



Wildlife Action, Inc. Upstate Chapter Newsletter February 2018



Our Motto: Local Folks Solving Local Problems
Our Slogan: To Put Back More Than We Take

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Chapter Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Location: Fuddruckers, 1509 John B White Sr. Blvd, Spartanburg, SC, 29301
Program: Joy Deer, Honeybees and Products Detrimental to Them

January WLA Upstate Chapter Meeting

The WLA Upstate Chapter Meeting was held at Fuddruckers on January 8th with 24 WLA Upstate Members, 1 Pioneer and 2 guests attending.



Janet Grimsley (left), last year's recipient of the Spirit Trophy, presented the award to Guy Edge (right), this year's winner.



Following the dinner, two members of SC Highway Patrol Community Relations, Colonel Bill Rhyne, Region I Commander, and Officer Joe Hovis (left) gave an educational presentation on their duties, highway fatality statistics and driver safety tips.

Last year there were 1,020 traffic related fatalities in the state with thousands more injured. SCHP's goal is to reduce traffic related fatalities to zero through education and strict traffic enforcement. Some statistics they presented are that speeding accounts for 73% of fatalities; DUI and no seatbelt use¹ are each associated with 50% of fatalities. The crash survival rate is 80% if the driver and all passengers wear seatbelts. The fine in SC for not wearing a seatbelt is only \$25; other states like California have considerably stiffer fines and court costs. Phone texting is outpacing DUI in the cause of fatalities. Courts may subpoena phones if texting is suspected. Officer Hovis emphasized that if you have a gun in your vehicle, it is best to keep it in the closed glove compartment². If you are stopped, immediately advise the officer that there is a weapon in your vehicle.

¹Confirmed by CDC national statistics

²See SC LEGIS 123 (2014), 2014 South Carolina Laws Act 123 (S.B. 308) for specific locations to store your weapon in your vehicle

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION AT LOST ACRES



Eight WLA members and two pioneers spent a cold New Year's Eve at Lost Acres. From left to right are John Harris, Jim Biggerstaff, Linda Harris, Betty Ansel and Nancy Biggerstaff.

Everyone brought plenty of snacks and desserts. Jim Biggerstaff made a bonfire at the Fire Ring using wood salvaged from the second bridge demolition. For good measure, Steven Ansel and John Harris threw in a pallet left over from building construction. After an hour of trying to keep warm, everyone appreciated the warmth of the unheated Education Building and freshly prepared hot chocolate. When midnight arrived, the group celebrated the New Year with sparklers.

Julian Harris Foster (1934 – 2018)



Julian helping with Bird Boxes

Julian Harris Foster, (left), a longtime member of WLA Upstate Chapter, died at age 83 on January 14, 2018 at his home. Visitation, attended by Chapter members, was held on January 19th at First Baptist Church, Spartanburg. Funeral services with military rites followed in the Davis Chapel.

In the early days of WLA Upstate Chapter, Julian constructed bird kits and taught kids about bluebirds. He continued to help with bird box assembly into 2017. The Foster Pavilion was named in honor of his brother, Edwin, and him for the work they did in designing and building the facility in 1991.

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WLA Upstate Upcoming Events

Mon. Feb. 12	Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM at Fuddruckers, 1509 John B White Sr. Blvd, Spartanburg, SC, 29301 Program: Joy Deer, Honeybees and Products Detrimental to Them WLA Upstate Benefit: A part of the proceeds from ALL meals sold at Spartanburg Fuddruckers on February 12 th , from 5 PM – 8 PM, will go to WLA Upstate. Invite your friends to dine; patrons need not attend the chapter meeting.
Tue. Feb. 27	WLA Chapter Board Meeting 6:30 PM at Lost Acres
Wed. Mar. 21	Cooley Springs-Fingerville Elementary School 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (3 rd Grade) at Lost Acres Program: Bird Boxes, Skins & Skulls, Nature Trail, Eddie Eagle Video

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