

# *The Transition*

*Of and For Former N.C. State Park Employees*

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Greetings to all! I hope everyone is doing well. This issue has several photos of Wade Stubbs retirement luncheon, Tom Jackson's retirement luncheon, and the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Former Employee Reunion.

Due to the failure of my previous computer, I have lost all of the news updates from the past year. I apologize to those who have contributed. I will make a better effort to retain messages during the coming year.

**Special Announcement:** Because of "get togethers" such as retirement dinners during the years, interest in the Annual Former Employee Reunion has declined. In order to make the reunion more significant to all of us, I will begin planning on a reunion every three years. The next reunion will be scheduled for November, 2015.

We will all miss former Duke Power State Park Superintendent Oren Hawkins who passed away in October.

## **Special Events**

### **Wade Stubbs Retirement Luncheon**

Wade provided a very enjoyable retirement luncheon on May 19, 2012. Great food, great weather, great location, and great fellowship created a very memorable send off to his transition to a new life. Several folks gave speeches praising Wade's accomplishments. Also, a roasted Wade was served to everyone! Good Luck Wade!

























## **Tom Jackson's Retirement Luncheon**

September 28 was highlighted by the "Send Off" of Tom Jackson to civilian life. His transition was celebrated with an enjoyable luncheon in Morganton . A large crowd congratulated Tom by giving speeches to his outstanding achievements and by making sure that he began his new life in a well roasted condition! I'm sure that we all wish Tom the best!

























## **Tenth Annual Former Employee Reunion**

South Mountains State Park provided an excellent location for our reunion on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The best food in all of creation, great weather, and great fellowship among friends made for a wonderful day. Photos of past reunions and a “find the park” game helped to make the day special. John and Ginger Sharpe, Jim and Jennie Hallsey, Julie and Alex Lewis, and Phil and Barbara McCorkle attended.

















### **Those Who Will Be Missed**

Former Duke Power Superintendent, Oren Hawkins, passed away in October. Oren had hoped to attend the Former Employee Reunion.