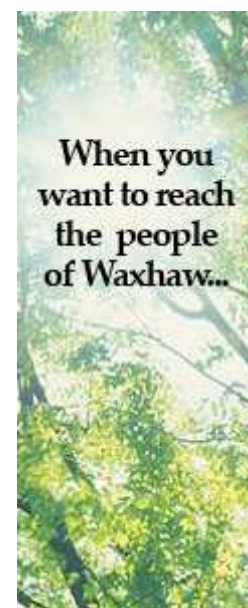
## Waxhaw's Police Chief, Michael T. Eiss

Currently the department is replacing their existing police cars five at a time with brand new cars each year, (not used Highway Patrol Cruisers as they have in the past) which will yield increased reliability and savings in the area of repairs and fuel economy not to mention upgraded digital equipment on board. On his wish list is to continue with even greater success, the neighborhood watch program. Where communities are pro-active in these programs the communities fare much better and neighbors get to know each other and look out for each other. And throughout the Waxhaw, he is insistent on continuing to build relationships with the citizens and business people alike. It is one of his highest goals to make sure people of Waxhaw know he and his officers are here to know and help out wherever they can. So don't be surprised to see him and a few of the officers out playing a little bit of hoops in the neighborhoods from time to time.

An interesting effect of our recent economic woes has been the increased amount of time the Police Officer are required to get out of the patrol car and walk his beat with the intention of conserving fuel. In "walking their beat" they are interfacing with the citizens on a one on one basis, giving everybody a chance to get to know each other better and giving everybody the chance to realize were all just regular people even when there is a uniform on.

When I asked about crime in the area his response was pretty much what you'd expect... a little larceny, some felony's, the occasional domestic dispute, accidents and keeping an eye on the kids at the skate park. But by far, the copper craze is an ongoing problem, especially with all of the new construction going on in the area. When I asked about gang activity (there is a fair amount reported in the Monroe area) he told me it has not yet become a problem here in Waxhaw although he and his officers are keeping a sharp eye out for any signs of it.

All told Chief Eiss comes across quite the formidable policeman in his uniform, but as long as your not breaking the law, he is at heart a fine man with the best of Waxhaw on his agenda, so the next time you see him out and about, say hello and thank him for doing a good job at keeping us all safe and secure in our homes and business. Although I am sure he'll say it's really the officers out there on the street remember he is the one finding and bringing all of those fine officers to our town.



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## Ah August...



At the office we start looking forward to things getting back to normal as well. Especially in August it seems like every other call I make the person is out of town which makes me wish I was too and when all is said and done, it just doesn't seem like anything gets accomplished in August.

Ah yes, August is rapidly coming to a close and soon the temperatures will moderate, business will pick up and the kids will be back in class. And one morning you will step out the door, realize you need a jacket and wonder why it takes the car so long to warm up. Then you will wish August didn't go away quite so fast! I think I will take a break now, pour myself a cold glass of ice tea and enjoy just a little bit of August while it is still here.

### Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area as of 8/21/08

	3/20/08	8/21/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.68.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$3.68.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.69.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.69.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.69.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$3.69.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$3.68.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$3.68.9

*Editors Note: Usually I personally check the prices posted for the above companies. However, occasionally when time is short as it is today, I will call the stations on the phone to check for current prices. If no pricing is offered the above reflects the last visually confirmed pricing.*

Let's "Keep Waxhaw Alive" folks by

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# In Your Opinion

*Do you have something to say, we want to hear it.....*

## Why Are We Really in Iraq?

*by: H. Volkawitz*

It has occurred to me on occasion that the current Administration has never owned up as to why we really invaded Iraq when, if you look at overall policy, it is quite clear. We all have heard the fairy tales about weapons of mass destruction and they were even considered believable what with all of the negative publicity Saddam Hussein had been subject to over the years. However as you may have noticed, there are plenty of two bit dictators of Saddam's stature we could and, if solely for humanitarian reasons, need to dispose of. They are everywhere from many of the old Soviet Bloc countries, through the Mid and Far East and of course into Africa.... yet they're not even given a second look.

Take the following facts into account; our current administration is owned and operated by Big Oil... the President, Vice President and all of the underlings that make up the administration are. America has a desperate need for an uninterrupted supply of oil and for years it has been known that Iraq is sitting on top one of the biggest oil reserves in the world. All of the "Off Shore drilling we can do will never satisfy our needs and, even if the coast and Alaska has the oil it is purported to have, we are still going to come up short. The world, in essence the "Global Economy" runs on oil, and lots of it leaving less and less for American consumption. We didn't need Wall Street to spell out the economic ABC's of that to us, but they sure did! So why else would we possibly be spending Trillions upon Trillions of Dollars waging a war in Iraq if not to secure our future needs? And we have the audacity to rattle our swords at other countries when they are doing exactly the same thing... securing their oil supplies and future?

America has become used to being seen as the world leader and a major benefactor, but perhaps everybody else would at least respect us better if we simply owned up to the fact that, like many countries in the past (the Romans, Spain, The English Commonwealth, even including ourselves taking the Indians lands?) we are only doing what is necessary in securing our future. To the Victor go the Spoils of War, and it would be nice to think that all of our people that have suffered and died over there did so to secure that future, not some half cooked cover story!



The Waxhaw Gazette welcomes your letters. and opinions wether we agree or not. Please include your name, address and a point of contact where we can reach you. We only alter your letters for grammatical and spelling issues and will, as long as they are written in good taste and are relevant, publish all letters sent.

*Thank You,  
The Management*

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## And now, directly from the Internet.....

bits and pieces that your Editor will not testify to for correctness, accuracy nor even believability but they are certainly humorous? So Enjoy!

Three handsome male dogs are walking down the street when they see a beautiful, enticing, female Poodle .

The three male dogs fall all over themselves in an effort to be the one to reach her first, but end up arriving in front of her at the same time .

The males are speechless before her beauty, slobbering on themselves and hoping for just a glance from her in return .

Aware of her charms and her obvious effect on the three suitors, she decides to be kind and tells them, 'The first one who can use the words 'liver' and 'cheese' together in an imaginative, intelligent sentence can go out with me . '

The sturdy, muscular black Lab speaks up quickly and says, 'I love liver and cheese . '

'Oh, how childish,' said the Poodle . 'That shows no imagination or intelligence whatsoever . '

She turns to the tall, shiny Golden Retriever and says 'How well can you do?'

'Um . I HATE liver and cheese,' blurt s the Golden Retriever .

'My, my,' said the Poodle . 'I guess it's hopeless . That's just as dumb as the Lab's sentence . '

She then turns to the last of the three dogs and says, 'How about you, little guy?'

The last of the three, tiny in stature but big in fame and finesse, is the Taco Bell Chihuahua .

He gives her a smile, a sly wink, turns to the Golden Retriever and the Lab and says . . . .

(ok this is good.....)



**Liver alone... Cheese mine!**

## Plan for Consideration

Everyone concentrates on the problems

## A MESSAGE FROM JOHN CLEESE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

In light of your failure to nominate competent candidates for President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective immediately. Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths, and territories (except Kansas, which she does not fancy).

Your new prime minister, Gordon Brown, will appoint a governor for America without the need for further elections.

Congress and the Senate will be disbanded.

A questionnaire may be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed.

To aid in the transition to a British Crown Colony, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect:

1. You should look up 'revocation' in the Oxford English Dictionary. Then look up aluminium, and check the pronunciation guide. You will be amazed at just how wrongly you have been pronouncing it.

2. The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'favour' and 'neighbour.' Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters, and the suffix -ize will be replaced by the suffix -ise. Generally, you will be expected to raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. (Look up 'vocabulary').

3. Using the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as 'like' and 'you know' is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication. There is no such thing as US English. We will let Microsoft know on your behalf. The Microsoft spell-checker will be adjusted to take account of the reinstated letter 'u' and the elimination of -ize. You will re-learn your original national anthem, God Save the Queen.

4. July 4th will no longer be celebrated as a holiday.

5. You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers, or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not adult enough to be independent. Guns should only be handled by adults. If you're not adult enough to sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist then you're not grown up enough to handle a gun.

6. Therefore, you will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous than a vegetable peeler. A permit will be required if you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public.

7. All American cars are hereby banned. They are crap and this is for your own good. When we show you European cars, you will understand what we mean.

8. All intersections will be replaced with roundabouts, and you will start driving on the left with immediate effect. At the same time, you will go

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This will gratify  
some people and  
astonish the rest." --  
Mark Twain*



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YOU CALL  
WHEN YOU  
HAVE A  
TECHNICAL  
PROBLEM WITH  
YOUR  
COMPUTER.**

**we're having in this country lately:  
illegal immigration, hurricane recovery,  
alligators attacking people in Florida ...**



**Not me. I concentrate on solutions for  
the problems. It's a win-win situation.**

*Think about  
this one:*

1. Cows
- 2..The  
Constitution
3. The Ten  
Commandments

## **C O W S**

Is it just me, or does anyone else find it amazing that during the mad cow epidemic our government could track a single cow, born in Canada almost three years ago, right to the stall where she slept in the state of Washington? And, they tracked her calves to their stalls. But they are unable to locate 11 million illegal aliens wandering around our country. Maybe we should give each of them a cow.

## **T H E C O N S T I T U T I O N**

They keep talking about drafting a Constitution for Iraq .... Why don't we just give them ours? It was written by a lot of really smart guys, it has worked for over 200 years, and we're not using it anymore.

## **T H E 1 0 C O M M A N D M E N T S**

The real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments posted in a courthouse is this:

You cannot post 'Thou Shalt Not Steal,' 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery,' and 'Thou Shall Not Lie' in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians...It creates a hostile work environment

metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables. Both roundabouts and metrication will help you understand the British sense of humour.

9. The Former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline) -- roughly \$10 per US gallon. Get used to it.

10. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call French fries are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup but with vinegar.

11. The cold tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all. Henceforth, only proper British Bitter will be referred to as beer, and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as Lager. South African beer is also acceptable as they are pound for pound the greatest sporting nation on earth and it can only be due to the beer. They are also part of British Commonwealth - see what it did for them.

12. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as good guys. Hollywood will also be required to cast English actors to play English characters. Watching Adie McDowell attempt English dialogue in Four Weddings and a Funeral was an experience akin to having one's ears removed with a cheese grater.

13. You will cease playing American football. There is only one kind of proper football; you call it soccer. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which has some similarities to American football, but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full Kevlar body armour like a bunch of nancies). Don't try Rugby -- the South Africans and Kiwis will thrash you, like they regularly thrash us.

14. Further, you will stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the World Series for a game, which is not played outside of America . Since only 2.1% of you are aware that there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable. You will learn cricket, and we will let you face the South Africans first to take the sting out of their deliveries.

15. You must tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us mad.

16. An official from Her Majesty's Inland Revenue (i.e. tax collector) will be with you shortly to ensure the collection of all monies due (backdated to 1776). Until these are paid, there will be no representative government in the USA , in line with the policy: 'No representation without taxation'.

17. Daily Tea Time begins promptly at 4 pm with proper cups and saucers (never mugs), and with high quality biscuits (cookies) and cakes; strawberries in season.

18. Some tea has gone missing -- and we expect it back. We'll be searching Boston first.

God save the Queen!

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