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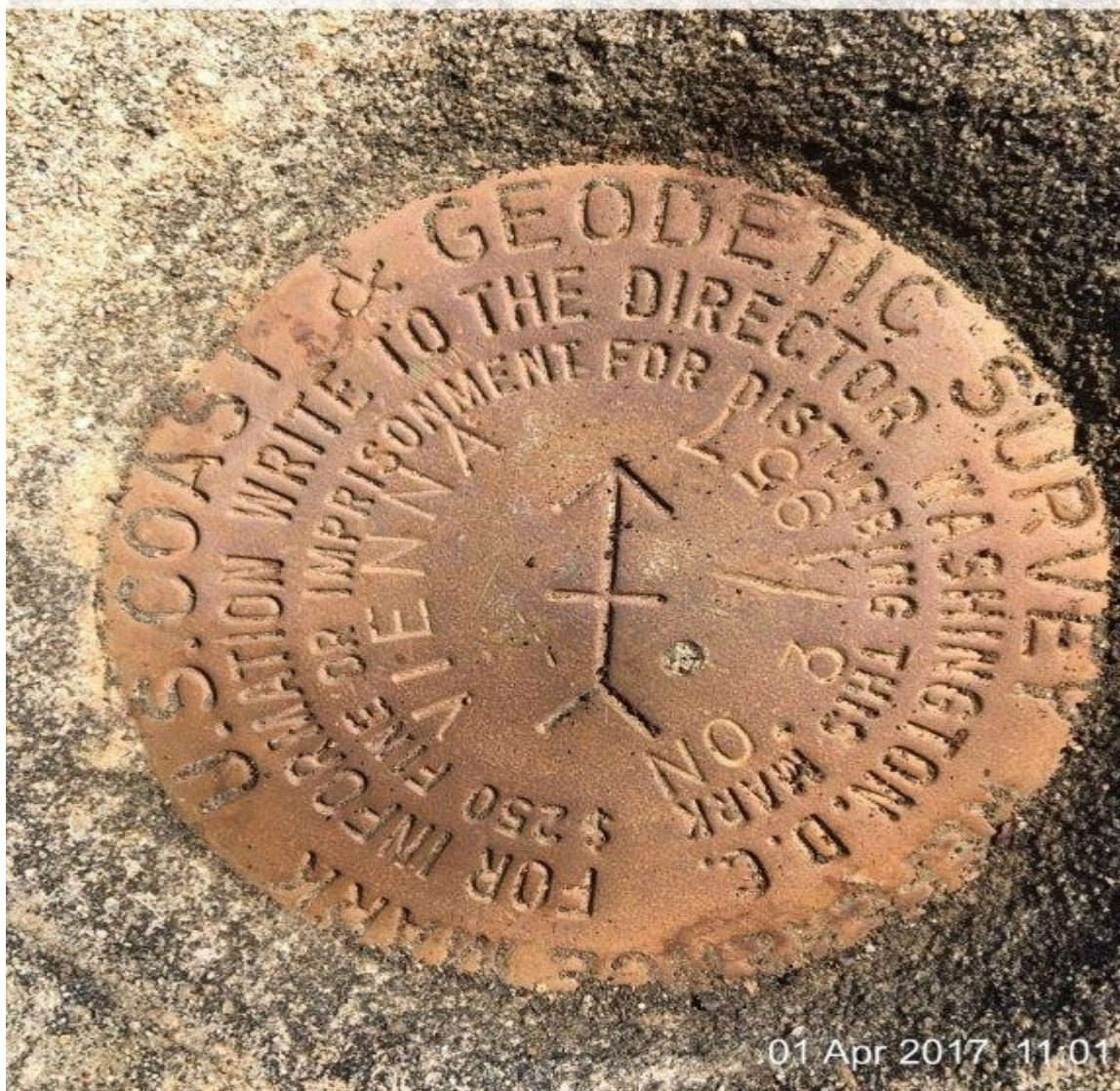
## CROSSED ANCHORS

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# Commander

*Lt/C Bill Davis, SN*



Okay its spring, the birds are chirping, the grass is growing, UNC won the national championship in basketball, and my boat is improving every day. I should have taken more before pictures so I can offer the after pictures. It's not a "Show Boat" but it is in pretty good shape mechanically down to the plastic speedometer gauge face that was replaced with a glass one from Pfaff's. Have even started work on the cosmetics of the boat, which is the last of the items on the check sheet.

I hope to throw it in Belews Creek the first weekend of May. Greensboro Power Squadron is having a contest to test your GPS skills and if you have a boat you want to throw in the water as well, you are welcome to join us. It may see water even before that.

We had a great Saturday morning April 1 doing Geodetic Surveying. Counting Patrick Jones, his wife Victoria, and their six-year-old Hanna (who was more interesting in finding worming in the ground in lieu of geodetic markers), there were 11 of us. Patrick is Linda's son and professional surveyor so he was a big help in finding the markers. Even Charlie Boswell from Greensboro came over to participate as he is a pro at doing this. From the records on file, this activity hasn't been performed by WSSPS since 2006.

Unfortunately both Co-op charting and Geodetic Surveying are no longer reported to the appropriate branches of NOAA like it was a few years ago. However, USPS has a reporting program so it is a bit of a contest for some folks to come out and do this stuff. Hopefully you will find a few samples of the markers we found in this Crossed Anchors edition.





## Educational Officer

*Lt. Kin Cartrette*

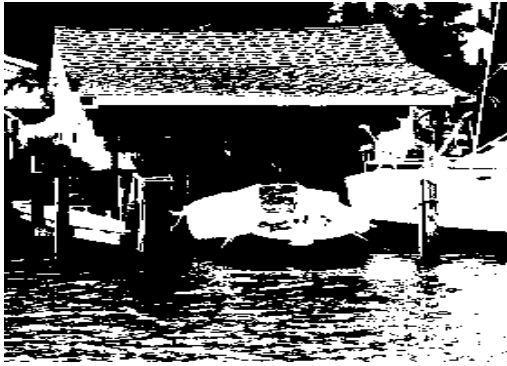
The Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron had two students complete the ABC-3 course on March 7<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Congratulations to Bill Fenimore and Bill Davis! Bill Davis audited the course to refresh his knowledge. For the curious, both students did well, so, there is no land-side DEWDA award material available! Great job guys!

We are still looking for students interested in taking the Marine Electronics or Junior Navigation courses this spring. I have also had an inquiry about offering Piloting this spring. If you are interested in taking or helping teach one of these courses, please email me at [scoutingplus@aol.com](mailto:scoutingplus@aol.com) or call me at (336) 413-6490. Thursday nights are clear on my schedule as well as most Wednesday nights.

The North American Safe Boating Campaign is kicking off the year with National Safe Boating Week during May 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Events include “Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day” on May 19<sup>th</sup> and “Ready, Set, Wear It! Life Jacket World Record Day” on May 20<sup>th</sup>. For those interested, the link is [www.safeboatingcampaign.com/resources/resource-kit/](http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/resources/resource-kit/).

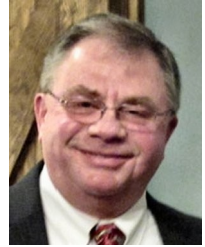
As we begin the 2017 boating season, please remember “Safety First”! See you on the water soon!

Kin Cartrette



# Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP



## **“Savannah on My Mind”**

A southern coastal city with treasured charm, history, and beauty.

Whenever you are planning a coastal cruise for the spring or late fall, consider Savannah, GA as a destination. There is plenty to do and they have outstanding facilities on both sides of the Savannah River with easy access to the historic part of town which is 1 block from the river. Here are some noted points of interest you may want to consider if you choose to go by land or by sea. Either mode of transportation is a fun trip as you can take in other sights and destinations along the way to and from this historical city such as Charleston, Georgetown and the Grand Strand of the SC and NC border.

Savannah, GA was founded by James Oglethorpe, an English colonial settler from Charleston, SC in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. The city was designed and laid out as a fortification outpost to defend against the hostile invading Spanish colonists from Florida in 1733. The central historic district was laid out in squares for this purpose to make it easier to defend against enemy attackers.

For over two centuries, this city has been attracting visitors from all over the world. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest seaport in the U.S. The river front boasts 250 year old brick warehouses that were once used to stage cotton for export to England and Europe. The streets by the water front are all cobblestone. One block from the river front lies nine blocks of historical squares with charming mansions and miles and miles of the infamous live oak trees with the Spanish moss dangling from almost every branch. This is the point where the historic charm of the city will draw you in like you need to live here.

Savannahians boast a multitude of ways to view their beautiful city because it has one of the largest historical districts in the country. Horse drawn carriage rides, open air trolley busses, traditional busses, and of course, old fashioned walk abouts. There are many guides and roving actors near key points of interest that you will have the opportunity to meet. Some of them are Forest Gump, Paula Deen, Johnny Mercer, Eli Whitney, Nathaniel Greene, colonial cotton brokers, and of course former slaves that were instrumental in building this city both physically and culturally.

Savannah is home to several historic churches and is a melting pot of different faiths. They have Baptists, Jewish, Methodists, Episcopalians, and Presbyterians. Among these many religious faiths, they all boast significant architectural marvels to the city's historic significance. But none stand out like the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. This church is a must see on every visitors agenda because it is the pride of the Roman Catholic example of what a cathedral should look like. It makes St. Pauls' Cathedral in Worcester, MA look like a country church. So yes there is a significant Roman Catholic presence in Savannah. Maybe the 2nd largest denomination in the area. This may be the reason that on St. Patrick's Day, they have the third largest parade in the world. They plan the event two years in advance and the committee has its own building downtown.

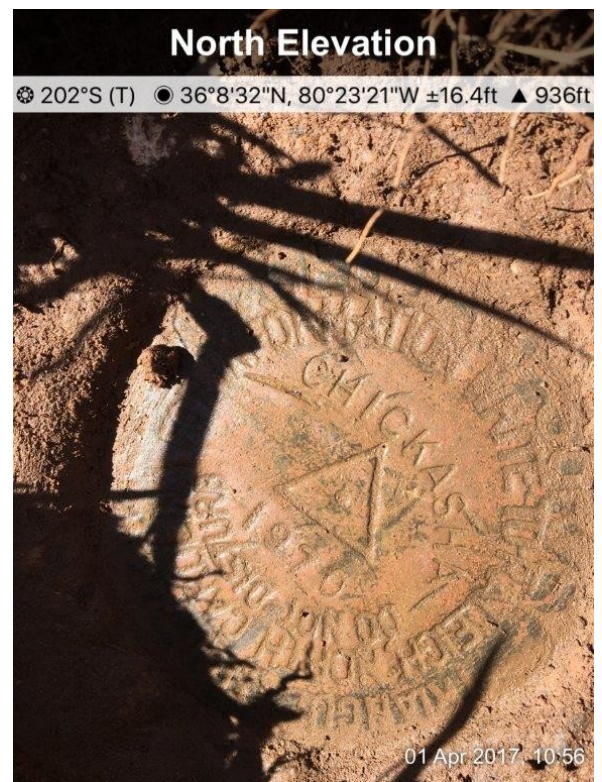
The downtown area has several southern style restaurants serving that old fashioned Southern cuisine that will send you home ten pounds heavier. Paula Deen has her most famous restaurant "The Lady & Sons". One of my favorites is the historic "Pirate House" which is nearly 300 years old near the waterfront. If you visit this establishment, check out the lower level hide outs and caverns that pirates used to smuggle spirits into town in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century.

You will experience the many forms of architecture this city has such as Federal, Georgian, Greek revival, Italianate, and Gothic revival. Most historic homes have the admired ornate iron-work found on balconies, doors, gates, and stair rails. You will never find this combination of architecture anywhere else in the country.

Savannahians love a party. They have a night life to die for if you are a single person in your late 20's. They also have an upscale night life for those traditional Southerners who can boast "Old Money". I never was invited to any of those socialite types of formal get togethers because my money is neither old nor new, so I cannot comment on how they party.

You will also want to take in the Savannah theater. It is one of the oldest live theaters in the country that is still making weekly productions. The performers are great actors and musicians and for the money, you will not be disappointed. You will also want to visit the Johnny Mercer park located adjacent to the historic part of town. This is a tribute to the great song composer from the earlier 20<sup>th</sup> century. His music is still very popular with older generations due to its easy listening lyrics.

When you finish your visit, I am sure you will yearn for another return trip because as you return home, you will be singing in your mind that Johnny Mercer hit song "Skylark". The lyrics and words will make you feel relaxed and at ease as you drift off in your imagination thinking about sipping a southern comfort under a shade tree as the gentle summer breeze gently brushes on to your face. Let me sum it up this way, on a quote from a famous Connecticut author: Your memories from your visit will allow your step to be a bit springier and that song in your heart a lot easier to listen too. Because this city has drawn you in like a lost Son returning home. And you will always have forever, "Savannah on My Mind".



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