



# FLYWHEEL

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## America's First Kaolin / Wedgewood Cherokee Connection



Sheriff Robbie Holland introduced Alex Glover, who has over 38 years in the mining industry and a geologist. Alex lives in the Spruce Pine area. Glover worked as the Director of Mining and Mineral Resources for Active Minerals International, in Eatonton, Georgia. Among his many accomplishments are being an Honored Fellow of the Geological Society of America, past president of the Carolina Geological Society and the North Carolina Mining Association, and Special Registered Member of the Society of Mining Engineers with international licensing to perform mineral evaluation. He is the author of dozens of publications on industrial minerals. As a geologist, he's especially interested in the kaolin clays of Macon County. He said that it was reported that kaolin was first discovered in Georgia but did a study and discovered that the Cherokee's of Western North Carolina were the first to mine kaolin here in Macon County.

Glover indicated that kaolin was a heavily sought after material. It was mined near the villages that dotted the local landscape along the many miles of Indian trails. When the runway at the Macon County airport was expanded several Indian artifacts from the Indian village of Ayoree of 2000 years ago were discovered. The Indians mined for kaolin in the Gurney (airport area) and Iotla areas off of Hwy 28 north of Franklin. They used the kaolin game tiles and tobacco pipes. They also used the kaolin fused with mica to coat the interior and exterior walls of their huts. They liked that the mica sparkled in the sunlight.

Josiah Wedgewood of Sheffield, England was producing the best pottery in the world and his "Queens Ware" was coveted by kings, queens and the very rich in the 1700's. Josiah had heard of the white clay kaolin and wanted to purchase 5 tons of the material. Andrew Duche of Philadelphia was an exporter and hired Thomas Griffith to obtain the kaolin. Griffith endured many hardships to get the kaolin that was then shipped from Charleston, SC to England. Kaolin was an expensive material and Josiah's records shows that he paid \$130 British pounds per ton. In today's value it cost over \$25,000 per ton. In 1777 A Wedgewood vase was produced that was presented to the Museum of North Carolina Minerals in 1996 by the Wedgewood family. The vase is just 10 inches high.

Alex stated that there are many uses of the pegmatite, quartz and mica found in this area and that the mica was heavily mined during the war. Mica goes into stove windows (often called isinglass), radio tube insulators, paint, shingles, and even makeup. Feldspar goes into pottery, ceramic products, car windshields, and computer screens. Quartz goes into making computer semiconductors and fiber optics and used in making fiberglass.

Alex went on to talk about the connection of Charles Darwin to this area. Charles Darwin was a grandson of Josiah Wedgewood. Charles married his first cousin and bore 10 children, three of whom died at an early age. It is said Darwin grieved about these losses but as a scientist and genetics knew that these health challenges of his children were a distinct possibility.





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## Club Welcomes Another New Member!

On September 9th membership chair Linda Harbuck inducted John Duncan back into the Rotary Club of Franklin. John is sponsored by Patsy Parker. Let's give a big club welcome to John!

## BlueRidge Outdoors Best Towns Contest

Franklin is in the final against Abingdon, Va in the BlueRidge Outdoors Best Towns. It is a vote count that wins. The voting is in the final two weeks and a person can and should vote EVERY day for Franklin. We beat Brevard, then Blairsville, then Ellijay, now we are against Abingdon, Va. who also beat three others to face off against us. The link is: <http://www.blueridgeoutdoors.com/top-towns/>

We have made it through 3 rounds and this is the last round. It is a great honor for a town to win this as well as beneficial to the town for tourist bragging rights.

## Birthdays

Brenda Munger—Sept 15



## Cruise Tickets To be Sold at Macon County Fair!



Cindy Rogers reported

**that the club sold 87 cruise to date!**

**Great start!** The goal is to sell a total of 200. The cost to the club for the cruise is \$700.00 so if we can sell all 200 at \$20 apiece, than the club will make a nice profit. Cruise tickets will be on sale at the Macon County Fair September 16 thru 19th. **Volunteers are needed for the booth at this events. Please see Cindy Rogers to sign up to volunteer in o0ne of the time slots.**

## Rotary Anniversaries

Keith Keller — 1 year

Cheryl Davis — 2 years

James Fox—2 years

Gary Shields—4 years

Vic Greene—11 years



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## Grant Management Seminar

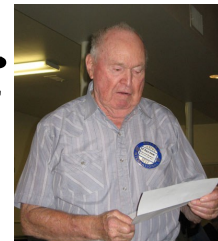
If you are interested in learning about global and district grants please attend the Saturday October 3rd grants management seminar at AB Tech Asheville 830a. Registration will be available online soon. On dacdb. Sean, Lenny, Judy and Jim Garner encouraged to attend. Cost \$10 club will reimburse.

## Shadow Program

Rich Peoples reported last week that the shadow program where FHS students will get the chance to shadow a Rotarian business or professional for a one-half day still needs volunteers. It gives the student to experience a career that they are interested in while the Rotarian can give a picture of the possible opportunities or draw backs. The goal is to interest students to pursue a career here in Franklin. The program will operate from September 15th to October 31st. Please see Karen or Rich Peoples to sign up to have a student shadow you for a one-half day of tour choosing.



## Clayton's Corner Roadside Musings



- BROTHER SPEEDER LET'S REHEARSE ALL TOGETHER.  
GOOD MORNING, NURSE  
Burma Shave
- CAUTIOUS RIDER TO HER RECKLESS DEAR. LET'S HAVE LESS BULL  
AND A LITTLE MORE STEER.  
Burma Shave
- SPEED WAS HIGH. WEATHER WAS NOT. TIRES WERE THIN.  
X MARKS THE SPOT  
Burma Shave

## Gleaning September 30th and ANOTHER Makeup Opportunity!



If you are interested in getting involved in the upcoming Gleaning Project Sept. 30th at Mitchell Farms, **please join us for a conference call Sept. 22. President Sean will email details.** Also the day of the project we will be in need of help distributing water and lunch to the "gleaners" and transporting the picked vegetables to CareNet. On Oct 1 there will be a tomato canning training at CareNet and they will need 5 dozen glass quart canning jars with lids. Also volunteers needed to help train the canners. Please see Cindy, Janet or Shaina if you can help. We need you!

**Rotary Service 9/9**



Prayer/Pledge: Russ Gale

Greeter: John Hubsch





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## September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

Despite rising literacy rates for youth and adults, 897 million people around the world are still illiterate\* and 57 million children of primary school age are not in school. September is designated as Rotary Basic Education and Literacy Month. Let's reaffirm our commitment to meet basic education and literacy needs locally and abroad. The Rotary Club of Franklin continues its work in eliminating literacy locally with the Read2Me project. For more information on Read2Me and how you can get involved, see club champion and vocational chair Karen Kenney.

## Flywheel Volunteers Needed

Flywheel Editor Dick Pritts is looking for volunteers to help produce the weekly Flywheel as well as a volunteer to be the main photographer at our meetings. Dick is looking for a couple of volunteers to be trained on the Publisher program used in producing the weekly Flywheel. Dennis Sanders has volunteered and Dick is looking for at least two more volunteers to join him and Dennis in the training. Dick has two volunteers to be back-up photographers but is looking for one lead photographer. Please email Dick at: [rdpritts@aol.com](mailto:rdpritts@aol.com) or call at: 828-349-9748.





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## The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2015-16

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Assistant District Governor: Ken Nicholson

President: Sean Gibson

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President-nominee: Judy Chapman

Secretary: Patsy Parker

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Program Chair: Vic Perry

Public Image Chair: Debbie Tallent ...Flywheel Editor: Dick Pritts

Sgt. At Arms: Jacob Reiche

Immediate Past President: Susie Ledford

*Thanks for all you do in service!*

## Upcoming Events



Sep 16— Canary Coalition

Sept 16-19 Macon County Fair

Sep 23 -Club Assembly

Sep 28—Pack Back Packs at CareNet

Sep 30—Gleaning Project Wednesday Morning -5th Week Social 5p—place TBD

## 50/50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



## 50 50 Drawing



Ivy Burstein did not win the \$38 pot and the pot rolls over next week with 11 cards. Perfect time to buy tickets to grow the pot!

**Next Meeting Wednesday September 16 th - Canary Coalition—John Hubsch-host. See You 12 Noon Tartan Hall**

Rotary Club Of Franklin

