



## In the Community

### **Alcoa Volunteers Honored by Gov. Easley for Outstanding Service**

A team of employees at the Alcoa Badin Works plant have been honored by the North Carolina Governor's Office with the North Carolina Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service in Stanly County.

"We've taken Alcoa's leadership and have made it a role model in the county," said Jennifer Moxley, executive director, United Way of Stanly County, who nominated the Alcoa Badin Works **Life!** committee for the award. "In just over six months, the Alcoa employees have volunteered 120 hours of their own time and qualified non-profit organizations in the county for \$9,000 in grants."

The North Carolina Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service honors individuals, groups and businesses that make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service. Organizations that have benefited from the **Life!** committee's volunteer efforts include Stanly Community Christian Ministries (SCCM), the National Association of Letter Carriers Annual Food Drive, Crisis Council, and Friends of the Senior Center in Albemarle.

The **Life!** committee at Alcoa Badin Works organizes various volunteer opportunities for employees through Alcoa programs such as ACTION (Alcoans Coming Together In Our Neighborhoods). The ACTION program involves organizing a group of 10 or more Alcoa employees to volunteer on a community service project for a local non-profit organization. In recognition of the employees' efforts, Alcoa will make a \$3,000 contribution to the non-profit organization that provided the opportunity for employees to volunteer.

"I'm proud to work with people who care about the community where they live and work," said Tommy Gibson, plant manager. "At Alcoa, we believe that people are the driving force behind our vision to become the best company in the world. The Alcoa Badin Works **Life!** committee has truly stepped up to plate and demonstrated how a small group of people can positively impact a community."

## Yadkin Relicensing News

### **Relicensing Update**

*As Alcoa-Yadkin prepares to file its license application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in April 2006, it is holding a series of voluntary settlement negotiations meetings with organizations representing recreational lake users, state and federal agencies, environmental groups and other stakeholders. We will provide regular updates on the progress of those meetings in this space.*

Alcoa-Yadkin hosted a settlement negotiations meeting on August 3, 2005 at the Alcoa Conference Center in Badin, NC to continue discussions regarding the future management and operation of the Yadkin lakes. The meeting provided an opportunity for relicensing stakeholders to present counterproposals in response to Alcoa's initial proposal (presented In June 2005).

The next settlement negotiations meeting is scheduled for September 7-8, 2005.

Meanwhile, Alcoa-Yadkin continues work on its draft license application. This document, expected to be distributed for review and comment in October 2005, is one of many milestones during the relicensing process.

### **Relicensing Timeline**

- Oct 2005  
Draft License Application distributed to relicensing stakeholders
- April 2006  
Final License Application filed with FERC
- April 2008  
Current FERC license expires

## Volunteer Spotlight: Stanly Community Christian Ministries

Volunteers at the Alcoa Badin Works plant are currently working with the Stanly Community Christian Ministries to distribute food at Mobile Food Pantries across Stanly County. Upcoming dates and locations include:

### Thursday, September 22

Mt. Zion Lutheran  
Richfield, NC

### Tuesday, October 11

Pfeiffer University  
Misenheimer, NC

“We are looking forward to Alcoa volunteers being a part of this. They have helped so much in the past,” said Bobbie Whitley, executive director of the Stanly Community Christian Ministries.

The Mobile Food Pantries distributed 73,016 pounds of food to 1,394 families in 2004.

## Badin Works Volunteers Chosen As Finalist for “Nine Who Care” Award

Alcoa has been selected as a finalist for the “Nine Who Care” award presented by WSOC-TV in Charlotte. This marks the 25th year the station has honored nine local organizations or individuals for outstanding volunteer service.



Winners will be announced during a special luncheon on September 14 at Lowe’s Motor Speedway. Thanks to Jennifer Moxley of Stanly County United Way for nominating Alcoa for this award.

## Explore! Take a Hike.

In each issue of The Yadkin Report, we’ll highlight a popular hiking trail, campground site or other favorite spot around the lakes. We’d love to hear about your favorite spots. [Click here to recommend a trail or site.](#)

### EAGLE POINT NATURE PRESERVE

Eagle Point Nature Preserve, located near High Rock Lake in eastern Rowan County, provides a natural habitat for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, Bald eagles and other animals and plants which thrive in a diversified forest habitat.

It serves a different purpose for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts, providing a perfect setting to enjoy nearly 200 acres of heavily forested woods.



### The preserve includes four miles of trails including:

Plant Loop Trail, a self-guided nature trail; Goldeneye Cove Trail, a hiking trail that leads to isolated coves along High Rock Lake; and Point Loop Trail, which features wildlife observation areas that provide a scenic overlook of the preserve. Canoe access

## Upcoming Events

### Best of Badin Festival

September 16-17

The annual Best of Badin Festival will feature the “Run the Valley” road race, tons of great live music performances and fireworks over Badin Lake. [Click here for more information about the festivities.](#)

## Did You Know?

Hydroelectric power, using the potential energy of rivers, now supplies 20% of world electricity. **Norway** produces virtually all of its electricity from hydropower; **Iceland** relies on hydro to produce 83% of its energy requirements; and **Austria** produces 67% of its electricity from hydro.

The chief advantage of hydro systems is elimination of the cost of fuel. Hydroelectric plants are immune to price increases for fossil fuels such as oil, natural gas or coal, and do not require imported fuel. In addition, hydroelectric plants generally have small to negligible emissions of carbon dioxide and methane due to reservoir emissions, and emit no sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, dust or other pollutants associated with combustion.

to High Rock Lake is available during summer months.

The preserve, which opened in June 2001, includes 100 acres donated by the Land Trust for Central North Carolina and an additional 80 acres provided by Alcoa-Yadkin through a long-term, no-cost lease.

**IF YOU GO:** The Preserve is located off of Bringle Ferry Road on Black Road in Eastern Rowan County. From 1-85, take Exit 75 or Exit 79. Follow signs to Dan Nicholas Park. Continue past Dan Nicholas Park down Bringle Ferry Road. After crossing High Rock Lake, Black Road is the second paved left. Turn onto Black Road and continue approximately 3/4 mile to the end. The gate is on the right.

## Tip of the Month

### **Danger: Boaters should keep distance from spillway gates at dams**

Picture the scene: You're taking a cruise around the lake in a canoe when you decide to paddle over near the dam. You suddenly realize the spillway gates are open. Before you can move a safe distance away, your canoe becomes caught in the vortex above the gate. It quickly pulls you toward the open gate. Time is running out. Can you escape?

It sounds like a bad dream. But it recently happened to a boater in Texas. He escaped only after his canoe became stuck and unable to pass through the open gate.

That's a situation no one wants to ever witness on the Yadkin lakes.

If you canoe or kayak on the lakes, please obey all warning signs and keep a safe distance away — never cross the buoy line located above the dams — because it can be difficult to determine when the gates are open and water is being spilled.

This electronic newsletter is designed to keep the community informed about important issues related to the relicensing of the Yadkin Project.

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## Balancing Energy Generation, Recreation *and* Environmental Resources