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## Who's Shooting in My Back Yard?

Recently Dr Michael Land is in the news again. He is the person with the gun range on his seven acre property located in Wesley Chapel. Now, he has been there for 15 or 16 years, long before the developers came in and started building their very expensive "Mc Mansions" up against Dr. Land's property. We are talking about the upscale Stonegate community and more recently, the Newtown Elementary School.

This story is not about developers moving in and taking over, the Rifle Association or even mad men with guns. It is about how the media has been handling the input for their stories regarding this and the people that bought into the area.

**Due Diligence: Who is responsible?**

Dr Land was already there when the developers broke ground on the Stonegate Community. Didn't they, the developers, address this issue in any way back then? If they did, they obviously didn't come to any kind of agreement otherwise the problem wouldn't exist now. Did they disclose this information to prospective buyers in the community? I would guess not. After all, it wasn't on Stonegate's property and unless Dr. Land happened to be using his range during a showing, no one would be the wiser. And just how often does one man use a personal range like this?

Now, I haven't heard anything about Newtown Elementary complaining? I guess it is not a problem for them, after all, according to reports Dr Land mostly uses the range on weekends or during the early evenings.

The only people who are complaining are, as you would expect, the people who are now living in the community. So, with these houses going for what, say \$250,000 up to heaven only knows how much, didn't these perspective buyers check out the neighborhood before they signed on the dotted line? I mean, how could anybody, who doesn't like living next to a shooting range, knowingly buy there? You know as they say, before buying, spend time walking around the neighborhood ...at different times and days just like the Real Estate Agents advise you to do? Check with the town and county about know nuisances? And how about future projects on the books you might not want to live next either? You, know, the new landfill, or how about that water treatment plant? Or maybe the by-pass going right thru your development??? Did the current owners look into any of these things? I can attest to at least a few of them they didn't.

Just a week or two ago I wrote about the Union Power Substation that had been planned, and desperately needed, that when construction began, it drew major flack from the recent home buyers in that area.

**There is only one thing that comes to my mind:**

**Buyer Beware!**

**...and if you went ahead and bought there anyway, well you really shouldn't be complaining!**

## Memories of My Trip to Tweetsie Railroad

There has been a lot said in the press about the recent fire at Tweetsie Railroad and I was sad to hear it. My experience with Tweetsie goes back a few years to when my son was about 10 or 11 years old and we took him there. Now I will tell you that like so many adult males, I thought it was going to be one more of those family excursions to a place that only kids and Moms can like. To my surprise it turned into one of the most fun things we (I) ever did "with child". The sound of the train chugging into the station complete with hissing steam and the smell of hot oiled machinery hit a chord. Having grown up around westerns and such I was overwhelmed with it all. Even the Sheriff and the hokiest of bandits shooting it out in fake gunfights were memorable.



*I invite you to write in with your stories and memories of Tweetsie. Anybody with kids surly has been there at one time or the other I'm sure there are some great stories*

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](mailto:jtiley@thewaxhawgazette.com)



Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area as of Thursday 3/20/08:

- Texaco: \$3.19.9
- Pure: \$3.24.9
- Little General: \$3.24.9
- Shell: \$3.24.9
- Wax. In n Out: \$3.26.9

- Mineral Springs:
- M. S. Grocery \$3.20.9
- Texaco: \$3.21.9

- BP
- on New Town \$3.21.9

**From the Editor:**

In my continuing coverage on development in the Waxhaw area, I will report on the new and proposed healthcare facilities and how they effect us. Now, however as I have a far more personal perspective, I will also be following up today's article as it unfolds. The people at



**Is Your House Giving You That**



the hospital who took care of me there and what I will be going through in my recovery. I believe this will give us all an opportunity to better judge how the growth can and will effect us all.

*I encourage all of you to pass our link along to your Waxhaw friends and relatives so they too can enjoy our paper. Remember we will be publishing every Friday with updates as they come out. I continue the process of building out our e-mail list which I will use to send out as an announcement at time of publishing so if your not already on our list and wish to become a subscriber, please drop me a line with your request.*

I was sorry to hear about the fire and even happier that they are going to rebuild. My experience there was a great one that I will cherish forever, a time when Dad got to be a kid again too!

*by: your editor, the Sheriff,  
complete with Red Rider Rifle*

*you would like to share ...and we'd love to hear.*

## Out of the ER.

**March 7th, sometime between 11:30 and 1 am on the 8th**

**T**hey decided I was nowhere close to being fit to go home and are now moving me to a room at least for an overnight. By now things are really getting fuzzy for me. I have no idea what or how many drugs they have given me, but I am defiantly feeling spaced out not to mention really dog tired, to the point where if they left me alone for a couple of minuets in a hallway I would be sound asleep!

From what I can gather, whatever has been happening to me has done my lungs damage and I can't seem to be able to get enough oxygen into my blood without the help of additional oxygen. There also seems to be concern about my blood tests that I can't quite understand. So as far as I am concerned I put my faith in them for tonight and want only for a quiet place to finally go to sleep.

*by: John Tiley*

## Where Have All The Tenants Gone?



**A**s a follow up to this story from last week I now understand that, although there has been turnover at this building, new leases are now in place for most of the space. Of course I am glad they are going to be occupied but the idea put forth in this column was relevant to Economic Development and the diverse kinds of business we can attract to our town. And that will be a long term and ongoing process.

*by: John Tiley*

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### JAARS HOSTS "CHECK-IT-OUT" FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS

**Waxhaw, N.C. March 18, 2008** - - JAARS is hosting a joint special event with Wycliffe Bible Translators called "Check-IT-Out" for information technology (IT) and software development professionals March 28-29 at the JAARS center south of Charlotte. Interesting speakers with a wealth of IT experience from around the world will lead conference topics. In addition, there is plenty of opportunity to network with IT participants from all over North America.

According to Jim Moore, director of international IT mobilization for JAARS, and a conference speaker, "Check-IT-Out is for anyone who is involved in Information Technology—including developers and project managers—who want to see the variety of ways they can be involved and how their skills could impact missions and Bible translation."

Moore adds that the conference "will allow participants to understand how new informational technology frontiers are being forged—technology that allows development of the world's unwritten languages. This technology in turn allows the speakers to grow in many ways—culturally, spiritually, and economically—because their languages are now written and available to them, while at the same time the whole world is richer due to access to their languages." Examples of how new technology impacts language communities worldwide will be demonstrated. One presentation will describe the increased connectivity due to satellite technology, which allows remotely located translators to do translation online with input from Wycliffe consultants. Adapt It software, will show how a local language community (national) translator can type in their language equivalent word below a previously translated scripture in another language enabling these renderings to speed the Bible translation process. Another presentation covers how some language development technologies are taking place in an open-source environment, making free software like Graphite available to local language communities. With this Graphite software, specialized fonts are created to meet a languages requirement.

#### What is an IT Missionary?

The IT missionary is a Kingdom worker possessing God-given IT skills. He or she reaches people with the gospel by multiplying the ministerial capacity of translators, evangelists and church-planters. The IT missionary handles IT concerns from those whose ministry would otherwise be hindered or even overwhelmed with issues regarding application software, e-mail access, virus infections, SPAM inundations, Internet access, data maintenance and hardware problems.

#### Conference Details

Conference topics include Introduction to the World of Wycliffe; Business Application Software; Language and Translation Support Software; Challenging Language Scripts; Telecommunication Challenges; International Training; demonstrations of cutting edge programs like the FieldWorks Suite and Speech Analyzer and a live tour of the ITS department.

The March 28-29 Check-IT-Out conference runs 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The \$100 registration fee includes four meals and conference materials and a half-day free Linux training afterwards.

Registration and more information is available at [www.jaars.org/checkitout](http://www.jaars.org/checkitout). Early registrations are encouraged especially for pre and post conference opportunities but registrations are accepted right up to the start of Check-IT-Out. Housing and the optional opportunities have an additional cost.

#### Pre Conference Opportunity

This year, participants have the option of stimulating pre and post conference opportunities to maximize their visit. The optional Pre Conference program begins March 27 at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast, then a tour of the JAARS center to see how JAARS supports Wycliffe and other translators in speeding Bible translation for all people. The tour includes a look at the JAARS IT facilities in the Language Services Center, the Vernacular Media, Aviation, Materials Transportation, and Construction and Maintenance Departments.

After lunch, the participants will travel to tour the Billy Graham Library and afterwards will have an exclusive tour of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association IS Department. On the way back to JAARS, dinner will be at Sonny's Bar-B-Q in Charlotte. The rest of the evening will be spent in fellowship with an Ice Cream Social.

#### Post Conference Opportunity

Starting after lunch on Saturday, March 29 participants have the option of attending a free four-hour Linux server training or a panel discussing "What is it like to be a Missionary Spouse?" with a Question and Answer time. After the panel, the participants can explore the Museum of the Alphabet and Mexico-Cardenas museum. Dinner is optional and a time of fellowship and individual meetings with IT missionaries will be available into the evening.

Highlighted Presenters Alistair Imrie, a presenter from England, joined Wycliffe in 2000, having previously worked as a software developer for specialized CAD systems. He also developed software for instruments used in nuclear fuel reprocessing. Imrie is part of the Wycliffe's Language Software Development team located in Dallas Texas. This team develops software tools to assist Bible translators in many aspects of their work, from initial attempts to understand a new language and culture, to preparing a finished Bible translation for typesetting.

Jo Shetler will bring the purpose of missionary IT work home with her accounts of God's Word reaching the hearts of the Balangao people of the Philippines. Shetler joined Wycliffe after college, anticipating and periodically dreading God's call-to-missions since childhood. She lived among the Balangao people of the Northern Philippines and helped complete the New Testament in Balangao. Currently she is involved in the Old Testament translation, working out of Waxhaw, NC, and making occasional trips to the Philippines. Jim Moore and his wife Ginger served with Wycliffe in Singapore where he was the Asia Area Computer Support Manager prior to assuming his current role at JAARS. Moore has been in IT for over 20 years, working in a variety of roles including computer technician, service manager, network consultant, programmer analyst, and as a software development manager.

The conference in Waxhaw is part of a series of Check-IT-Out conferences. The next conference will be in early fall, in the Silicon Valley Area of California. Currently Wycliffe has openings for close to 240 IT professionals.

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The Town of Waxhaw Announces Sponsors for Annual Spring Event  
Come Play in Our Streets!

Waxhaw, N.C. February 25, 2008—The Town of Waxhaw invites families to play in its historic downtown on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday, May 18 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. to celebrate Spring Fest '08. This year's headline sponsors are The Waxhaw Exchange, The Waxhaw Business Association, K-9Z to 5 Dog Training, The Furry Godmother and The Community Works of Waxhaw

Both days will bring exciting opportunities for everyone in the family to enjoy. Pick up your copy of The Waxhaw Exchange at the festival to view the great collection of open market finds such as antiques, arts, crafts, wood art, collectables, food and exciting band stand entertainment. The Waxhaw Business Association returns with the 4th annual Kids Zone designed for kids of all ages!

Saturday features two returning events to jump start the weekend: the 3rd Annual Doggie Idol Competition and the 2nd Annual SK8 Competition. Bring your pooch to the Waxhaw Band Stand to compete for ribbons in categories such as shortest/longest tail, best dressed, most hair, and pure breed. The most talented dog will take home the Doggie Idol trophy.

Doggie Idol is sponsored by K-9Z To 5 Dog Training and The Furry Godmother benefiting animal rescue in Union County. Come early, registration begins at 9:00 a.m. the first 100 will receive a gift bag from Nutro Natural Pet Food.

The SK8 Competition, hosted by Community Works of Waxhaw, invites all Skateboarders, In-line Skaters and BMX Bikers to the Waxhaw Church Street Park at 1 pm. to compete for trophies and ribbons. Registration begins at noon. Participants must bring and wear helmets and knee pads to compete.

The weekend continues with exciting events at the bandstand and throughout the festival. For up-to-date information please go to the Town of Waxhaw web site at [www.waxhaw.com](http://www.waxhaw.com)

*Spring Fest '08 is a rain or shine event*

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Due to an oversight last week the photo for this ad got left out so, under threat from the young lady placing the ad, we decided to re-run it this week at no charge.

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### Video Links

## Ever Wondered How Athletes Did So Well?



All is reveled in this video. ...and everybody thought it was Steroids!

For the Video, go here. Enjoy!

## Flight humor

Actual exchanges between pilots and control towers.

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles!"

Delta 351: "Give us another hint! We have digital watches!"

Tower: "TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 Degrees."

TWA 2341: "Center, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?"

Tower: "Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

From an unknown aircraft waiting in a very long takeoff queue: "I'm f...ing bored!"

Ground Traffic Control: "Last aircraft transmitting, identify yourself immediately!"

Unknown aircraft: "I said I was f...ing bored, not f...ing stupid!"

O'Hare Approach Control to a 747: "United 329 heavy, your traffic is a Fokker, one o'clock, three miles, Eastbound."

United 329: "Approach, I've always wanted to say this...I've got the little Fokker in sight."

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?"

Student: "When I was number one for takeoff."

A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after touching down. San Jose Tower Noted: "American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able. If you are not able, take the Guadeloupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport."

A Pan Am 727 flight, waiting for start clearance in Munich, overheard the following:

Lufthansa (in German): " Ground, what is our start clearance time?"

Ground (in English): "If you want an answer you must speak in English." Lufthansa (in English): "I am a German, flying a German airplane, in Germany. Why must I speak English?"

Unknown voice from another plane (in a beautiful British accent): "Because you lost the bloody war!"

Tower: "Eastern 702, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on frequency 124.7"

Eastern 702: "Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way,after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff behind Eastern 702, contact Departure on frequency 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern 702?"

BR Continental 635: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, roger; and yes, we copied Eastern. We've already notified our caterers."

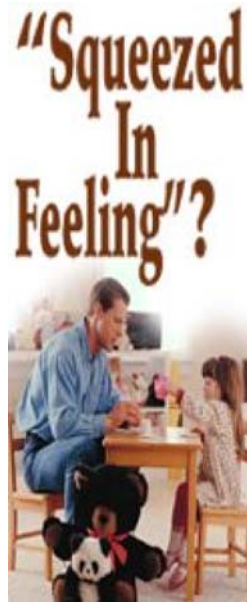
One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?"

The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one."

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## GRANDMAS

Three old mischievous Grandmas were sitting on a bench outside a nursing home.

About then an old Grandpa walked by, and one of the old Grandma's yelled out saying, "We bet we can tell exactly how old you are."

The old man said, "There ain't no way you can guess it, you old fools."

One of the old Grandmas said, "Sure we can! Just drop your pants and we can tell your exact age."

Embarrassed just a little, but anxious to prove they couldn't do it, he dropped his drawers.

The Grandmas asked him to first turn around a couple of times and to jump up and down several times. Then they all piped up and said, "You're 87 years old!"

Standing with his pants down around his ankles, the old gent asked, "How in the world did you guess?"

Slapping their knees and grinning from ear to ear, all three old ladies happily yelled in unison--

"We were at your birthday party yesterday!"



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The German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are renowned as a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speedbird 206.

Speedbird 206: "Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of active runway."

Ground: "Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven." The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"

Speedbird 206: "Stand by, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."

Ground (with quite arrogant impatience): "Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?"

Speedbird 206 (coolly): "Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark, -- And I didn't land."

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While taxiing at London's Airport, the crew of a US Air flight departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727. An irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming: "US Air 2771, where the hell are you going? I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C and D, but get it right!" Continuing her rage to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically: "God! Now you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour, and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?"

"Yes, ma'am," the humbled crew responded. Naturally, the ground control communications frequency fell terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to chance engaging the irate ground controller in her current state of mind. Tension in every cockpit out around Gatwick was definitely running high.

Just then an unknown pilot broke the silence and keyed his microphone, asking: "Wasn't I married to you once?"

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## Welcome to Waxhaw's Very Own Advice Column. "Ask Amber"

Dear Amber,

I have a problem that has been growing for some time now. I own a small gift shop located inside of a mall. My problem is with large handbags - not just large handbags but the very fashionable ones that are so large they can double as a suitcase and sometimes a traveling hotel for a pampered pet! Years ago most ladies carried small purses that were the right size to carry essentials (wallet, lipstick, keys and a couple of other must-have items). Now women of all ages are carrying large handbags that are very fashionable but a source of concern to shop owners everywhere! Not only do these handbags create problems when the owner is trying to navigate a narrow section of the store but there is also the very real possibility that items could find their way into these large handbags and be removed from the store without being paid for. While I haven't actually caught any of the large handbag ladies stealing anything - my shrinkage has increased since these handbags came into fashion. My question is - can I post a sign in my store that all large handbags must be left at the front counter?

*Holding the Bag*

Dear Holding,

I'm glad you wrote with this question because I wouldn't want you to go and do something that could get you into a legal bind and would probably alienate your customers. While these large handbags are rather cumbersome and make navigating narrow aisles difficult they are favorite of women everywhere - myself included. Many women work in large urban areas and need to carry enough "supplies" to take us through the day and sometimes into evening social engagements. These handbags are not just fashionable but essential to the conduct of civilized life of women everywhere. The shrinkage you noticed might just be coincidental and a consequence of a tight economy rather than theft by the handbag ladies. I do not recommend posting any sign about large handbags, or other bags, in your store in your attempts to minimize theft. You may want to review the layout of your store with the goal of finding ways to create more open space in the aisles, thereby increasing visibility and possibly reducing the shrinkage you are concerned about. As a pet owner - I love it when my pooch is acknowledged - it would go over very well with your pet toting customers if you kept small treats by your cash register to give to their beloved pets.

*Amber*

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