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A WAXHAW BLOG**



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I had not seen any advertising for the event nor did I receive any PR releases for the event which was a bit disappointing. However the event was very well organized with a lot of police presence and parking available. I even saw a number of golf carts pulling pedestrian carts for those not able or willing to walk the distance. All in all a wonderful way to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon, perhaps next year the city will get me on their mailing list and I can let all of you know the War Birds are coming to town before they get here!

If you didn't get the chance, the War Bird Show at the Monroe Airport this past weekend was really a treat. I wasn't aware of them being here until I heard them flying overhead on Saturday otherwise I most certainly would have mentioned it in my original post. As it was I didn't get over there until late Sunday afternoon so I undoubtedly missed a bunch of the action.... but not the Finale!



There were a number of Japanese WWII vintage planes and they did a re-enactment of "Tora-Tora-Tora. All set to sound effects and some GREAT Pyrotechnics! You could certainly imagine being in the middle of that fateful attack back in 1941. Flames shooting perhaps 75 feet in the air, explosions and lots of thick black smoke made for a very realistic experience. And for the finale, they set of one HUGE explosion with all of the Jap planes buzzing through the smoke and flames. The heat wave really hit us spectators first followed by an absolutely bone shaking explosion! Very Cool!





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Evidently bugs etc. had their way with the wood and underpinnings to the point the original floor was unrecoverable, so now the place sports a new and very level floor. They did, however, do a wonderful job of retaining and restoring the original brick walls as well as the original wood planked ceiling. Overall the place has a wonderfully warm and inviting aura about it and the layout is very comfortable. At this point in time, only the left side is open (and an outside rear patio for warmer days... how did fall go by so quickly?) with plans for finishing the larger dining room that we remember off to the right in the near future.

When I asked Katrina about the name "Maxwell" I figured it would have some family significance but was surprised when she told the real story which goes like this: The building originally was the Ginning & Farming Trading Company which supplied the locals with just about everything they needed from farm



From left to right: Terry, Katrina & John

And on a VERY IMPORTANT NOTE, yes they do have the NFL package and plenty of wide screen televisions to catch "the game" on. So whoever you decide to root for this season we now have a really great place to catch the game, have a wonderful dinner and celebrate the wins and losses with the drink of our choice!

The restaurant is open Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner and the people behind Maxwell's are; Katrina and John along with his brother Terry and his wife Cindy who

equipment to canned goods and everything in between. It was owned by a consortium of farmers and operated by , yep you guessed it, Maxwell McCain who ran it for over 41 years until retiring. His family still lives here in Waxhaw. And after the general store closed, the building was converted and operated as a restaurant for many years still under the Ginning and Trading Company name before it eventually changed hands and became the Bridge & Rail as we knew it as more recently. So now we all know something of the history and the meaning behind the new name and the building.

Food is well prepared and I have included their *menu as an attachment available here*>. There is a chalk board with daily specials and they live up to their name as a tavern with some great daily drink specials.

have a long family history in the restaurant business. Prior to taking on this project they had a family restaurant up in Charlotte originally opened by their father called Copal Grill which was "bought out by the State for a "road project". Certainly Charlotte's loss and Waxhaw's gain!

One thing that hasn't changed, and you can count on this... in the middle of a conversation or a really great game play, the train will come rumbling through town leaning on its whistle and rattling the windows. But then again, this wouldn't be Waxhaw without it.

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Hey, I'm not normally a pessimist but the facts are really pretty simple. **SOMEBODY** has to start spending again if there is going to be a recovery. It is simple math! And as things stand, the average citizen who is still among the working is scared to death of spending anything not essential. Too many of them have their homes on the chopping block too or have one or two of the family already out of work!

TBig Business is loth to spend one penny on new employees or infrastructure when there is no increases in demand for the products they are already producing and of course all jobs possibly sent overseas are already long gone and for good, so any new tax incentives will fall on deaf ears there. As for the Banks, the small ones are still failing left and right while the big ones won't lend a dollar and refuse to work with good customers trying to better their financial standing (mortgages in particular but also business and other areas too) preferring to foreclose rather than work out a way for people to keep their houses.

This all leaves the only entity large enough to kick start the economy, the government, to do something to get the economic engine cranked up again. It worked for Roosevelt back in the 30's, but he had the Republicans working with him on New Deal incentives. This time around, if the Newly Elected hold true to their campaign promises of lowering taxes and smaller government, well I am afraid the economy won't have a chance, not even a sputter. But then there is 2012 and we will all have the chance, once again, to throw out the bums. The question is,

what will we be dealing with in two
more years?

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THE MOVING WALLS

An Amish boy and his father were visiting a mall. They were amazed by almost

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

Giving Up Chocolate, etc.

I was walking down the street when I was stopped by a homeless woman who asked me for a couple of dollars for dinner.

I took out my wallet, got out ten dollars and asked, 'If I give you this money, will you buy chocolate with it instead of dinner?'

'No, I had to stop eating chocolate years ago', the homeless woman told me.

'Will you use it to go shopping instead of buying food?' I asked.

'No, I don't waste time shopping,' the homeless woman said. 'I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive.'

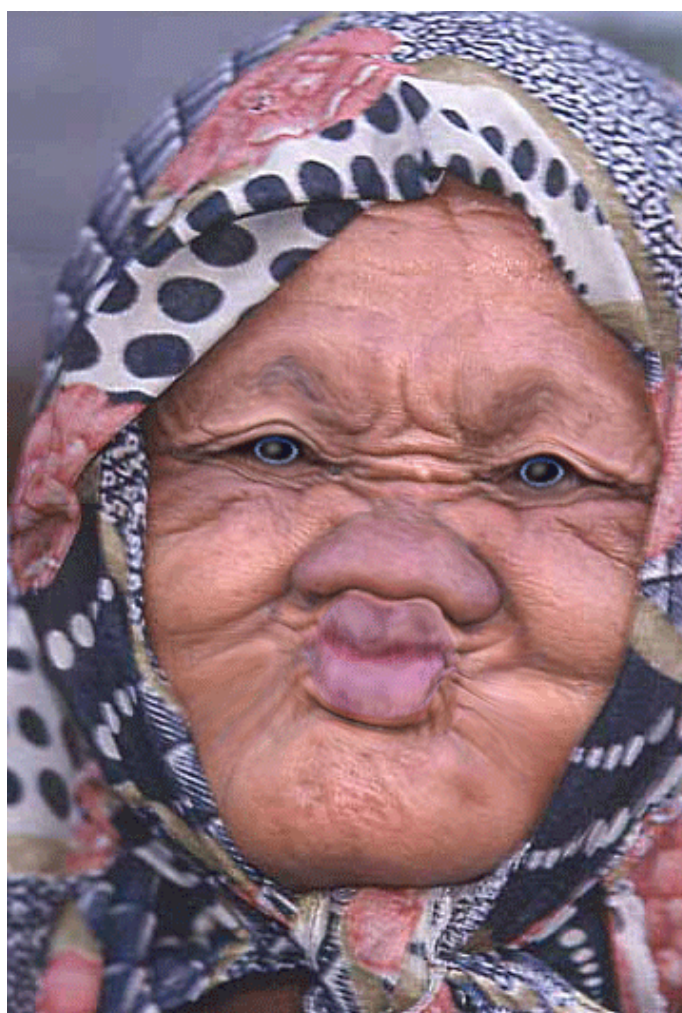
'Will you spend this on a beauty salon instead of food?' I asked.

'Are you NUTS!' replied the homeless woman. I haven't had my hair done in 20 years!'

'Well, I said, 'I'm not going to give you the money.. Instead, I'm going to take you out for dinner with my husband and me tonight.'

The homeless woman was shocked. 'Won't your husband be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting.'

I said, 'That's okay...It's important for him to see what a woman looks like after she has given up shopping, hair appointments, and chocolate.'



The economy is so bad that...

I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.

Wives are having sex with their husbands because they can no longer afford batteries.

CEO's are now playing miniature golf.

Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.

I saw a Mormon with only one wife.

I bought a toaster oven and my free gift was a bank.

Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America .

Motel Six won't leave the light on anymore.

A picture is now only worth 200 words.

They renamed Wall Street " Wal-Mart Street ."

When Bill and Hillary travel together, they now have to share a room.

The Treasure Island casino in Las Vegas is now managed by Somali pirates.

And, finally...

I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc., I called the Suicide Hot-line. I got a call center in Pakistan , and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck..

Another Variation of the Above...

Over five thousand years ago, Moses said to the children of Israel, "Pick up your shovels, mount your asses and camels, and I will lead you to the Promised Land."

everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and back together again.

The boy asked his father, "What is this, Father?" The father [never having seen an elevator] responded "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching wide-eyed, an old lady in a wheel chair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room.

The walls closed and the boy and his father watched small circles of lights with numbers above the walls light up. They continued to watch the circles light up in the reverse direction.

The walls opened up again and a beautiful 24-year-old woman stepped out. The father said to his son, "Go get your mother."



WISDOM FROM TRAINING MANUALS

'If the enemy is in range, so are you.'
- Infantry Journal-

'It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed.'
- US.Air Force Manual -

'Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword, obviously never encountered automatic weapons.'
- General MacArthur -

'Tracers work both ways.'
- Army Ordnance Manual-

'Five second fuses last about three seconds.'
- Infantry Journal -

'Any ship can be a minesweeper. Once.'
- Naval Ops Manual -

'Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do.'
- Unknown Infantry Recruit-

'If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him.'
- Infantry Journal-

'Yea, Though I Fly Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil. For I am at 50,000 Feet and Climbing.'
- Sign over SR71 Wing Ops-

'You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3.'
- Paul F. Crickmore (SR71 test pilot)-

'The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.'
-Unknown Author-

'If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage it has to be a helicopter -- and therefore, unsafe.'
- Fixed Wing Pilot-

'When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane, you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.'
-Multi-Engine Training Manual-

'Without ammunition, the Air Force is just an expensive flying club.'
-Unknown Author-

'If you hear me yell;"Eject, Eject, Eject!", the last two will be echos..' If you stop to ask "Why?", you'll be talking to yourself, because by then you'll be the pilot.'
-Pre-flight Briefing from aF104 Pilot-

'What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots? If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; but If ATC screws up, The pilot dies.'
-Sign over Control Tower Door-

'Never trade luck for skill.'
-Author Unknown-

The three most common expressions (or famous last words) in military aviation are:'Did you feel that?' 'What's that noise?' and'Oh S...!'
-Authors Unknown-

'Airspeed, altitude and brains. Two are always needed to successfully complete the flight.'
-Basic Flight Training Manual-

'Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground incapable of understanding or doing anything about it.'
- Emergency Checklist-

'The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you.'
- Attributed to Max Stanley (Northrop test pilot) -

'There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime.'
-Sign over Squadron Ops Desk at Davis-Montham AFB , AZ-

'You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal.' -

As the test pilot climbs out of the experimental aircraft,

Having torn off the wings and tail in the crash landing, the crash truck arrives.

The rescuer sees the bloodied pilot and asks, 'What happened?'
The pilot's reply: 'I don't know, I just got here myself!'

Nearly 75 years ago, (when Welfare was introduced) Roosevelt said, "Lay down your shovels, sit on your asses, and light up a Camel, this is the Promised Land."

Today, the government has stolen your shovel, taxed your asses, raised the price of Camels and mortgaged the Promised Land!

I was so depressed last night thinking about Health Care Plans, the economy, the wars, lost jobs, savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc I called a Suicide Hotline. I had to press 1 for English.

I was connected to a call center in Pakistan . I told them I was suicidal.

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For all those men who say, Why buy a cow when you can get the milk for free. Here's an update for you: Nowadays, 80% of women are against marriage, WHY? Because women realize it's not worth buying an entire pig just to get a little sausage.

Men are like....

1. Men are like Laxatives .
They irritate the crap out of you.

2. Men are like Bananas .
The older they get, the less firm they are.

3. Men are like Weather .
Nothing can be done to change them.

8. Men are like ... Government Bonds They take soooooo long to mature.

9. Men are like .. Mascara .
They usually run at the first sign of emotion.

4. Men are like Blenders
You need one, but you're not quite sure why.

5. Men are like Chocolate Bars
Sweet, smooth, & they usually head right for your hips.

6. Men are like Commercials .
You can't believe a word they say.

7. Men are like Department Stores ...
Their clothes are always 1/2 off!

10. Men are like Popcorn .
They satisfy you, but only for a little while.

11. Men are like Snowstorms .
You never know when they're coming, how many inches you'll get or how long it will last .

12. Men are like Lava Lamps .
Fun to look at, but not very bright.

13. Men are like Parking Spots
All the good ones are taken, the rest are handicapped.

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