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Yes, Its time again, for a Waxhaw Referendum! Alcohol by the Drink...

by John Tiley



So, for those of you who could not get to the Town Meeting last Tuesday, the old battle lines were drawn and the tension was more than just palatable between those same people who, as always have been pro and con on the issue. The Zoning and Planning people took the lead and did an excellent job of explaining and illustrating on maps, just how and where establishments could or could not go. What constituted a type of establishment such as "Adult Entertainment" vs. a plain old "Bar" And yes there are a number of various types of establishments that could conceivably serve alcohol by the drink. And an explanation of what is provenance of the ABC Commission and what falls under Town governance. As this can be somewhat complicated I have provided a copy of the presentation for your review here. This presentation is the same as given at the meeting and the original can be seen at the Towns web site, Waxhaw.com. To this point the meeting is a repeat of what has happened time and again before. And the presenters did a great job of explaining what legally would/could happen and potentially where. However, the missing ingredient is again, what this really could translate into. What kind of business would be supported and where? Certainly there is NO PLACE currently that an "Olive Garden or TGIF" could go in the old section. There simply is not enough footage or parking available to support such a venture. Perhaps if multiple lots were to come into play, but most likely they would, at least at first, look to build somewhere up on 16, perhaps by Lowe's where they could draw not only on Waxhaw but Weddington as well.

Longer term it was made clear to me that space on the "far" side of town could be just as attractive, but that I would see as more in the ten year plan. So, in the immediate future, if alcohol was made legal here I would expect to see in fairly short order, a larger style of restaurant on the Route 16 corridor and potentially (and hopefully) a really neat type of pub or even two in the old section. The end result of the meeting Tuesday was to get a referendum on the ballot so the issue can be voted on by you, the Waxhaw Residents next November. Hopefully this will happen and the combined voice of the residents will be heard. At that point, this issue will finally be decided and we can move on to other more important business.



Sadly, in the meantime if you were hoping to see green beer flow down Main Street next Tuesday, it will have to come from an overturned delivery truck as there will be no legitimate Irish Pubs open here yet. In fact I don't even know if you could find a bit of Corned Beef and Cabbage anywhere in town. So, for those of us feeling in an Irish Way, we'll just have to go elsewhere for that Green Beer.

Have a Happy St. Patties Day all and remember to wear just a "Bit O' The Green"



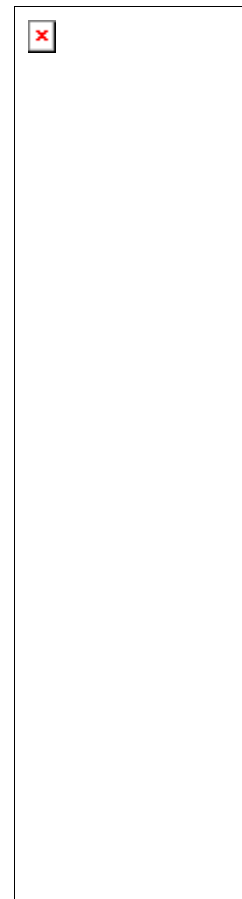
A Grey & Rainy Excuse for Being Late.

by John Tiley

As I slowly got up this morning I knew the weatherman was going to be right in his forecast. Even before opening the bedroom curtains I could hear the rain and just knew there was a gloomy grey overcast hiding the sun from sight. Some would say that is just an excuse to run late but this morning, at least for me it was a reason to quietly enjoy just a little bit of Mother Nature. A reason to take time for just one extra cup of coffee and to watch the heavy rain clouds scuttle across the horizon. This brought back pleasant memories of my son as a young child and stories of a "Blustery Day"!

And, just in case the Gazette gets out a little late, it is my excuse for that too.

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Welcome 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

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Great "JAARS Day" with over 300 visitors on March 7!



We had over 300 great visitors for JAARS Day last Saturday! Many come to see the new JAARS Kodiak airplane and get a ride in it, but visitors also enjoyed seeing and hearing how JAARS helps speed Bible translation to people without God's Word with its various programs.

by Arthur Lightbody, APR

JAARS Penelope Popp talks to visitors about providing Scripture in the world's local languages in nonprint media forms:



JAARS volunteer Sue Grundstrom talks with children about foreign missions:



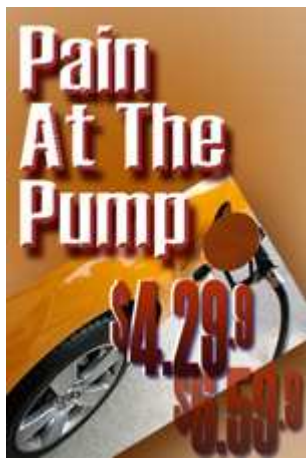
JAARS Scott Zibell describes the short take-off and landing capabilities of the Helio Courier airplane as JAARS pilot Mike Mower stands by to give the demonstration.



JAARS Scott Zibell talks about the Helio Courier airplane to the JAARS Day crowd just before the new Kodiak airplane is put through its paces.



Prices for gas in the Waxhaw area... Where are they headed this week?



	3/20/08	3/13/09
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$1.84.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$1.84.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$1.84.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$1.848.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$1.84.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$1.84.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$1.84.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$1.84.9

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

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Waxhaw's Events Calendar

**2009
Waxhaw
Spring Fest**
*2 day family
craft & fun
festival*

Town Meeting, March 17, 2009
Location: Museum of The Waxhaws

Work Session – 6:30 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Work Session Agenda
 - MetLife- Senior Care Amenities by Waxhaw
 - Proposals for Waxhaw Park Playground Equipment
 - Overlay Districts
4. Adjournment

Joint Special Called Meeting – 7:15 p.m. -8:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order by Mayor
2. Welcome
3. Pledge and Invocation
4. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A brief presentation of town municipal goals and short-terms plans
 - How the County can better serve Waxhaw (top three items)
 - Suggestions for County process improvements that will assist the Town of Waxhaw
 - Suggestions for enhancing economic development with the Town of Waxhaw

Continued Special Called Meeting -8:30 p.m.

Note: Items from the March 10, 2009 Meeting (For Action)

1. **Resolution of Intent**
 - Moratorium
2. **Possible Appointments**
 - Union County Governance Advisory Committee
3. **Donations**
 - Omni Montessori School
 - Scottish Society of Waxhaw
 - Other Donations
4. **Travel Request**
 - Request by Mayor to attend Regional Leadership – Good Growth: Chance or Choice
5. **Amend Street Closing Order**
 - To amend Motion to adopt Street Closing Order to remove utility easement.
6. **Adjournment**

The exhibitor ([click here](#)) and concessionaire ([click here](#)) applications for Spring Fest 2009 are now available on-line.

NEW: If your organization is a non-profit, you have an opportunity this year to waive your exhibitor and/or concession fee. You can do this by providing two adult volunteers to assist the event staff during Spring Fest. Interested? Contact Cathy Murphy at 704-843-2195 ext 26.

NEW: Non-profits, would you like to help raise funds for your organization at Spring Fest? Why not sponsor an activity in the Children's area. Once your organization has covered the rental fee-the balance can go back to your group.

Interested? Call Cathy at the number above or e-mail her at: events@waxhaw.com

On Monday, May 11, 2009 Union County Habitat will be hosting its 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the beautiful Rolling Hills Country Club in Monroe. All proceeds from the golf tournament will be used to build Habitat homes for families in our local community. Lunch and dinner will be served, along with a live auction and awards banquet immediately following. Please contact Julie Perkins, Development Director at 704-296-9414 or jperkins@unionhabitat.org for participant, sponsorship and additional opportunities.

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The Union County Saddle Club...

is a non-profit organization run solely by volunteers. In order to offer our monthly Open Horse Shows with low class fees, we ask for volunteers to fill different positions necessary to run the show.

As we have done in the past, we will continue to offer reduced show fees to volunteers who work at the shows. This year, with the new class sheet, we are splitting the positions into two shifts to run concurrently with the different divisions.

We still have several classes open for sponsorship. We are excited to announce that in addition to having your information posted on our website, class and banner sponsors will be able to supply brochures, business cards, and flyers to be displayed in our new "Sponsors Information Rack" inside the clubhouse. This display rack will be prominently placed in the clubhouse to maximize your exposure to our exhibitors and other members. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please check our website for the appropriate forms or contact Dan Kaplan (contact information listed above) for further information.

Lastly, we have also purchased and will be installing a "Community Board" where members can place flyers on items for sale, services available, etc. This board will be clearly labeled and we would greatly appreciate your cooperation in limiting the placement of any ads to this board only. Our resident 4-H group will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the clubhouse during the show season, and your cooperation will make their jobs easier!

As we get closer to the first show, we will be sending out new entry procedures to the grounds and other rules that everyone needs to be aware of prior to arriving at the show grounds – please be on the lookout for this email, and feel free to contact any member of the Saddle Club if you have further questions!

Miranda Kaplan

Reporter - Union County Saddle Club

www.unioncountysaddleclub.net

Contact either Dan Kaplan, President (dan@surfacespecialists.com or 704-309-0943) or Liz Patten, Show Committee Chairperson(epatten@herffjones.com)

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*Thank You,
The Management*

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"Always do right -
This will gratify
some people and
astonish the rest."
--Mark Twain

And now, Our Weekly Dose of Humor 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!

South African Braai Etiquette

This weeks Viral Video from You Tube. Enjoy!

The Bathtub Test...

During a visit to the mental asylum, I asked the director how do You determine whether or not a patient should be instit utionalized.

"Well," said the director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No." said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

OR DO YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE?



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