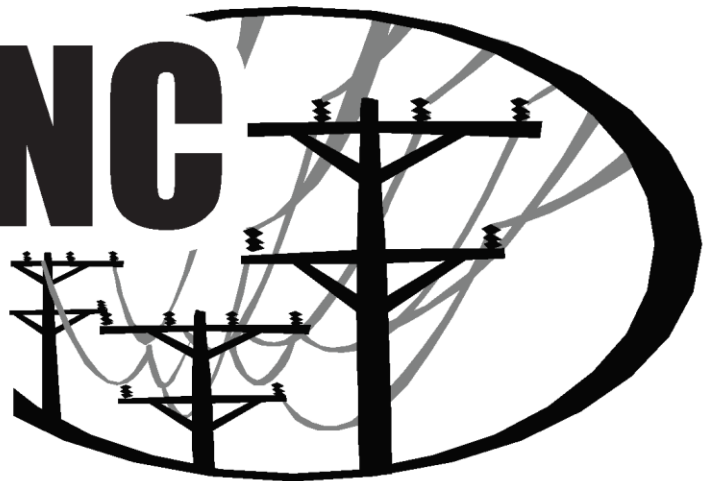


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Word from the editor:

Remember that this is your newsletter. Make sure information you have that is relevant to all gets to me to be included in the newsletter.

Prez Sez:

My hope is that everyone had a great holiday season and that you are looking forward to a great 2024.

First, I want to thank Ken McElroy and the 2023 SCS/SNC Leadership Team for their guidance and for another great year for our group. We saw growth and many new faces at the meetings. Our goal is for our new leadership team to continue the work and for our group to continue to grow.

As you know we have six retiree meetings yearly - January, March, May, July, September, and November. In the past our January, March and July meetings have been held at the Alabama Power Corporate Building auditorium and it has been difficult for many to attend. To help make it easier, we are moving our meeting location to the Alabama Power Service Building located at 1200 6th Avenue North. This new location is easier to get to with ample parking. We have lined up speakers that will be discussing topics that our retirees have expressed an interest in.

Our May luncheon meeting will once again be held at The Club with Chris Womack, Southern Company President and CEO, as our speaker. We hope you will be able to attend. Our September meeting will feature a speaker who will discuss retiree benefits and will be available to answer questions, Our November annual holiday luncheon meeting will be held again at the Vestavia Country Club. (See page 10 of this newsletter for a complete listing of 2024 Meetings.)

Our desire, as the 2024 Leadership Team, is to ensure we are doing our best to help build on the success of our past leadership, and we want to make being a member of the SCS/SNC Retiree Group an enjoyable experience. To accomplish this, we need feedback from the members so that we understand what is working and in what areas we need improvement. A list of the 2024 board members, as approved by our membership at the November 2023 luncheon, and the retiree committee leaders and contact information are listed on the last page of this newsletter. Your feedback and suggestions are very important to us.

Again, I want to thank each of you for your participation as a member of the SCS/SNC Retiree Group and I look forward to seeing you in 2024. Please help us meet our desire to see growth within our organization with everyone looking forward to attending. Please provide us feedback, We look forward to hearing from you.

Dave Lisenby

Want to keep up with what's happening? Got a computer? Visit the SCS Retiree Website
<http://www.scsretirees.com>

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST

January Birthdays:

1 Grant Mitchell
2 Dennis Rickertsen
3 David Whitehurst
6 Bob Folker
6 Bob Haubein
6 Marion Price
7 Wayne Jones
7 Elsie Graham
8 Willard Brooks, Jr.
8 Larry Cobb
8 Fred Ellis
8 Jim Garner
8 Doris Triplett
9 Doug Boylan
9 Jimmy Key
9 Monica Morton
11 Paul Brashier
11 Rena Coleman
11 Richard Vatovec
12 Dee Dee Lyon
13 Gary McKinney
13 Robin Woodfield
14 Elaine Hawkins
14 Dwight Hostetter
16 Thelma Walker
17 Bobby Jones
17 Stan Smith
18 Derek Ackley
18 Susan Clevenger
18 Alison Edmonson
18 Randall Marlow
19 Randy Lee
19 Donald Thornburgh
20 Reed Edwards
20 Janine Hagan
22 Tom Wood
24 Ronald Bergeron
24 Elizabeth Oedamer

January Birthdays (Cont'd):

24 Nedra Smith
24 Peter Webb
25 Stephen Morrison
25 Jane Webb
26 Phyllis Ford
27 Carolyn Calhoun
27 Charles Craig
27 Deborah Rouse
28 Kathy Elliott
28 Lindsay Lucas
29 Janice Welliver
30 Charles Goodman
31 Sidney Hoover
31 Skip Kitchens
31 Barbara Quinn
31 Nina Wilson

February Birthdays:

3 Jeanne Fallon
4 Betsy Black
4 James O. Chaffin
5 Mike Burgess
5 Albert Jones
6 Paul Brown
6 Dot Kachelhofer
6 Wanda McKelvy
7 Allan Morton
8 Don Falletta
9 John Quinn
9 Frances Walker
10 Judy Yance
11 Sherion Freeman
11 Valerie Webster
12 Russell Hoover
12 Donald Smaha
13 Dale Elliott

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FROM FAMILY & FRIENDS

February Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 13 Dave Lambert
- 14 Joseph Ciza
- 14 Mei Mulvehill
- 14 Charlotte Shanlever
- 14 Brent Thigpen
- 16 Donna Read
- 17 Dennis Read
- 18 Walter Dean
- 18 Ann Wilkinson
- 19 George Walter Robson
- 20 Don Charles Hagan
- 20 Betty Sue Prince
- 20 Myrna Wise
- 20 Rocky Wright
- 21 Veva Naramore
- 22 Louis Long
- 23 Ken Carr
- 24 Doby Hanks
- 24 Wayne Troulias
- 25 Paul Hermann
- 25 Joe Leamon
- 27 Beth Antone



Dear SCS Retirees,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000.00 to WorkFaith Birmingham. Your investment will help empower participants with the skills and ethics they need to provide for themselves and their families as they experience transformed lives through work and faith. Thank you for partnering with us. We greatly appreciate your financial support.

Sincerely,

Andy Blake,
Executive Director
WorkFaith Birmingham
workfaithbhm.org



Dear SCS Retirees,

Thanks so much for your generous support of Blanket Fort Hope. Your partnership helps us to equip communities on how to help children and build our Restoration Home for the care and treatment of precious young survivors of sex trafficking. We can't take away their trauma but, by God's grace and love, we can restore hope. We're so excited that we exceeded our \$20k Giving Tuesday goal!

Save the date, February 29, 2024, for our 3rd annual Restoring Hope Gala at The Club! Restoring Hope Gala.com.

Thanks again for your part in the rescue and care of these vulnerable who are close to God's heart.

Phaedra Galloway
Blanket Fort Hope

OH, SO TRUE!!!!



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Holidays to Remember - January 2024

In the United States, there are two major holidays celebrated in January: **New Year's Day (January 1, 2024)** and **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 15, 2024)**, Both are federal holidays as decreed by Congress, which means that banks and many businesses will be closed, including federally run departments like the post office.



Martin Luther King Jr. (born Michael King Jr., January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesman and leader in the American civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968. King advanced civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience, inspired by his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi. He was the son of early civil rights activist and minister Martin Luther King Sr.



Holidays to Remember - February 2024



- **February 2 - Groundhog Day** - According to tradition, if a groundhog sees its own shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. No shadow means an early spring.
- **February 11 – Superbowl Sunday** – For all you football fans, Super Bowl LVIII will be played on Sunday, February 11, in Las Vegas at the Allegiant Stadium with kickoff slated for 5:30 p.m. CT.
- **February 14 - Valentine's Day** – Love is in the air on Valentine's Day. Even though we believe that love should be spread and celebrated every day, we don't always remember to do that. So, on this dedicated day, go above and beyond in expressing your love for family, friends, and, of course, your significant other.
- **February 14 – Ash Wednesday** - Ash Wednesday is celebrated on Wednesday seven weeks before Easter and the day after Mardi Gras. This is a Christian observance which represents the first day of Lent and the starting of approximately 6 weeks of fasting and penance.
- **February 19 – President's Day and Washington's Birthday** - Presidents Day is also called Washington's Birthday as a celebration of the nation's first President.

If you weren't at our November Meeting.....

.....you really missed a great luncheon AND entertainment!!

Our 2023 Holiday Luncheon was held at the Vestavia Country Club on November 15, 2023, with entertainment provided by Nathan Lyon, a local musician and minister. Nathan is currently on Staff at Birmingham First Baptist Church. (See pictures from our meeting below and on following pages)



Nathan Lyon



Ken McElroy, 2023 President



Rick Graham, Nominating Committee & Newsletter



Fred Ehrensperger, Treasurer

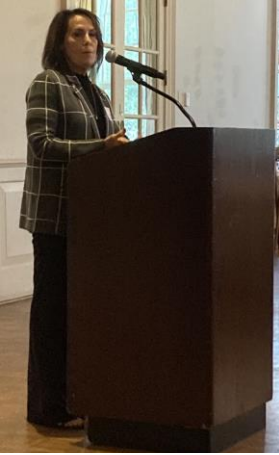
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Pictures from Our November Luncheon – Cont'd



Pictures from Our September Meeting – Cont'd

Recipients of 2023 Charity Awards



Alexa James, Blanket Fort Hope

Blanket Fort Hope's mission is to restore hope in the lives of child sex trafficking survivors through access to essential services, compassionate care, and a living Christian witness. Children who have been trafficked need specialized compassionate care and essential services in order to overcome the trauma that has been forced upon them.



Marsha Drennen, First Fruits Ministry

First Fruits Ministries was formed to provide work and support for women struggling with homelessness, addictions, poverty, and abuse. They want to share the love of Christ by helping poor working women in areas not being served by other ministries and support services. The ministry began creating jobs by making gift baskets adding a small batch bakery, candle making and an eBay Store. In November 2015 First Fruits became a nonprofit to further provide support for women in need. Their workroom is located at Community Presbyterian Church in Moody. They operate a small batch bakery out of Christ Church Birmingham. Their focus is to help provide additional income and support to low-income single working women who are not earning a living wage with work opportunities, education, supplemental financial support, and reliable, affordable cars.



Andy Blake, WorkFaith

WorkFaith Birmingham's mission is to provide vulnerable people within the community with the empowerment they need to succeed in the world of work. Through a combination of education, experience, support, and faith, they provide the foundations needed to help individuals find their place in the world.

JANUARY RETIREE MEETING DETAILS

DATE: Tuesday, January 9, 2024

WHERE: Alabama Power Business Center
1200 6th Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203

TIME: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

SPEAKER: Ken Boyd (Local Photographer)



Ken has been a passionate, enthusiastic, and award-winning photographic artist, researcher, and writer since the 1970s. His photographic work is often described as idealized, painterly and romanticized, and his approach to photography is simple – a clean, orderly, and optimistic representation for every image. His work, techniques and reviews have been extensively published in books, magazines, and journals. His latest book, entitled *Historic North American Watermills*, was released by The University of Alabama Press in December 2020. A book with the working title of *Watermills of the Old South* is currently in development with the University of Georgia. In 2021, he self-published a volume entitled *Ancient Watermills – Wales and the Cotswolds*.

In addition, he has commercially released two very popular and internationally distributed books on historic locomotives entitled *The Art of the Locomotive* (Voyageur Press 2014) and *Historic North American Locomotives* (Kalmbach Media/Trains, 2018).

Ken recently published a feature on Alabama's vintage fire engines in *Alabama Heritage* magazine, and his work on Alabama watermills was featured in last year's holiday issue of *Alabama Magazine*. His watermills were also featured in the September 2022 issue of *Alabama the Beautiful*, a digital publication.

He currently teaches photography courses at Samford University and taught at the University of Alabama at Birmingham from 1985 until 2003 on subjects ranging from traditional darkroom methods and vintage 19th century photographic processes to creative digital techniques.

Ken is a graduate of Jacksonville State University and The University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is retired from a career in environmental research with Southern Company. He and his wife, Dori, live in Hoover, Alabama, and enjoy travel, exploration, and photography. Ken also leads tours to Alabama's watermills; please contact him for information.

Finally, his five decades of photography at Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark were featured in an exhibit at the museum during the summer of 2023.

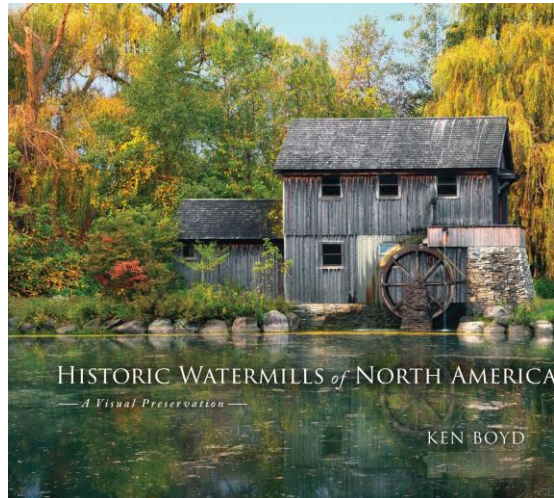
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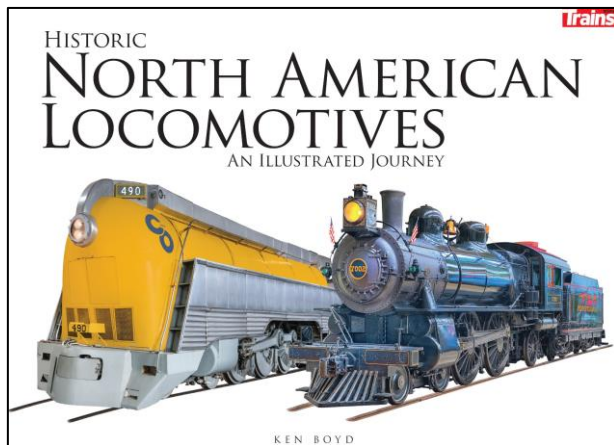
KEN BOYD, AUTHOR AND PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTIST ON LOCATION



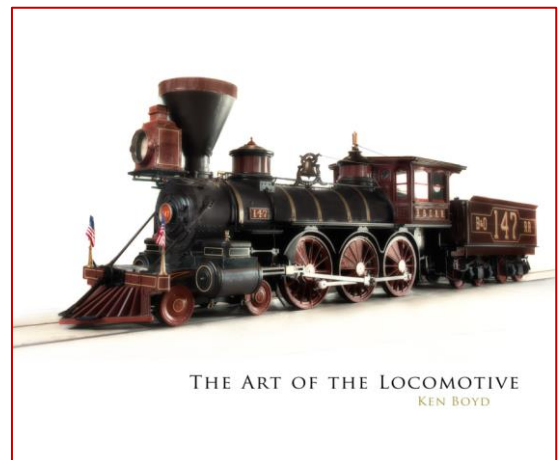
BOOKS BY KEN BOYD



**Published by The University of Alabama Press,
December 2020**



Published by Kalmbach Media (*Trains*), 2018



Published by Voyageur Press, 2014

Meetings dates for 2024



Tuesday, January 9
Tuesday, March 12
Wednesday, May 8 – Spring Luncheon - The Club
Tuesday, July 9
Tuesday, September 10
November Holiday Luncheon (remains to be scheduled)

New meeting location

Alabama Power Business Center
1200 6th Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203

Parking Instructions

All members should park to the far right side of building so as not to impact customer parking.

RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS



Submitted by: Liz Winter

Kudos and congratulations to Liz Winter's youngest grandson, Hudson Winter, Hudson performed with the Troy University Marching Band at the Birmingham Bowl on December 23, 2023.



Hudson Winter (On Right)



Hudson Winter at Birmingham Bowl

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RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS – Cont'd



Submitted by: Jim Ripple

On September 24, 2023, I participated in the annual Half-Ironman competition in Augusta, Georgia, my first triathlon at that distance. I took 5th in my age group (about two thousand participants). Of course, in my age group, oldest one at 70-74, there were only 7 starters. Goes to prove that you just have to stay alive, and you will do well at these things. I did finish one hour 14 minutes before cutoff and ahead of a number of others, all younger than me.

70.3 miles total:

- 1.2-mile swim
- 56-mile bike
- 13.1 mile run

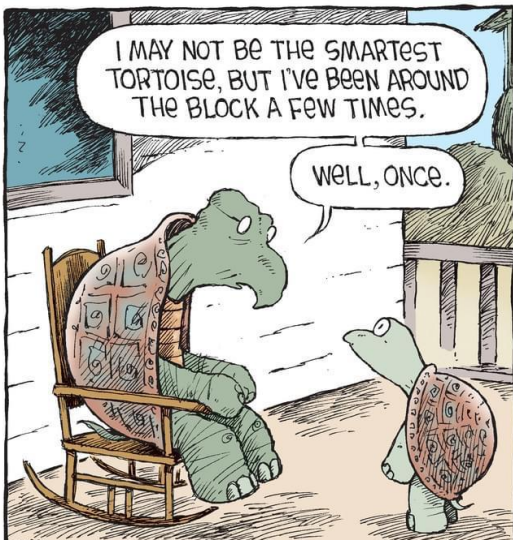
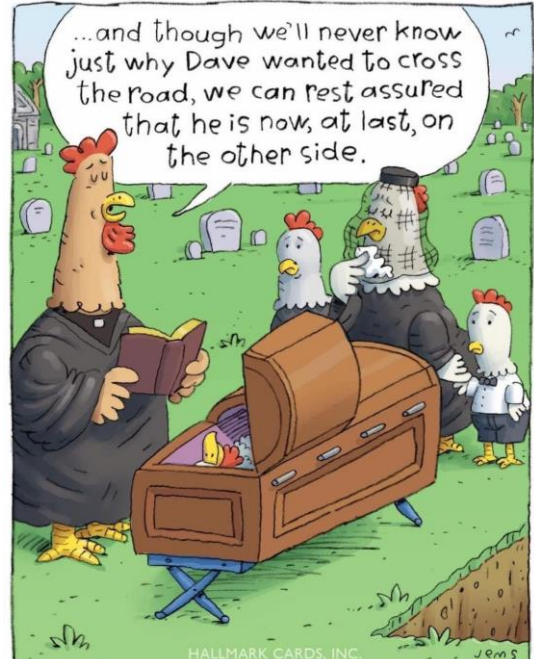




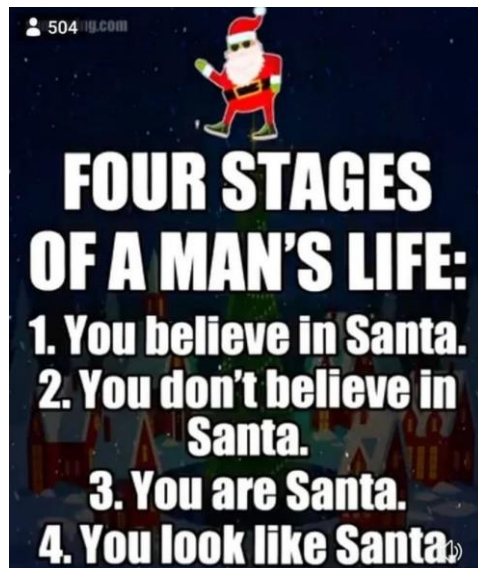
Laughter – the BEST Medicine!!!



For all you golfers.....

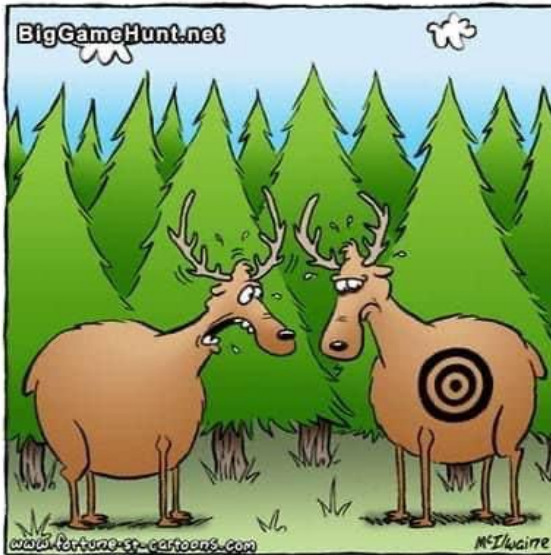


A little bit late in sending this one but still funny....





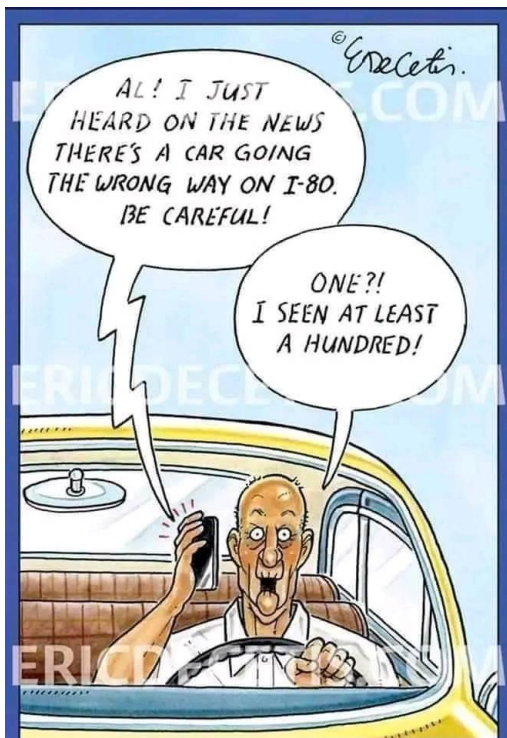
AND MORE LAUGHTER!!!



"That's your new tattoo?! Geez, Al, how drunk were you last night?!"



"Hey! Jack and Paula! You made it! ... Now, quickly: Keep one hand across your throat and put the other one confidently down on Bruno's head—stupid dog's going to get Agnes and me into a giant lawsuit one day."



I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT TODAY, WHEN I CAME HOME AND WAS TOLD BY MY WIFE THAT MY 5-YEAR-OLD SON WASN'T ACTUALLY MINE...

SHE SAYS THAT I NEED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION WHEN PICKING HIM UP FROM SCHOOL.

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**Notes from our Officers, Committee Chairs
and Board Members**

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

If you know of someone that is sick and doesn't object to their information being shared, please send an email to me at the following address so that we can send them a card and include them in our prayers.

socosncretirees@gmail.com.

Additionally, we love to hear good news!

Patsy Evans,
Member Care



We would LOVE to hear from any of our retirees wishing to share with us how they are spending their time now that they have retired (vacations, volunteer work, family time, etc.), or any other items that they would like to share.

Please send your input to us at the following e-mail address. This newsletter is **YOUR** newsletter, and we truly appreciate all contributions.

Rick and Charlotte Graham
dricharlo@gmail.com

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