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We're celebrating 70 years of service to our retailers, beginning at the upcoming MAC Market, continuing throughout 2010.



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Charlotte - One of the Most Accessible Cities in the Globe

by Mohammad Jenatian, President
Greater Charlotte Hospitality and Tourism Alliance

As our industry is anxiously awaiting the opening of the NASCAR Hall of Fame and the additional convention and leisure travelers it will bring to our region (including the NRA Convention in May and their anticipated 100,000 attendees), it is gratifying to know that better days are ahead for our industry because of projects like this and more importantly because of everything that is happening at our remarkable airport.

Charlotte is one of the most accessible cities in the globe because of our international airport, which has served as the heartbeat of our vibrant and still growing region. With the opening of the fourth runway in February, Charlotte is now part of an elite group of only a handful of cities with an airport that has three parallel runways.

This new runway will truly make the sky the limit for our region as its vital impact can be notified by the following proclamation that was read by Mayor Anthony Foxx at the official opening of the new runway:

"Whereas, Charlotte Douglas International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Charlotte, Serving more than 34 million passengers in 2008, ranking 14th nationally in passengers and ranking 8th in airport operations.

Whereas, Charlotte Douglas International Airport is home to seven major air carries, 14 regional carriers, and two foreign flag carriers, which offer 614 daily flights to 130 destinations including 29 international locations.

Whereas, Charlotte Douglas International Airport serves as an economic engine of the Carolinas, generating over \$10 billion annually to the regions' economy, while facilitating the movement of people and goods, creating jobs and enterprise and sustaining a higher quality of life.

Whereas, Charlotte Douglas International Airport continues to offer exceptional customer service, offering the highest

quality of service at the lowest possible cost.

Whereas, Runway 18R/36L is Charlotte Douglas International Airport's fourth runway and third parallel runway, measuring 9,000 feet long, with two taxiway bridges and approximately 311,545 cubic yards of concrete.

Whereas, construction of the runway provided economic opportunities for over 700 companies involved in planning, design and construction of the runway and related road projects.

Whereas, the competition of a third parallel runway will permit triple independent landings at Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

Whereas, with the opening of the Runway 18R/36L, airlines served by Charlotte Douglas International Airport will save an estimated \$65 million annual delay avoidance costs.

Now, therefore I, Anthony R. Foxx, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2010 as "Charlotte Douglas International Aviation History Day and commend its observance to all citizens in celebration of it's History Day and commend its observance to all citizens in celebration of its significance and impact to community.

We are extremely lucky to have leaders whose visions and hard work have been vital to the growth of our amazing airport and all of us have the responsibility of doing our part to capitalize on the opportunity provided to our community by the airport to make our region a better place to live in, work in and obviously visit. We understand our airport's massive role in increased economic an tourism development opportunities and thank all of you...for allowing us to work on your behalf in actively supporting our airport's growth and utilizing it to focus on efforts which would grow your business.

Fall 2010 MAC Market April 25th & 26th Showing at the Metrolina Tradeshow Expo in Charlotte

We will be celebrating our 70th Anniversary all year long, so come and enjoy the excitement and enjoy the moment at the upcoming April MAC Market at Metrolina Expo and the Southern Clothing Market, August 7, 8, 9 at the Embassy Suite Hotel.

The Men's Apparel Club of the Carolinas, Inc. will hold their Fall Market on Sunday, April 25th and Monday, April 26th at the Metrolina Tradeshow Expo located at 7100 Statesville Road (I-77 N, Exit 16A-go two traffic lights and turn left. Drive approximately 1/2 mile Metro - on the right).

After the January MAC Market the favorable response was overwhelming, about the new location at the Metrolina Expo. It was found to be very workable and suitable for our markets,

because there is plenty of room and it has easy access from I-77.

Also, there is plenty of affordable accommodations for sleeping either at Exit 16A or Exit 18 (both off I-77). Rates range from low to medium depending on where you decide to stay. At Exit 16A you may stay at the Super 8 (704-598-7710) or Days Inn (704-598-7712). Ask for the Metrolina Tradeshow Expo special rate. You may stay at the Hilton Garden at Exit 18 (704-597-9428). To get the MAC'S special market rate at

the Hilton, use Group Code "MEC."

The Market opens on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM and will be open for your convenience until 6:00 PM. Lunch will be served from 12:00 Noon until 1:30 PM. Please pick up your complimentary tickets upon arrival and check-in.

We ask for your cooperation in not bringing children under the age of 12 years to the market. Children are not permitted on the selling floor. Thanks for your cooperation.

The MAC Fashion and Urban Market Showing Again at the Metrolina Tradeshow Expo ~ Some of the Exhibitors that will be showing ~



President's Message

Dear MAC Family Members and Our Retailer Friends,

As hard as it is for me to believe, this will be my final communication to you as President of the MAC of the Carolinas! My goodness, what a two years it has been. During my tenure as your leader, this club has undergone unprecedented change. We have:

- Ended our multiple-decade relationship with The Park (formerly the Charlotte Merchandise Mart)
- We moved into our new offices on Randolph Road.
- We combined the Urban/Fashion MAC show with the Southern Clothing Market in an attempt to broaden both bases.
- After an unsuccessful attempt to make this combined show work at the Embassy Suites Hotel, the Urban/Fashion MAC show has again stepped out on its own, leaving our SCM brethren and returning to an open booth format, this time at the Metrolina Fairgrounds just north of uptown Charlotte.
- Factoring in the damaging economic downturn to our entire nation and our industry in general, we have sustained our fair share of bad news, but it isn't all bad news! The MAC of the Carolinas soldiers on, providing exhibitors and

customers alike the shows and services you need. We show at two excellent venues where vendors and retailers can work in a professional atmosphere conducive to good business. We continue to publish this fine "Rags To Riches" communication, now exclusively on line. Larry and Dianne continue to work hard to maintain the standards of excellence that all of us have come to expect and to make improvements wherever possible. They have everything to do with the success our board and I have had and I will be forever grateful for their patience and guidance.

Now as my presidency draws to a close, I leave all the people, both exhibitors and retailers alike, who love this club for all that it has done and meant in the past and all that it will continue to accomplish in the future, this charge:

- get involved with the board and work together for the betterment of ALL.
- come to the meetings and encourage others to do the same (otherwise have no expectations).
- retailers, lean hard on salesman and companies that you buy from who do not attend our markets to do so,

and give the vendors who do show here the business they need to keep coming back. USE YOUR POWER!

• take ownership of the "Rags" publication by contributing pictures and articles through emails and telephone cameras. Forward this publication to your friends in the business around the country. Perhaps this could become the **Salesman's Industry Advocate** with enough participation. Heaven knows we need one. The possibilities are limitless!

• support your incoming president. Gary O'Malley cares deeply about this club and I know he will work very hard on our behalf to maintain and improve the MAC club. However, **HE NEEDS YOUR HELP.**

So, roll up your sleeves and jump right in. Gary, Dianne, Larry and our board need your participation. Every little bit helps. Thanks and I will see you at our 70th Anniversary celebration in August. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve you.

With Warm Regards,

Howard Liss

Howard Liss

"We would like to thank Howard Liss for his unwavering energy and forthought during his tenure as President of the best MAC organization in the country. Thanks again Howard! - Dianne and Larry

2010 Is Our Year to Shine

This year is especially meaningful to the Men's Apparel Club of the Carolinas, Inc. since we have been here in Charlotte for 70 years. That is a landmark achievement, in our industry.

We know Brick Waddell and Wilson O. Woods are smiling down on us, as our cofounding fathers of an organization that has continued for 70 years, against a lot of hardships and unexpected almost unbelievable odds. But, we have always endured and will continue to be "the" market in the southeast.

We ask you to come and help us celebrate this milestone anniversary, as we make plans to honor the occasion. We will have cash prizes and door prizes at our up coming markets, for our retailers who have supported us over these last 70 years. 70 is the magical number, so look for it to pop up often, starting April 25th and 26th at the Fall 2010 MAC Market and our finale at the Southern Clothing Market August 8th.

We will invite our former members and former officers and directors, so be sure to come

and see some of your old friends. It will be a time to reminisce about the good old times on the road and at the retail stores.

And, most of all, we are trying to show our members and retailers that we really appreciate your support you have given us over these last seven decades. Again, thanks to all for your continued support.



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<p>MAC Held at the Metrolina Tradeshow Expo 7100 Statesville Rd, Charlotte, NC Apr 25-26, 2010</p>	<p>SCM Held at the Embassy Suites Hotel 4800 S. Tryon St, Charlotte, NC August 7, 8, 9 (optional Aug 6th & Aug 10th)</p>
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We look forward to seeing you in April. Remaining show dates are tentative at this time. Watch for notification of confirmed MAC Market show dates.

A complimentary lunch is served at noon during each show. Pick up your lunch tickets when registering at Market Central.

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Butch is one of the Poor Souls singing group and is battling major cancer. This is his latest entry into his five year journal...



Monday, April 12, 2010 11:11 PM, EDT

It is really time.....yikes & yay!!! No, we are not very ready in any way but "mentally" but that is a step in the right direction, isn't it!! I suppose as long as we have plenty of reading material, we are pretty much ready, huh? Too bad there are not more of those Stephanie Plum books, cause I have a feeling I will be flying through them like wildfire!

This will be the last week of regular chemo & I sure hope it goes as well as last weeks did. I can NEVER say it enough (& I know you are sick of hearing it but, hey, it's the truth & worth repeating) Butch is the bravest man in the world and I do believe the most optimistic too. I truly feel like he has a lot of his dad's traits. He was the most wonderful, caring selfless man that ever lived. Pop and my mother exemplify what I feel a parent should be - in all ways.

If all goes according to plan, we will relocate to Durham on Monday, April 19. On the 22nd, there are more tests, Dr Horwitz visit, and a transplant class. The heavy, "clean out everything left in you" chemo will begin on Saturday the 24th and will continue for 4 days. They chart it Day -4, -3, -2, -1 - Day 0 (stem cell infusion) then it will be Day +1 and so on until we reach +60. Then we can talk about going back home. This will be a critical time for Butch - the waiting for engraftment and watching for any signs of infection or rejection. We will pretty much be in "isolation" & waging war against any and all germs!! I vow to give it my BEST shot of care giving and doing anything it takes to get Butchie through all of this. Although this has seemed like an endless journey....compared in time to the future, it is nothing. It IS going to be successful and Butch IS going to do better than most patients going through the same procedure. It IS a procedure (infusion) and not surgery. He will be the one that the doctors tell people about for encouragement before transplant! I DO have a major concern and that is for Rocky (our dog). Butch's sister, Mimi, will be staying at our house and taking care of him but he is so attached to Butch and basically they are one in the same so to speak!!! Rocky has heart problems to top it off so I hope he survives all this, too! He is very old but he doesn't realize it so shhhhh.....we won't be telling

him either!! We will pray for him also!

Vicki wanted this journal to be a combined effort between the two of us and she just handed off to me. Again I want to say a heart-felt thanks to everyone that has followed us throughout this journey and supported us both with inspirational messages, cards, phone calls and prayers. You have all truly made this an unbelievable experience, one that we will never forget. We hope to continue these journals up until at least day +60. That will be two months after stem cell infusion and hopefully around the time when we are able to return home.

Now that the main event is finally upon us, the reality of it all is almost overwhelming.

Speaking of reality, last Thursday Vicki and I met with Dr. Horwitz to sign various consent forms and liability waivers. He is required to disclose to us everything that could possibly go wrong. There is a long list. We listened as he explained the three ways this procedure can be fatal and the fourth scenario (worst of all) was that the cancer could always come back. It was a sobering moment. This is the place where your TRUE faith kicks in. We have put this entire battle in God's hands from day one and we ain't about to stop now. I honestly believe that if it is God's will for me to live, He will not let me down and will make me whole again. God has a way of getting our attention through trials and tribulation in

our lives and trust me...right now, He's got mine. All of it!!! Well, I better go pack for the trip to Durham tomorrow. Thank you all again for being here for Vicki and me, we love you all...more than we know how to express.

Butch and Vicki
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Robert Henry Harbers, Jr. - Albemarle - Mr. Harbers, age 80 of 1008 Colonial Drive, passed away on March 20, 2010 at his home.

Born in Staten Island, New York on August 6, 1929, he was the son of the late Robert Henry Harbers, Sr, and the late Anna Kreetzer Harbers. He is survived by his wife, Josephine Eakins Harbers of the home; son, Robert

Henry Harbers, III of Boca Raton, FL; daughters, Katherine Roberson of Greenville, NC, Joanne Williams of Durham, NC, Patricia Harbers of Charlotte, NC, Judith Wagner of Mooresville, NC, Elizabeth Martin of Gastonia, NC, Susan Staley of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Carol Harbers of Durham, NC and Mary Lynn Casey of Apex, NC; 16 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Robert attended Lafayette College in Pennsylvania on a basketball scholarship. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and received a degree in economics in 1951. He married Josephine Eakins in 1952 in Albemarle at Annunciation Catholic Church.

Robert spent his entire career as a manufacturer's agent in the children's apparel industry. In 1978 he was honored with a "Million Dollar Club" award for outstanding sales performance by manufacturer Fishman and Tobin, Inc. He enjoyed playing basketball and spending time at the beach throughout most of his life. In later years, he enjoyed time with his 16 grandchildren, playing trucks with some, teaching poker to others.

Robert's funeral was held Wednesday, March 24 at Annunciation Catholic Church where he was a member.



We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our "Care" section of the Rags to Riches. This has helped keep all of our retailers and members aware of the concerns. Please continue to contact us with news you would like to share. Remember, you are our best avenue for obtaining this information.

KNOW SOMEONE WITH A HISTORY OF HEART TROUBLE - HELP THEM KNOW "WHEN TO BE WATCHFUL"

Article from Prevention Magazine. "Our resident cardiologist, Arthur Agatston, MD, told us that the first question he asks patients when they walk in his office is "How's the traffic?"

It's not small talk but a valid medical query. Being stuck in traffic raises blood pressure and triples heart attack risk. So if a patient has had a tough commute and her BP is elevated, he'll recheck it later in the appointment. There are other surprising situations and times when the chance of heart attack rises dramatically. If you or someone you know has a history of heart trouble, here's when to be watchful.

1. First thing in the morning - The risk of heart attack increases 40% in the morning, Harvard researchers estimate. As you

awaken, your body secretes adrenaline and other stress hormones, increasing blood pressure and a demand for oxygen. Your blood is also thicker and harder to pump because you're partially dehydrated. All this taxes the heart.

Protect yourself: Build some time into your schedule so you can hit the snooze button and wake up slowly. If you're a morning exerciser, warm up thoroughly so as not to additionally stress the heart. And if you're on a beta-blocker, take it before bed so the medication is at full strength in the AM.

2. On Monday mornings especially - Science shows there's

good reason to dread the first day of the work week. Twenty percent more heart attacks occur on this day, probably because people are stressed and depressed about returning to work.

Protect yourself: Relax on Sunday, but try not to sleep in. Getting up early on Monday after sleeping late Saturday and Sunday can raise blood pressure even more because your body is fatigued and its natural rhythms are out of whack. Try to maintain a regular sleep/wake schedule all week.

3. After an indulgent meal - A five-course, calories-be-damned dinner can have an immediate

impact on your heart health. Studies show that high-fat, high-carb meals constrict blood vessels, making blood more prone to clotting.

Protect yourself: If you must indulge, keep your portion sizes reasonable. A daily aspirin will also help prevent blood "stickiness."

4. During unusually vigorous exercise

Having a heart attack while shoveling snow is a classic example of this. The heart attack occurs because the victim isn't accustomed to that kind of effort and stress hormones skyrocket, causing blood pressure and heart rate to jump.

Protect yourself: Regular

exercise protects your heart. But increase your intensity level gradually.

5. At the podium - From the heart's perspective, public speaking can be similar to unaccustomed exercise. Extreme nervousness raises blood pressure, heart rate, and adrenaline levels, all of which can make the presentation itself a secondary worry.

Protect yourself: To counter these effects, some of my patients take a beta-blocker before speaking, flying, or doing anything that makes them overly anxious.

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Major Plans Are Underway For Our 70th Anniversary August 7th 8th and 9th at our Spring 2011 Southern Clothing Market. Make plans to join us at the Embassy Suites Hotel to help us celebrate.

Where Have You Been Greg Ayers?



Greg Ayers presents John Evans with the Best Booth Reward in 1991.

Greg Ayers was in his twenties when he started exhibiting at the MAC markets. He was young and full of vinegar, and immediately became one of "the guys" at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart.

He was a jokester, always had fun when he was in during the markets. His greatest attribute was being able to "mimic" D.D. McDade, to the point that D. D.'s wife Becky, sometimes had a problem distinguishing Greg from D. D. On one occasion, a sales manager for either Greg or D. D. visited the market. Greg hid behind the drapes and did his D. D. rou-

tine and cracked up the sales manager. He couldn't believe that it was Greg back there and not D. D. He (sales manager) said that was worth the trip to Charlotte, to hear Greg doing D. D.

Greg served on the Board of Directors and then served through the different seats until he became the youngest President (30 years of age) ever to serve (July 91 - June 92).

He became National Sales Manager for St. Clair Pakwell in Chicago from 1992-1995. He served as President of Century Packaging from 1995-2004, then moved into the banking industry as Loan Officer with South Carolina Bank & Trust from 2004-2009. He currently is employed as an Agent and Registered Representative with New York Life in Charlotte. With NYL, he assists families and businesses with creating and implementing financial plans in the areas of Long Term Insurance, Disability, Investments, Retirement Planning, Business Retirement Plans and 401K rollovers.

Greg resides in Rock Hill, SC with his beautiful daughter Madison (13 years of age-below). He is totally involved in community



affairs. He devotes time to the Children's Attention Home, which offers services for abused, abandoned and neglected children. He is a past deacon at Ashland Avenue Presbyterian Church and currently serves as Sunday School Teacher.

Greg has been invited to the 70th Anniversary Party in August, and says he would not miss it for the world. He says it will be nice to see some of his old friends and reminisce about old times.

Violating the Unspoken Rule of Waiting Room Etiquette

by Amy Jo Wood, marketing director for *Our State* magazine and author of "Life Between Azalea Festivals"

A visit to the doctor turns sickening when a fellow patient violates the unspoken rules of waiting room etiquette. What people will say on their previous cell phones in public...

BY AMY JO WOOD

Used to be when North Carolinians talked about each other they at least whispered. Now even the most timid among us feel it is okay to shout - into cell phones.

Sitting in a quiet doctor's waiting room the other day, contemplating whether my insurance would cover the visit, a booming voice interrupted my melancholic musings.

"Tell Betty Jo she'll have to redo the sales reports AGAIN," yelled a woman sitting across from me into her portable phone.

The initial jolt of her persnickety voice into my own private meditations nearly caused me to jump up, grab her phone and fling it into the trickling water fountain set out by well-meaning HMO managers to soothe the sick.

But instead, my fevered mind envisioned poor Betty Jo back at the office hunched over a computer in her dark cubicle - a place where try as she may, the frightened secretary never manages to make Ms. Cell-Phone-Work-Till-You-Drop happy.

My mood grew more morose.

"And tell her to take out the dead sales leads, they're useless," said the woman.

Now call me metaphorically obsessed, but in a place where life and death and all the illnesses in between consume the consciousness of the community in

attendance, I considered the woman's comments downright rude.

Never mind her actual words, that the feeble were forced to listen to her tirades, or worse yet, the fact that we had to consume our last remaining strength to politely ignore her rantings, made me even madder.

Perhaps I should say something. Maybe the woman who acted as if she was chatting in her own home did not understand how uncomfortable her conversations made her neighbors. Or maybe she did not realize when you entered into the public area you became part of a community larger than yourself - that there was an implied responsibility of respect to ones fellow human beings, which included hushed tones in a doctor's office.

Too weak for a confrontation, I glared at her through watery, itchy eyes. She simply finished up her conversation and went back to reading a magazine.

My anger did not fade as fast as her phone connection.

"Why don't you read us a passage aloud, you've got such a resonating voice?" I wanted to ask.

Instead I deduced that if this otherwise sedate Southern woman had been talking to a friend beside her she probably would have whispered. What would she have thought if I'd leaned over and said, "Now can you go over that part about the dead sales leads again? I missed it the first time."

No doubt she would have been mortified.

Forget the bygone days of doctors who make house calls. The best we can hope for now is doctors who ban the cell phone.

Snack alert: These myths are false!

Do you crave snacks at 3 PM every day? Don't ignore the urge to nibble. Nutritionist Keri Glassman, author of *The Snack Factor Diet*, busts three snacking misconceptions:

MYTH: Snacks ruin appetite. People often don't snack because they think they'll be full come mealtime. But without some healthful munching, "people often dive in and overeat during meals, which slows down their metabolism," Glassman says. And they often make poor choices because they are racing to get food into their system.

MYTH: Snacks are junk food. "Think of food as snacks," Glassman says. Pack a small portion

of your dinner for an afternoon treat. Anything can be a snack - two slices of turkey or a handful of soybeans. "Avoid anything refined, processed or packaged foods, and food laden with trans fats, like a lot of chips. Stick to whole grains, fruits and veggies."

MYTH: Healthful snacks aren't convenient. "Have a little snack survival kit: of healthful foods, Glassman says. Some of her other suggestions: Keep a non-perishable item in your bag for emergencies, and keep some go-to snacks, such as crackers and peanut butter or string cheese, at work.

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