



In Memory

A Town Remembers Its Devoted Leader



John Thompson Garrison, the first and only mayor of Badin, passed away on October 17, 2005. Known to friends and family as “Tom,” he was instrumental in the incorporation of Badin in 1990 and has since then served as its mayor. Tom was a dedicated man who put his heart and soul into improving his community. He served on numerous boards and commissions throughout the region, including the Yadkin Pee Dee

Lakes Project. Tom was a past chapter president of the Albemarle Rotary Club and an active member of the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce—just a few of the ways in which he served his community. He was also successful in his professional life both in real estate and insurance.

“Tom was extremely active in the day-to-day operations of the town and with little or no dissent could be described as the number one advocate for this small Stanly County community,” said U.S. Rep. Robin Hayes in a tribute delivered before Congress.

Tom not only served his town, he also served his country. He entered the military and served for nearly two years in the European Theatre of Operation during World War II, where he earned a Silver Star in addition to several other honors. Tom then went on to serve for 20 years in the North Carolina National Guard.

Perhaps the most fitting tribute to Tom was a speech that U.S. Representative Robin Hayes delivered to Congress on November 2. He said of the mayor:

“Tom was extremely active in the day-to-day operations of the town and with little or no dissent could be described as the number one advocate for this small Stanly County community. ... Tom was extremely dedicated to his family, his community, and our Nation. Mr. Speaker, Tom Garrison embodied the great American pride and spirit that we all desire. He worked tirelessly along with his twin brother, Jim, who was very active in State and local politics, in an effort to create hope, opportunity, and prosperity for the people in his community, region, and State.

“Mayor Tom Garrison will be remembered by all for his constant championing on behalf of his constituents and his willingness to dedicate his life to public service. ... Tom, like many other champions around the Nation, did not seek public recognition for his efforts. He

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 two relicensing meetings on Thursday, November 3 at the Alcoa Conference Center in Badin. One session featured an in-depth discussion of the Shoreline Management Plan, including recommendations from property owners on potential modifications to the plan.

A general settlement negotiations session included a presentation on the South Carolina water interests of industrial and municipal users, particularly related to drought management, and status reports from subgroups working on downstream flow issues and the development of a low inflow protocol. Meeting participants were also given an opportunity to ask questions about the Draft License Application distributed in October 2005.



simply wanted to make the lives of the people in his community the best they could be.”

[Click here](#) to view U.S. Representative Robin Hayes’ entire speech honoring Tom Garrison and search for “Garrison” under the November 2 Congressional Record.

In the Community

Alcoa Grant Helps Fund the Vision of Badin

The Alcoa Foundation has donated \$15,000 to help the town of Badin determine its future. This grant will help fund the Small Town Area Revitalization (STAR) project, which highlights ways that Badin can maintain its cultural heritage while positioning the town for sustainable economic growth.

“In the first phase of the STAR project, we researched the cultural and natural heritage of Badin,” said Bill Medlin, Executive Director of the Yadkin Pee Dee Lakes Project. “Alcoa’s most recent grant has enabled us to move forward to the next phase, which is interacting with the town and pulling the community together.”

The Badin Resource Team, comprised of leaders from the Yadkin Pee Dee Lakes Project and revitalization experts from around the State, will interact with the town both during group sessions and on an individual basis. The resource team will hold its first public forum on November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alcoa Conference Center.

“Our plan is to turn residents into citizens, to get them involved and working together to create a heightened awareness and commitment for the betterment of Badin,” Medlin said.

During the third phase of the project, which will begin in several months, the Resource Team will develop a list of recommendations for Badin, and they will begin to put them into action. “This is not a one time deal,” Medlin said. “It’s an ongoing and sustainable project that the town of Badin will be able to revisit every three to four years in order to reposition itself for continued growth,” Medlin said.

Around the Lakes

Alcoa to auction property at High Rock Lake

Alcoa’s Corporate Real Estate Department is preparing to auction off five home sites located on High Rock Lake. The lots, ranging in size from .782 acre to 3.612 acres, are located on White Crane Road in Salisbury. The properties are owned by Badin Works and represent the last remaining home sites in a subdivision that was developed by Alcoa several years ago. The auction will take place on December 10, 2005 at 11:00 am at the Holiday Inn on Jake Alexander Blvd. in Salisbury. For more information, contact Higgenbotham Auctioneers at 800-257-4161.

Explore! Take a Hike.

Upcoming Events

Public Forum - Badin Resource Team November 16 @ 7:00 p.m. Alcoa Conference Center

All residents of Badin are welcome to come meet the Badin Resource Team and discuss the future of Badin. Find out what the Small Town Area Revitalization (STAR) project is all about. Give your opinions and help establish the vision of Badin.

17th Annual “One Special Christmas” Auction November 29, 2005 @ 7:00 p.m. St. Gabriel’s School, Charlotte

One Special Christmas is a charitable organization that helps make Christmas special for children who would not otherwise have a joyful holiday. For the past 16 years, One Special Christmas has held an auction of handmade furniture, fine art, collectibles and even log homes, to help support their mission.

Children who are referred to the charity by local churches and agencies are asked to write a letter to Santa with three wishes for Christmas. Proceeds from the auction help One Special Christmas fulfill those wishes.

“We want to show the kids that there are people out there who love them and think they are special,” said Brendon Chapman, Chairman and CEO of One Special Christmas. “It is our hope that they will one day turn around and do something special for someone else.”

For more information, visit www.onespecialchristmas.com.

Did You Know?

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.](#)

Alcoa Game Lands

It's hunting season, and North Carolina is fortunate to have two million acres of public and private lands managed by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission for public hunting, trapping and fishing. The state's designated game lands include the Alcoa Game Lands, which include 8,372 acres in parts of Davie, Davidson, Montgomery, Rowan and Stanly Counties. Much of this land is scattered along the shoreline of the Yadkin River around High Rock, Tuckertown and Badin lakes.

The Alcoa Game Lands provide quality upland hunting. Sportsmen can expect to find deer, fox, rabbit, fish, raccoon, quail, waterfowl and warm water fish on the property. Game lands are open six days a week and closed on Sundays. No camping is permitted on the property.

Visit www.ncwildlife.org for a detailed map of the Alcoa Game Lands, as well as helpful information about hunting and trapping throughout North Carolina. Anyone using the Alcoa Game Lands must adhere to the rules established by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

Badin Celebrates 90th Anniversary

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the town of Badin. A French company, L'Aluminum Français, first began building Badin in 1913. The company planned to use the Yadkin River to provide power for a smelter, and they started to build a town around the business. They named the town Badin after the company president, Adrien Badin. In 1915, the company was forced to abandon its efforts building Badin in order to focus more heavily on the demands of World War I.

Shortly thereafter, the Mellon Company of Pittsburgh, which included the Aluminum Company of America, bought the half-built town. Alcoa finished building the town, and Badin became a permanent settlement in 1917. Happy 90th Birthday, Badin!

Tip of the Month

With hunting season underway, it is essential to remember that safety comes first. If you go hunting on the Alcoa Game Lands, here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- Know your weapon and its capabilities.
- Treat your disarmed gun with the same respect you would a loaded weapon.
- Always point the gun away from yourself and others.
- Always unload your firearm. Never climb into a tree stand, over a fence, in or over a duck blind with a loaded weapon.
- During a fall, control the direction of the muzzle.
- Keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.
- Positively identify your target and its surroundings before shooting.
- Never use a scoped firearm for binoculars.
- When in doubt, don't take the shot.

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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