



# **CAROLINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

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**The Society will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2017, at the  
Kilwinning Crosse Masonic Lodge located at 102 Chase Street,  
Bowling Green, Virginia 22427**

The guest speaker at our January 2017 meeting will be Tim O’Gorman, author of several postcard pictorial history books on traveling Routes 1 and 301 in Virginia between 1920 and 1975.

## **From the President**

Happy New Year and I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed the holidays’ activities and events with friends and family. With the start of 2017 comes New Year’s resolutions and for the Caroline Historical Society it is an ongoing list that includes adding new members, increasing our collections, promoting history awareness, adding new displays, and raising funds for specific preservation projects. This will be a busy year and I would like to ask the membership for continued support and involvement in achieving our goals. We can always use help on one of the various committees or you may choose to be a board member or an officer.

The January 22, 2017, annual membership meeting of the Caroline Historical Society is also the time for the election of new board members and officers for 2-year terms. The nominations for the various positions will be presented by the Nominating Committee and others may be presented from the floor prior to the vote by the membership. The officer positions to be voted on include president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. There are also board of director positions to be filled as well. *Wayne Brooks*—[wbrooks@bealenet.com](mailto:wbrooks@bealenet.com)—(804) 633-5217.

## **Our Guest Speaker, Tim O’Gorman**

Our guest speaker for the January 22, 2017, annual membership meeting will be Tim O’Gorman, well known author of several books documenting the roadside history of the once heavily traveled highways of U.S. Routes 301 and 1 in Virginia.

Mr. O’Gorman is the retired director of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum at Fort Lee, Virginia. Tim’s career spans over 40 years in a variety of civilian and military museums worldwide. He continues to serve as a peer reviewer for the American Alliance of Museums and the U.S. Army Center of Military History. In addition, he is a member of the Society for Commercial Archaeology.

Tim’s interest in old motels, tourist courts, and roadside businesses stems from his desire to preserve and document a pictorial history of a rapidly disappearing period of our history. His books contain copies of many photo postcards between the years 1920 to 1975, which includes the “Golden Age” of travel that took place during the 1940s and 1950s. The roadside businesses

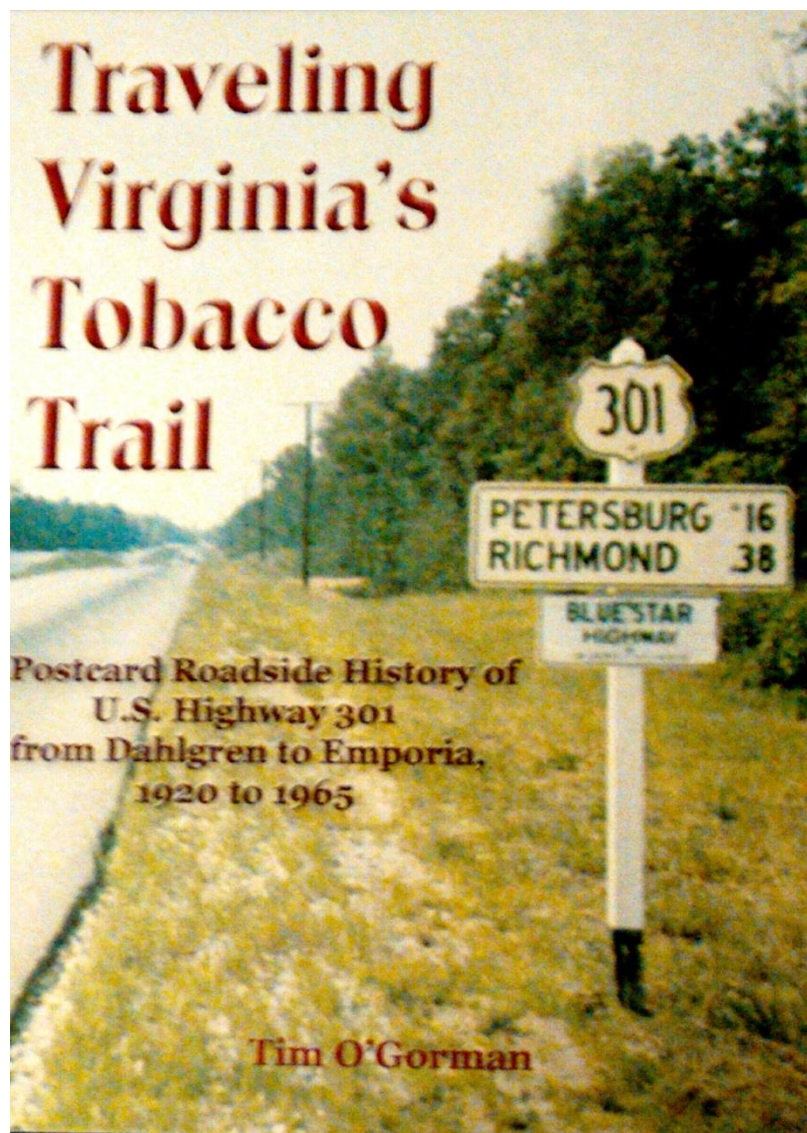
that flourished along Routes 1 and 301 slowly disappeared as Interstate 95 was completed in the early- to mid-1960s. His books provide a historical perspective not previously published and reminds us of an era of “days gone by.”

During Tim’s program, he will discuss his most recent book entitled “Traveling Virginia’s Tobacco Trail—Postcard Roadside History of U.S. Highway 301 from Dahlgren to Emporia, 1920–1965.” Copies of Tim’s new book will be available for sale at the close of the meeting. His other publications include:

“Spending the Night on Virginia’s Main Street—A Postcard History of Motels along U.S. Highway 1 from Arlington to South Hill, 1920–1965.”

“Spending the Night on the Pike—A Postcard History of Motels Along U.S. Highway 1 From Richmond to Petersburg, 1920–1975.”

I am sure everyone will find this to be a most interesting presentation and discussion.



## 2017 Membership Dues

As a reminder, annual membership dues should be paid with the start of 2017. The dues for a regular (single) membership are \$15.00 for the year and \$20.00 a year for a family membership. Life membership is a one-time cost of \$200.00. Checks may be made out to “Caroline Historical Society” and mailed to Caroline Historical Society, PO Box 324, Bowling Green, Virginia 22427–0324. There is no cost to any student who wishes to be a member. Students who are members may attend all meetings and activities, receive newsletters, but are not allowed to vote on issues brought before the membership.

## Caroline Historical Society Annual Award

The Caroline Historical Society Annual Award for this past year is being presented to the sponsors and members of the Caroline Middle School History Club. The annual award is presented to an individual or organization being recognized for their accomplishments in promoting and preserving a piece of history for all to enjoy.

The unanimous decision to select the Caroline Middle School History Club was based on their efforts to create, plan, and manage the construction of the Korean War Memorial Garden located at Caroline High School on the corner of Rogers Clark Boulevard (Route 207) and Devils Three Jump Road. This memorial garden was constructed at that location because it falls on the 38th parallel, the same latitude that became so famous during the Korean War (1950–1953). This garden was not only constructed as a memorial to the Korean War but as a place to reflect and honor not only Korean War veterans but all veterans of the United States military. Since being completed, the memorial garden has been used for several Veterans Day ceremonies.



*Korean War Memorial Garden planned and created by the Caroline Middle School History Club.*



Through the efforts of the Caroline Middle School History Club, the Korean War is not a “forgotten” war and the memorial stands as a symbol to honor our veterans. Our congratulations go out to the history club’s sponsors and student members and all those who assisted them in accomplishing this project involving a historical event. It is most gratifying to see our youth involved in such a worthwhile project benefiting the entire community.

## **Recent Donations**

### *Donation of Chairs and Table to Caroline Historical Society*

The town of Bowling Green has donated six oak chairs that were part of the original furnishings when the town hall was built as a USO building during World War II. The six chairs were used in the town hall from 1942 until recently. We are very pleased to have these pieces of local history from that era. The chairs and table are currently being used in our display area. Special thanks to the Bowling Green Town Council for their donation.



*Former USO building table and chairs donated to CHS by the town of Bowling Green.*

### *Donation of 1820s Tavern Table to Caroline Historical Society*

Through the generous donation of Caroline Historical Society (CHS) member Mandy Young, we have acquired a circa 1820 pine tavern table to add to our collections in the display room. The table can convert to a bench by rotating the table top and replacing wooden pegs to hold it in place as a back to the bench. A most interesting and unique piece of antique furniture. CHS is very fortunate to have this quality antique for display and use. We greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness expressed in making this gift to CHS.

## *Donation of Tent by the Bowling Green Lions Club*

The Bowling Green Lions Club recently donated a 10 ft. x 10 ft. pop-up tent to the Caroline Historical Society. This is an item we can really use to promote our organization at outside events. We greatly appreciate their gift and hopefully we can put it to use in the near future.

## **Future Events for 2017**

### *Virginia World War I and World War II Tourism Marketing Program*

Starting in the spring/summer of 2017, Virginia will be initiating a program to observe the 100th anniversary of World War I and the 75th anniversary of World War II. This program is being sponsored by the Commonwealth of Virginia to assist in boosting the tourism industry in Virginia and provide educational exhibits related to World War I and World War II. The Caroline County Tourism Department was awarded a grant of over \$4,000 to assist in promoting/advertising this program in cooperation with the town of Bowling Green, town of Port Royal, Historic Port Royal, and the Caroline Historical Society. The Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission's traveling exhibit will visit Bowling Green for several days.

In cooperation with the commission program and Caroline County, CHS will be changing over some of our displays in early 2017 to World War I and World War II items. If any members would be willing to loan CHS any World War I or World War II items for display purposes in 2017, please contact Wayne Brooks at [wbrooks@bealenet.com](mailto:wbrooks@bealenet.com) or call (804) 633-5217.



## **Fort A. P. Hill Earth Day Event, April 27, 2017**

The Caroline Historical Society has been invited to participate in the Earth Day event planned for 10:00 a.m. on April 27, 2017, at Fort A. P. Hill military base. We have attended this event for the past several years to further promote the historical society by displaying items for educational purposes.

Fort A. P. Hill's main goal is to provide a youth-oriented environmental educational outreach program with a "hands-on" approach for students. This has been a very successful event with over 1,000 school-age children attending last year. In addition to the historical society's table, there are many other vendors providing educational exhibits related to the environment and cultural resources. This is a great learning experience for our youth.



Our organization will be needing volunteers to represent CHS at this event, so please check your schedules and sign up to help at this year's Earth Day.



# Fort A.P. Hill EARTH DAY

Beaverdam Picnic Area  
10:00 am—2:00 pm

**THURSDAY  
APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>**

Join local schools, military and civilian personnel and members of the community, as we share how Fort A.P. Hill and local organizations are leading the way in sustainability!

Environmental, conservation, outdoor adventure, local farming exhibits from federal/state agencies & private organizations · military vehicles · land management equipment · nature trails

Prior coordination is required for participation by the public. Lunch will be available for purchase from the Directorate of Family, and Moral, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR). No admission fee & no setup charge for exhibitors. Contact us for more info: Jason Applegate (804) 633-8465, [jason.r.applegate.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jason.r.applegate.civ@mail.mil) OR Olivia Mills (804) 633-8393, [keirah.o.mills.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:keirah.o.mills.ctr@mail.mil)

