



THE ROTARY CLUB OF RALEIGH NEWS

April 16, 2007

North Carolina's First Civic Club
District 7710 Club 6117

Chartered August 1, 1914
124th Club Formed

FOUR WAY TEST

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to All Concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Today's Program:

GSE Team from France

Upcoming Programs

April 23, 2007	Doug McCullough	Sea of Greed
April 30, 2007	Four Way Test Essay Program	
May 7, 2007	John Ackerman	Boy Scouts
May 14, 2007	Mike Daniel	Pirates, Shipwrecks, and Treasure

Sanford Steelman delivered the Invocation and led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. The club then showed off its increasingly trained vocal chords with rousing renditions of "America the Beautiful" and "Alouette", the latter in French.

Our guests were:

Grady Jackson, guest of John Connell
Paula Autry, guest of Mike Bywater
Kevin McLaughlin, guest of Britt Cobb

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Makeups:

None

ANCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE



After an extended absence, longtime member J.C. Frink was at the April 2, 2007 meeting. Welcome back J.C.!!!

Kristy Kretschmar announced an opportunity for advertising your business and letting others in the club know what you do. Commencing with July of 2007, you can place your business card in the Rotary Club of Raleigh newsletter for an entire year for only \$100. Please see Kristy for details.

The club will have a barbeque fundraiser on Friday, April 27. We will be selling chopped barbeque sandwiches for \$5.00 apiece, and will deliver in downtown. Volunteers and orders are needed. Please fill out the forms on your tables.

Quarterly dues notices will go out next week, due within 30 days.

The Rotary District Conference will be held in Chapel Hill April 21-22. Members are urged to attend.

The "Trash & Treasure Yard Sale" fundraising event for the benefit of the Healing Place will be on April 28 at the Women's Center, 3304 Glen Royal Road from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members are asked to donate items to sell and volunteer for the event. Randy Fraser has offered to give a donation of \$100 to the club foundation (to go to the Healing Place) if 50 or more Rotarians volunteer. Donated items can be picked up at your house by contacting the Healing Place at 337-2436. Teena Anderson will also be available to answer questions.

The deadline for submitting applications for grants from the Rotary Club of Raleigh Foundation is May 1. Please get with Kent Thompson for additional information.

The Rotary International convention is in Salt Lake City, Utah June 17-20

Our Program: Walter R. Turner—History of North Carolina Interstate Highways

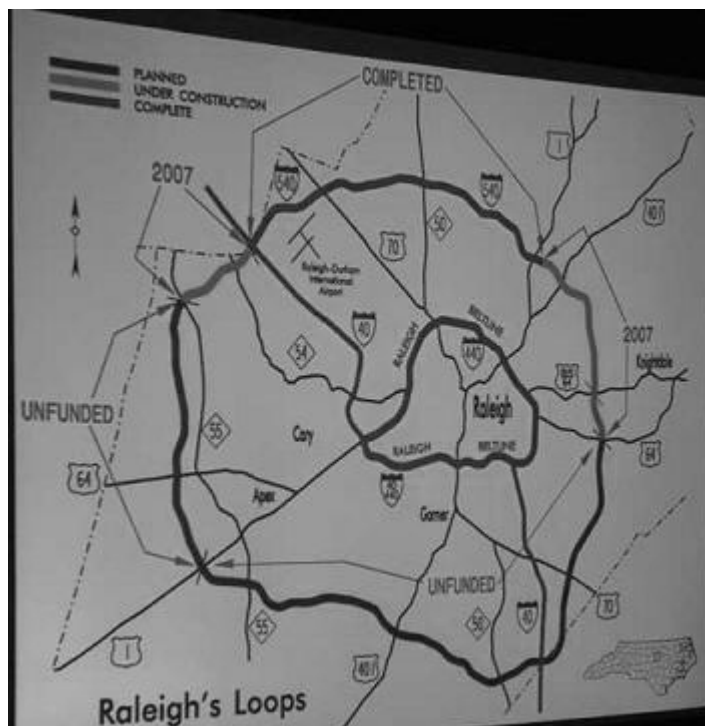
Emerson Teer introduced our speaker, Walter R. Turner, Historian at the North Carolina Transportation Museum, located in Spencer. A fifth-generation North Carolinian, he grew up in Winston-Salem, He earned his undergraduate degree in history at Methodist College, Fayetteville, and a master's degree in social work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the author of *Paving Tobacco Road: A Century of Progress*, published in 2003.

The Interstate Highway system was launched by the signing of the Federal Aid Highway Act in 1956 by President Eisenhower. The concept was inspired by the German autobahn system that General Eisenhower observed after World War II. It got off to a slow start in North Carolina, with only about 700 miles, a small amount for so large a state.

North Carolina's focus on roads was traditionally to pave rural roads, rather than building roads in urban areas. The mountains were a particular challenge, with tunnels and blasting required to get the roads through. In 1988-91 there was a shift in the funding for roads from the federal government to the states. Governor Martin pushed for a "Highway Trust Fund", using a 5-cent increase in the gasoline tax. One-quarter of the new money was designated for 7 urban loops and connectors.



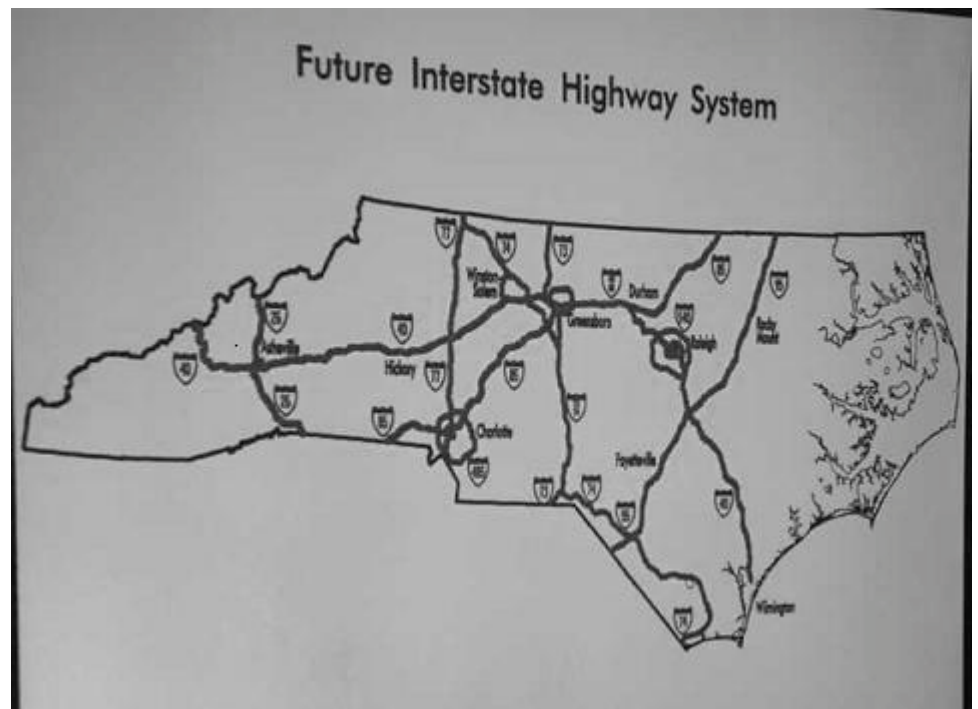
By 1991, the federal contribution for interstate highways had dropped from 90% to 80%.



In Raleigh, the initial loop was a bypass for US Highway 1, around downtown Raleigh. This became the I-440 loop. Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw pushed to complete the belt loop during the Hunt administration in the 1990's. Now, the outer loop, I-540 is under construction. However the southern half of this loop is currently unfunded. Other North Carolina Interstate projects under construction are the new highways 73 and 74, and loops around Fayetteville and Wilmington. North Carolina's interstate highway system has grown from 714 miles to 1083 miles, with 200 more miles planned.

The challenge facing our leaders is how to allocate scarce financial resources to build more roads, build alternative transportation (including light and commuter rail), and still be environmentally responsible. The costs of constructing

Interstate Highways has exploded from the original \$1 million per mile to the current \$30-\$40 million per mile for urban loops.



Today's Meeting: GSE Team from France!!!!

The French Rotary International GSE team will be at our April 16, 2007 meeting. This team will consist of the following persons:

Mr. Patrick de Labrouhe. Team Leader, current D1750 GSC. Retired from manufacturing management.

Badra Amrane. Nurse, intensive care unit, with special interest in nurse anesthetist specialty. Born in France, parents from Algeria and Morocco. Fluent in French and Arabic, medium level English.

Charlotte Clemens. Event Marketing Manager. Would like to meet with people working in market analysis and event marketing.

Emily Motu. President of AlterMED. Consultant in cross-cultural training, Human Resources Management, interested in cross-cultural practice.

Joseph Sejean (Joe). Human resources, training, recruitment, personell monitoring and integration. Finance Consultant. Associate member of US human resources consulting agency, Aseret.

