

Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

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NEWSLETTER

Editor: George Slaton

CAROLINA'S CIVIL WAR CHARACTERS

September 14 Meeting
St. Andrew's On-The-Sound Episcopal Church
Social Hour 7:00 pm.....Program 7:30 pm

Justice & Oleaner

Clint Johnson is a prolific Civil War author from Winston-Salem. His popular and well-received books include *Civil War Blunders*, *Touring the Carolinas' Civil War Sites*, and *Touring Virginia's and West Virginia's Civil War Sites*. He is currently working on a book about the life of Robert E. Lee with regard to both well-known and obscure places where Lee lived, worked, and visited.

Clint's program will include a fifty minute slide presentation and talk about fascinating North Carolina people from the Civil War period. He will also highlight the sites associated with these interesting personalities. Clint will bring copies of his books for sale and signing.

The RT, under the energetic leadership of Chris Fonvielle, can look forward to a great line-up of programs for the new year. We look forward to seeing you on September 14. Bring a guest or two!

! WE NEED YOUR HELP !

Members are asked to pitch in and help with the monthly raffle and refreshments. Mike Budziszewski (458-1370) needs donations of books, prints, and any other Civil War-related items which can be raffled at our RT meetings. Nancy Fonvielle (792-9091) and Karen Budziszewski (458-1370) are generously hosting our Social Hour at each meeting. They need volunteers to prepare and bring refreshments and baked items. Please contact these good people and offer your help!

! NEW MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION !

We have an excellent and spacious new meeting location for the 2000-2001 year. St. Andrew's On-The-Sound Episcopal Church (101 Airlie Road) is located at the four-way intersection of Oleander Drive, Airlie Road, Eastwood Road, and Wrightsville Avenue. There is ample parking around the church. The meetings will be held in the Parish Hall.

! MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS/SIGNUPS NOW DUE !

It's time to pay your dues for the coming year. Member dues cover speaker expenses, facility use, fees, newsletter, refreshments, and miscellaneous costs to the RT. We couldn't operate without them. Once again, the annual dues are only \$25.00. Current members are asked to send in their membership renewals as soon as possible (CFCWRT, Box 10535, Wilmington NC 28404) or present to Dan Geddie, Treasurer, at the September 14 meeting. Your promptness in paying your membership dues is much appreciated!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow members of the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table from your new president, Chris E. Fonvielle, Jr.! This year, our seventh, promises to be one of our best ever. We have some of the nation's most respected and finest historians lined up to speak to our organization. Your steering committee worked hard this summer to duplicate the enlightening and enjoyable programs we have had the past six years. The new season also presents new challenges. Our long-time president, George Slaton, has retired from command for a much deserved rest. I know I speak for the entire membership in extending a heartfelt appreciation for all that George has done for the Round Table, from founding it to running it. Fortunately, George has agreed to remain on the steering committee, which has also been bolstered by the addition of two new members, John Moore and Bob Cooke. Mike Budziszewski, your new vice president, and I consider it a great honor to help lead the Round Table into the new year. We also have a new meeting place, at St. Andrew's On-The-Sound Episcopal Church. The church is located at the intersection of Oleander Drive and Airlie Road on Wrightsville Sound. Anxious to get the season started, the leadership looks forward to seeing y'all on September 14 for a great program and a new beginning.

HEADQUARTER'S STAFF

- Chris Fonvielle, President (792-9091)
- Mike Budziszewski, Vice President (458-1370)
- Dan Geddie, Treasurer (799-5338)
- Tommy King, Tours (762-2930)
- George Slaton, Newsletter Editor (452-7448)
- Jim McCallum (686-1597)
- John Krohn (799-6014)
- Bob Cooke (792-1601)
- John Moore (256-6328)
- Karen Budziszewski, Refreshments (458-1370)
- Nancy Fonvielle, Refreshments (792-9091)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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September 14	Carolinas' Civil War Characters	Clint Johnston
October 12	CSA Junior Officers of NC and VA	Peter Carmichael
November 9	C.S.S. <i>Hunley</i>	Mark Ragan
December 14	The Vicksburg Campaign	Edwin Bearss
January 11	The Surrender in North Carolina	Mark Bradley
February 8	Civil War Photography	Bob Zeller
March 2-4	Wilmington Campaign Tour	Edwin Bearss
April 12	CSA General William Dorsey Pender	Edward Longacre
May 17	TBA	

! BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION ALERT !

From the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) comes this urgent message: The Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) makes good on a promise by Congress 35 years ago to fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) which has been the source of millions of battlefield preservation dollars for decades. CARA passed the House with overwhelming bi-partisan support (315-102) in May. CARA will provide for \$15 million annually for battlefield preservation specifically. Yet the bill is now in jeopardy in the Senate, delayed and opposed by several senators from western states. If the Senate fails to take up CARA this fall, the next Congress must start from scratch with a new bill in January.

CWPT urges Civil War buffs to write a letter to their Senators indicating support for the Senate version of the bill with its \$15 million for the battlefields before the October adjournment. Send to The Honorable ---, United States Senate, Washington DC 20510.