

## Chamber Calendar Lists Upcoming Local Events

August 28—SOLO monthly dinner meeting, 7 p.m. at Eastern Steakhouse, Mooresville.

August 27—Mooresville Stroke club will meet at 7 p.m. in Lake Norman Regional Medical Center library, Vince Shepherd, a stroke victim and a member of the staff of Eastern Seals Society, will give an inspirational speech on how he has overcome his stroke.

September—Jones Memorial United Methodist Church homecoming, Rev. Ed Cantor, guest speaker. Covered dish dinner following worship outside, weather permitting.

Jones Memorial United Methodist Church will have a Bible study each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Mooresville Artist Guild meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Depot. There will be demonstrations and refreshments. For further information contact Jean Mueller, 663-6717.

Mt. Mourie Extension Homemakers meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Fair View United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Visitors and new members are welcome.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) meets the 1st Thursday (Sept.-May) at 7:30 p.m. in private homes/NCNB Conf. Room. For additional information contact Peggy Williamson of Mooresville.

Women's Aglow Fellowship, an international, non-denominational Christian women's fellowship, meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. for breakfast at Cornelius Holiday Inn, (exit 28 off I-77). For information, call Dot Dymond, 663-6941.

The AARP has a toll-free number for Medicare questions. Line open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1-800-527-6226.

Mooresville Women's Club Executive Board meets the 2nd Thursday every month at the War Memorial, and a luncheon and meeting held every 4th Thursday.

Question: What is the difference between a 35mm single lens reflex camera (SLR) and a 35mm twin lens reflex camera (TLR)?

Answer: It is obvious that an SLR camera uses only one lens and a TLR uses two. One of the two lenses on a twin lens reflex camera is used to reflect the subject's image off of an immobile mirror back to the photographer looking through the viewfinder. The other lens, which is located underneath the viewing lens, is used to project the subject onto the film. The frustrating thing about TLR's is that the image is viewed in reverse (the right side of the subject appears to be on the left). Newer, more sophisticated TLR's, offer an accessory prism to correct the reversal.

With a single lens reflex camera, the photographer views the subject through the same lens which projects the image onto the film. The image coming through the lens bounces off of a prism, which sends the image right side up so that the photographer sees exactly what the lens records. When the shutter release is pressed, the mirror flips up and the image is projected onto the film.

The biggest difference, however, is that a twin lens reflex camera does not use 35mm film. TLR's use 100 or 220 (2 1/4" x 2 1/4-inch) film; although, it is possible to adapt them to 35mm photography.

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## Richard Moore Returns From Deployment

Marine Sergeant Richard A. Moore, son of Lonnie G. and Jeanette Mayberry of Troutman, N.C., recently returned from a six-month Mediterranean deployment with the 26th Marine Amphibious Unit, Camp Lejeune, as part of Landing Force Sixth Fleet 2-87.

During the deployment, Moore participated in five combined amphibious exercises and one unilateral amphibious exercise.

And, for the first time in 15 years, Marines conducted an exercise on the island of Corsica. This exercise allowed the LFF to practice and refine the special operational techniques developed during their pre-deployment training period.

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## Mrs. Pinkston Dies

Mrs. Annie Frontis Pinkston, 73-year-old resident of 428 Bell St., Mooresville, died Aug. 11 at the Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville.

A funeral for Mrs. Pinkston was conducted last Sunday at Watkin's Chapel AME Zion Church in Mooresville, with the pastor, the Rev. Thomas Lee, officiating.

A native of Iredell County, Mrs. Pinkston was born on Sept. 24, 1913, a daughter of the late Avery and Mamie Headrick Frontis.

Mrs. Pinkston's husband, Esplan Pinkston, preceded her in death in January 1975.

Mrs. Pinkston was an active member of Watkin's Chapel AME Zion Church, where she was a member of the senior choir, trustee

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## Our Summer Heat Can't Hold A Blowtorch To Hellish Death Valley

Of course it has been hot here in Piedmont Carolina, but before you complain again, take another look at what's been going on in the "National Wildlife" magazine, could make you a little more tolerant of our summer conditions.

When Don Carney arrived at Death Valley National Monument in summer of 1986, he passed a sign reading "Hell's Gate." According to an article in "National Wildlife" magazine, he had no idea how appropriate the name was.

In his five years as a ranger in Death Valley, Carney was forced to contend with insupportable conditions not found anywhere else. Where on earth does the daily summer high temperature "average" 116 degrees? Carney quickly found out his first summer when, during one hot spell, the thermometer never dipped below 90 degrees at night.

Such intense heat quickly takes its toll on men and beasts alike. Carney often saw migrating eegre and herons covering under water tanks to avoid the blazing sun. And, desperate for water, a turkey vulture once landed in a pool of water and drank almost continuously for an hour, even though

people were standing just inches away.

Even insects were not immune to the dry heat. Carney proudly claims the first recorded sighting of a bumblebee drinking in the wild.

It takes extreme circumstances to cause wildlife to act in such unnatural ways, and Carney has many amazing facts and anecdotes documenting the exceptional conditions found in Death Valley. Explaining that the Indians called the valley "Tomesha," which means "ground afire," Carney recalls that surface temperatures often exceeded 160 degrees, wearing out his car tires in as little as 5,000 miles. On one particularly hot afternoon, the ground temperature even exceeded

200 degrees.

And if the ground is hot, a closed car is like an inferno. One ranger entertained visitors by frying eggs on the hood of his black Chevy sedan. Inside the vehicle, however, the temperatures were even hotter.

One morning Carney was dismayed to find that golf balls inside his car had exploded the cork centers had popped right through the covers. Carney to learn how hot his car could get, Carney parked the car in the open sun; four hours later, the car thermometer read 236 degrees.

This deadly heat forced Carney and the other rangers to take many precautions, both for their own safety and to help stranded visitors. In addition to maintaining large

water barrels along many roads for overheat victims, each ranger carried 10 gallons of water with him for emergencies.

Yet, despite such precautions, heat exhaustion and painful sunburns still plagued visitors, particularly those who would stop in the desert without donning hats, shirts, or shoes. In such conditions, Carney reports, men lose their reasoning ability and attempt to conserve water at all costs. He sadly recalls two young boys found dehydrated in the desert; they died with a gallon of lemonade in their hands.

Fortunately, however, such instances are rare, and Carney takes pride in his many successes. Many times he brought people back from near death, as when a dehydrated camper gained 40 pounds in 48 hours after being rescued from the sery's searing heat.

The heat is not the only trying feature of Death Valley, however. In addition, Carney had to contend with exultile solitude. At one time, his nearest neighbor to the west was 125 miles away; the nearest phone was 30. At nights, he would oversee more than 100 square miles of land and never see the glimmer of another man's light.

Despite the trying conditions, Carney is thankful for this opportunity to live in Death Valley. After all, how many people can say they have gone to hell ... and returned to tell about it?

PH Reports

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Performance

Skiers Seek

New Slalom

Course Site

Finding frustrating roadblocks down every avenue, members of a small group of water skiers have decided not to travel any farther in its venture towards reactivating a slalom course on Lake Norman.

Finding strong opposition from shoreline residents as well as county governing bodies, the group has dropped its final appeal to the Iredell County Zoning Board.

Adjustment and has begun seeking a new location for a permanent slalom course. The old course is near Marker 16, about a mile south of the N.C. 150 bridge.

The course had been in use for some four years before Iredell County Commissioners decided a year ago to zone the surface of the lake and islands within the county's jurisdiction. Since the course was not being used regularly enough to justify a grandfather clause, special permission was needed to keep it functioning.

Even though the Lake Norman Marine Commission approved the reopening of the course, residents of the area voiced their opposition, so the group decided to move the 800-foot course to the south side of Marker 16.

However, the Marine Commission turned down a request for the new location, as did the Iredell County Planning Board both times the request appeared on its agenda. Yet another rejection was handed down by the county zoning board.

The group had planned to appeal that latest rejection to the zoning board, having already paid the \$75 fee to do so, before deciding last week to bring its efforts to a standstill.

The group is currently in the process of searching for a new course site altogether on the lake.

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