



**State of North Carolina
Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission
Newsletter**

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In 1937, an Alcoholic Beverage Control bill was enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly that created the foundation for the system of control we operate under today. This Act allowed voters in each county to determine whether or not spirituous liquor should be sold at retail. If approved by the local voters, the Act provided for the establishment of a local ABC board that has the authority and duty to operate one retail ABC store. If disapproved at the county level, local towns or municipalities could then vote on the issue. The Act also provided for the establishment of a State ABC Commission to have oversight authority with respect to each local ABC Board.

Today, there are 157 local ABC systems in the State that operate 401 retail stores. Fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, the retail sales totaled approximately \$649,512,278. Each local ABC Board consists of a Chairman and two to six (depending on the Board size) board members appointed by their city, town or county governing authority. They retain authority to set policy and adopt rules in conformity with ABC Laws and Commission Rules. By statute, ABC Boards shall designate one employee as manager of the ABC System.

The Commission has developed a newsletter to acknowledge ABC board managers who have recently retired from the ABC system. Each of these managers had many accomplishments at their respective ABC boards, which ultimately contributed to the overall success of the ABC system in North Carolina. We wish them many years of an enjoyable retirement. Guy Potts plans to meet with general managers who will be retiring in the coming year and who have 30+ years service and are still working. Please contact Guy at pottsg@ncabc.com or at 919-218-0748 for details.

Congratulations on a job well done!



A retirement lunch was held recently for Haywood Jones. (From left: Will Watkins, Haywood Jones, Bob Shipp, Guy Potts)

Joyce Barger
Sanford ABC
33 Years



When Joyce announced to her family in August 1974 that she was going to work at the local ABC store, the news was not received kindly. "My mother almost had a fit and thought I would be an alcoholic tomorrow."

She moved out of the retail part of the store after only two months and into the office, where she has stayed to carve out a career for the better part of half a century. Van Talley, manager, retired in 1985, and she assumed the position. She retired in September, 2007, and is assisting on a part-time basis.

Joyce's plans for retirement include more time with husband Gerald, their grandsons, and travel.

Sanford ABC opened in 1961. Annual sales are approximately \$3.7 million.

Carol Smith
Southport ABC
14 Years

Three years after Carol began her career at ABC Store in 1992, Billy Doshier retired, and she was named manager. When she first sat in the manager's chair, she felt a special sense of satisfaction that few others enjoy. Twenty-five years earlier, her father, bringing his family to town, had applied for the same position but was unsuccessful.

Among her many accomplishments, Carol assisted the store in implementing their first computer system. With 14 years of service, she retired February 1, 2007.



Carol is spending time now with family and her new pool. She has extended family in several northern states.

Southport ABC opened in 1957. Annual sales are approximately \$1.7 million.

**Haywood Costin,
Chowan County, ABC
32 ½ Years**

Haywood and the other employees at the ABC store were very concerned in 1989 when the store was converted from bullet-proof glass to self-service. (Bullet-proof glass enclosures offered a less personal type of service, and involved placing the money and the bottle on a swiveling caddy). The world did not come to an end. There were no robberies. In 1994, Obed Lee, long-serving manager, retired leaving Haywood in his position.



Haywood began his ABC store career in 1974. Previous employers were the GMAC Dealership and Gregory Poole Equipment Company. His retirement became effective March 31, 2007, with 32 1/2 years service. He now stays busy with his own landscaping business.

Chowan County ABC opened in 1937. Annual sales are approximately \$1 million.

**Jimmy Hardison,
Washington County ABC
34 Years**



Old habits are hard to break - Not long after Jimmy retired, he was in town on business, and without thinking, found himself turning into the ABC store parking lot. He says the store wasn't open yet and he hastily went on his way and glad no one saw him..

Jimmy's career with the ABC store began in 1973 with Bill Steins, Supervisor. He became the manager in 1988 and retired March 1, 2007 with 34 years of service. Previous to his ABC job, he was employed with Weyehauser and Union Oil Company.

He recalls the time when the cash registers had gold on the inside and computer vendors were eager to buy them when they were obsolete. He is well known in the area for his interest in local history and willingness to assist where ever the need arises.

Washington County ABC opened in 1937. Annual sales are approximately \$670 thousand.

**Bruce Johnson,
Taylorsville ABC
10 Years**

Bruce's employment at the ABC store turned out to be his second career. He retired from Champion International after 36 years' service, with an expertise in quality control.



Soon after starting at the store, he became manager, replacing Garland Jennings. Jennings had been with the store since its opening. His second career retirement came in December, 2006, with ten years of service.

He spends his time now fishing and gardening. He and his wife are also involved, through the church, with the care of local homebound families.

Taylorsville ABC opened in 1965. Annual sales are approximately \$860 thousand.

**Haywood (Buck) Jones,
Jones County ABC
33 Years**

Buck remembers well when the Trenton store was converted from bullet-proof glass to self-service. (Bullet-proof glass enclosures offered a less personal type of service, and involved placing the money and the bottle on a swiveling caddy).

Before starting with the store in 1974, Buck enrolled at a local community college, and was later employed with J.C. Penny. He became manager upon the retirement of Ed Haskins in 1984. He can recall the days when liquor codes were three-digit numbers, and only eight half-gallon sizes were available in the State.

Buck retired effective December 21, 2007 after 33 years of service.



Jones County ABC opened in 1957. Annual sales are approximately \$868 thousand.

**Bud Perry
Martin County ABC
31 Years**



Bud began his career at ABC in 1974 without having filled out a job application. The manager, Junior Warren, who had known Bud all his life, contacted him about an opening, and hired him on the spot.

The folks at the store used to host a fish fry each year on the Roanoke River nearby. ABC store managers from all around came to enjoy the food and fellowship.

Bud began his career in 1974, co-manager in 1995, and several years later, became manager. He retired July 1, 2005 with 31 years of service. Before his ABC job, he was employed at a local car dealership. He stays busy now with his own landscaping business and new grandson.

Martin County opened in 1935. Annual sales are approximately \$1.5 million.

**Buddy Sumner,
Mount Airy ABC
5 Years**

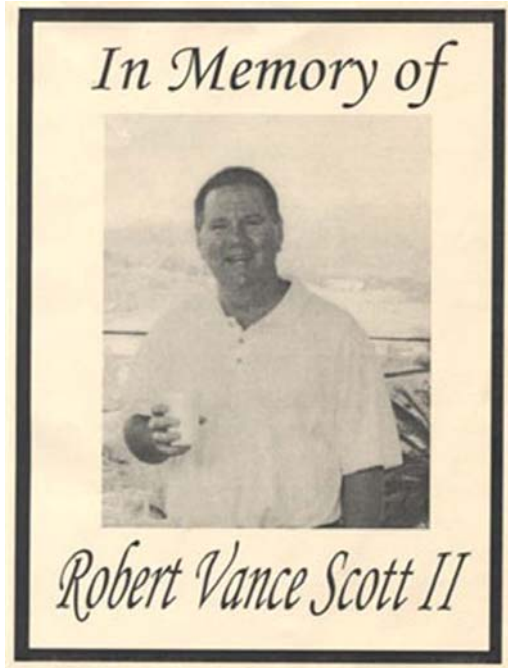
After graduating from Virginia Tech, Buddy practiced his accounting skills for many years and then began employment with Quality Mills where he established their first cost accounting system. He began at the ABC store in January, 2002 and retired on December 31, 2006. His only regret is that he did not work longer at the ABC store.



Buddy now spends spare time playing golf. His favorite partner is Emmett Forest, a cousin of Andy Griffith. Emmett's name was used in the TV series, Andy of Mayberry. He and his wife are also enjoying their first grandchild.

Mt. Airy ABC opened in 1979. Annual sales are approximately \$2 million.

Bobby Scott
Alamance-Municipal ABC
Board
32 Years



Bobby was very involved with his church, Baptist Temple, at his home in Reidsville. He was instrumental in getting members of the church to visit Honduras on mission trips for several years in September. He also served as both a Sunday school teacher and a Deacon.

Bobby's civic contributions extended to charity work as well. He participated in lock-up events in which he was escorted to the jail and sought donations for his release, an endeavor at which he proved to be quite successful. He was also active in the Young Republicans.

Robert "Bobby" Vance Scott II, 58, passed away on November 3, 2007. He is survived by his son, Robert Patrick Scott, and daughter, Kristin Scott Faciane. He had recently given away his daughter in her September wedding.

Bobby was Manager for Alamance-Municipal ABC Board, where he had been employed since 1999. He was previously employed with Reidsville ABC for 24 years, and was Manager several years.

In high school, he became a Wake Forest fan and proudly displayed the university banner in his office. He was a graduate of Guilford College.