



Bridgeton North Carolina

Town Monthly Newsletter, December 2016 - Merry Christmas

Wings Over Bridgeton Takes Off!!



The Lake amphibian in a low pass. Note, he is taking our photo as we take his. -photo by Alan Welch

It all started with an unusual droning in the sky Friday, November 18th. By that evening three distinct aircraft had landing at Bridgeton.

Consider that statement for a moment. Landed at Bridgeton. Not the airport in James City, but in Bridgeton.

All right, more properly on the river Neuse and taxied up to the marina in Bridgeton followed Saturday by two additional airplanes, all based out of the Bridgeton Harbor Marina.

They were joined by three food trucks and a handful of vendors to celebrate the first annual *Wings*

Over Bridgeton, a seaplane fly-in, more commonly known as a splash in but considering the recent crash in the Neuse “Fly-In” has a happier connotation.

Over a thousand fans from all over the region filled the bleachers loaned for the occasion by New Bern Parks and Recreation and spilled over onto the grass by the marina’s club house to enjoy the show.

The Tri County Volunteer Fire Department and the U.S. Coast Guard also participated for safety reasons but fortunately were not needed except for towing duties. ■



The crowds were curious and happy as they viewed the aircraft and talked with the pilots.

The Rotary Circle

On November 19 Bridgeton was treated to its version of the great movie “Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines”. And yes, Neuse Sunrise (Bridgeton) Rotary Club was there helping in a joint-venture fundraiser with the Bridgeton Improvement Committee (BIC), New Bern High School Interactor Club (Rotary’s Young Generation) and the US Navy JROTC. Neuse Sunrise had a great turn out to include Bridgeton’s own Rotarians CeCe Chittick & John Chittick (also a Bridgeton Commissioner). As always, the club had fun doing the work.

Neuse Sunrise now gets ready for its Christmas programs and contribution clothing and gift to needy Bridgeton Elementary School children; local Salvation Army Christmas giving; local Hurricane Matthew victims and other charities always meeting its 2016-17 motto “Rotary Serving Humanity.”

Be a part of these great team:
<http://www.neusesunriserotary.org/>. ■



1917 Macchi reproduction



A Searay flies over



The Maule floatplane

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New Sign Eases Confusion On Hwy 17

The DOT has posted a new sign at the intersection of Hwy 17 and D Street in hopes of clarifying lane usage and making the intersection safer for drivers and residents.

The sign clearly states that the right lane is a “free flow lane” which means drivers making a right turn do NOT have to stop.

The stop sign in the intersection is only for drivers crossing 17 or making a left turn to travel north on 17. Drivers turning right onto 17 go at all times making it easier to work up to merging speed and continue over the bridge to New Bern or north to Bayboro and points beyond. ■

Town Hall Schedule

Christmas and New Year’s holiday hours will be set at the commissioners meeting. The Bridgeton Board of Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm.

The Bridgeton Planning Board Meeting will be Wednesday, December 28th. ■

Bridgeton Businesses

Bridgeton has a website that is attempting to be a full listing of all the businesses in town. It is an effort to promote about Bridgeton.

This webpage is free of charge to any business operating in the town limits. If your business is not listed follow the link below. ■

<http://www.bridgetonbiz.com/>

Police Report

Within the past month Officers of the Bridgeton Police Department have been busy with making arrests for numerous criminal violations. Charges have been filed for DWI, Larceny, Drug violations and numerous traffic charges. We conducted several searches and made arrests for probation absconders and we served warrants with other agencies. Officers have filed charges for five drug violations within the past week.

Officers continue to patrol Bridgeton and are paying close attention to homes and businesses. During each shift Officers patrol every street in town as they visually observe those homes and businesses.

During the next month we will be involved in our annual mandatory in-service training. Each Police Officer is required to complete a minimum amount of training per year.

Bridgeton Officers were involved in the annual Trunk or Treat this month. ■



Names To Know

Rodman Williams	<i>Mayor</i>
Elizabeth “Boots” Parker	<i>Mayor Pro-Tem</i>
John R. Chittick	<i>Commissioner (Abatement Concerns)</i>
Keith L. Tyndall	<i>Commissioner (Police Commissioner)</i>
Alan Welch	<i>Commissioner (Parks & Recreation)</i>

Rick Barney	<i>Police Chief</i>
Elaine Bryan	<i>Town Clerk/Finance Officer</i>
Melba Banks	<i>Assistant Clerk</i>
Alton Wilson	<i>Building Inspector</i>
David Fort	<i>Zoning Administrator</i>
Kevin Mullineaux	<i>Sewer Plant Operator</i>
Henry Watson	<i>Fire Inspector</i>

Police Department:

308 Bridge St.
252-637-2033 (office)
252-670-8379 (cell)
911 (emergency)

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If you have any civic events you wish to be publicized contact Elaine Bryan at Town Hall or go directly to our website: <http://www.bridgetonnc.net/> and follow the link there. Let the citizens know what they can become involved with. ■