



Alcoa News

Alcoa contributes \$165,000 to support local organizations

Alcoa and Alcoa Foundation have awarded more than 30 grants this year — worth a total of \$165,000 — to help local non-profit organizations improve safety around the lakes, preserve the region's natural resources, support education and lend a helping hand to less fortunate members of the community.

The grants were announced at a special ceremony in Badin on November 7.

“We are blessed with many fine organizations that are dedicated to making our community a better place to live. Alcoa is proud to support these organizations by providing the financial resources necessary to help them achieve success,” said Tommy Gibson, a community relations manager for Alcoa.

Here is a sampling of the grants awarded this year:

Safety

Grants will fund the purchase of a new patrol boat for the Rowan County Sheriff's Department, an enhanced radio communications system to improve communications between local rescue squads, and new rescue equipment for local rescue squads and sheriff's departments. Additional funds will support safety efforts through Montgomery County SAFE KIDS.

Conservation

Grants will fund the purchase of land for a public game land preserve in Rowan County and a grant awarded earlier this year helped establish the Sustainable Communities Leadership Institute at Catawba College Center for the Environment.

Education

Grants will fund two scholarships at Stanly Community College, two scholarships at Pfeiffer University and an Alcoa Sons & Daughters Scholarship Award.

Since 1988, Alcoa and Alcoa Foundation have contributed \$2.5 million to support non-profit organizations in North Carolina.

If you're interested in applying for a 2007 Alcoa Foundation grant, submit a concept proposal to [Lanita Coley](#) by March 1, 2007. [Click here for directions on grant submissions.](#)

In the Community

2006 Alcoa Grant Recipients

American Red Cross
American's Children's Home
Badin Lake Search & Rescue
Badin Volunteer Fire Department
Catawba College
Davidson County Museum
Davidson County Rescue Squad
Friends of the Senior Center
Hospice of Stanly County
Land Trust for Central North Carolina
Mission Outdoor Discovery
Montgomery Co. Partnerships
for Children
Nazareth Children's Home
Oakboro Regional Historical Foundation
Partners in Learning Child Development
and Family Resource Center
Pfeiffer University
Resource Development Center
Rescue Unit of Stanly County
Rowan County ARC
Rowan County Rescue Squad
Rowan County Sheriff's Department
Rowan Regional Medical Center
Salisbury New Horizon Housing Corp.
Stanly Community College
Stanly County Arts Council
Stanly County Christian Ministry
Stanly County Health Department
Stanly County Sheriff's Department
Stanly News & Press
Town of Badin
YMCA of Stanly County

Upcoming Events

Thousands view Hardaway artifacts

A crowd of more than 8,000 people visited Archaeology Days 2006, a special event held November 18-19 at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh. The event, sponsored by Alcoa Foundation, featured the first public viewing of artifacts from the historic Hardaway site in Stanly County.



Alcoa donated more than 1.3 million artifacts from the Hardaway site to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in October 2005. The University is currently developing a traveling exhibit of Hardaway artifacts that will visit Stanly County next year.

Relicensing News

Alcoa nears completion of Relicensing Settlement Agreement

Alcoa is nearing the completion of a comprehensive Relicensing Settlement Agreement. This binding document builds on the principles outlined in the Agreement in Principle that was signed by more than two dozen stakeholders this summer

Those stakeholders, representing state and federal regulatory agencies, local governments, environmental organizations, recreational users and others, have spent the past several months finalizing details of the Relicensing Settlement Agreement. Tentative agreement has been reached on settlement language in several areas and the group plans to meet in early December to continue its review.

"We are excited about the progress all of us have made on the development of the Relicensing Settlement Agreement. Our stakeholders have provided valuable feedback and input to help us develop an agreement that will have tremendous benefits for everyone in central North Carolina," said Gene Ellis, licensing and property manager for Alcoa-Yadkin.

Upon completion in early 2007, the agreement will be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as the comprehensive proposal by all of the signatories for the future management of the Yadkin Project.

FERC NEPA Scoping Meetings Planned for January 2007

FERC is planning to host public meetings in January 2007 to solicit public feedback about the relicensing of The Yadkin Project for its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. Specific dates and locations have not yet been finalized.

Relicensing Fact: Higher Water Levels at High Rock Lake

Keeping more water in High Rock Lake has been a major interest throughout the relicensing process. The Agreement in Principle includes three important changes designed to ensure higher water levels:

- The recreation season has been extended by three months to provide higher water levels from April 1 through October 31. Water levels are anticipated to average about 3 feet below full during this period.
- Alcoa will be required to significantly decrease the amount of energy it generates if water levels drop below 4 feet during the extended recreation season or below 10 feet during the winter season.
- A drought management plan will require Alcoa to send less water downstream and generate less energy when drought conditions are present. To prevent High Rock Lake

High Rock Lake River Rats
27th Annual Christmas Benefit
December 3, 2006
3:00 – 8:00 pm
The Boat Dock Beach Club

The River Rats will host a fund-raising extravaganza featuring games, entertainment, free food and door prizes. There will be a live and silent auction to raise money for local families that need support this holiday season. During the past nine years, the River Rats have contributed an average of \$20,000 per year to assist 125 families and more than 1,400 children. For more information, visit the [River Rats web site](#).

Did You Know?

Ferrari just completed a three-month, 84,000-mile road trip to



show off its latest masterpiece, the 599 GTB Fiorano. The car features a lightweight aluminum spaceframe developed by Alcoa. With its lightweight properties and brilliant engineering, the Fiorano sprints from 0 to 100 km in 3.7 seconds.

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from being unfairly impacted during droughts, the plan requires other major storage reservoirs to share the responsibility for protecting important downstream habitat.



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