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**State Convention
June 18-20, 2012**

**National Convention
August 14-17**



Derek Harpe

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President's Message

Springing Forward!

Greetings Fellow Rural Carriers,

I hope that all of you have taken time to enjoy the beauty of the season, the warm weather and beautiful flowers. It is a time of the year that we are energized to spring forward and make change. Although I appreciate all the phone calls and comments that I have received throughout the year, now is the time to step up and be active in making a difference. It is a time for all local district meetings to be held. I really encourage all carriers including regular, RCA's, and retirees to attend these important business meetings regarding your union. I invite you to accept the challenge to be active within your union by being informed through your local union meetings and encourage you to attend the

State Convention.

Our state convention for 2012 will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Nags Head. The convention will begin on Sunday, June 17th and will be ending on Wednesday, June 20th, at 12 noon. Guest speakers, training sessions, and your National President, Jeanette Dwyer, will be there. I encourage you to come and learn more about your union.

Congratulations to the RCA's that will be successful bidders to become regular carriers! It has been a long time coming!

In May, Carl Kelly and I will be going to Washington, DC to convey to our Congressmen and Senators our postal concerns. Please remember us, and be prayerful for our trip and that we accomplish our purpose for going for the betterment of the rural carrier.

I invite you to attend your local meetings. Come to the state convention. Come and be part of the decision making and be heard. If every small voice unites with a bigger voice, it can be heard. I hope to see you there.

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Please notify the officer assigned to your district four weeks ahead of your meeting so as to eliminate any conflict of meeting dates as much as possible. State Steward Conley and Sr. Assistant State Stewards Hudgins and Smith are unassigned and will attend as many district meetings as their schedule permits.

Obituaries

Fred Elmer Cox, Sr., 88, of Pelham, passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at Moses Cone Hospital.

He retired from the Post Office as a rural letter carrier and was a longtime member at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church. He was a member of NARFE, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, was the oldest member of NC B.A.S.S. Federation.

He is survived by his children, Linda Cox Hodgin, Fred E. Cox, Jr., Terry Levi Cox and Wendy Cox Kendrick; 9 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren; brother, George Cox; sisters, Lois Gentry, Hilda Hundley, Kitty Dyer, Betty Collie, and Colleen Austin.

Suzanne M. Dasovich, 57, of Sophia, died Sunday January 22, 2012. Suzanne worked for the United States Postal Service for the past seven years in High Point. She was very active and passionate in "Athena's Run", which focused on educating and research for GYN cancers.

Suzanne is survived by her husband Nick Dasovich, son Nick Dasovich JR., her mother Boneta; five sisters and one brother, as well as seven Nephews and nine nieces.

Mrs. Sherry Darlene Wood Hoyle, 46, of Lenoir, NC passed away, September 28, 2011 at her residence. She was a member of Welcome Home Baptist Church and was a rural letter carrier in the Lenoir Post Office.

She is survived by a son, Michael David Hoyle; two daughters, Loretta Grace and Victoria Faith Hoyle; two brothers and one sister.

Marvin Malcom Aldridge, age 85, of Mebane Rogers Rd., died Friday, December 2, 2011.

Marvin was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII, where he served in the European Theatre, fought at the Battle of the Bulge and was also awarded the Purple Heart. Marvin was in General George S. Patton's 11th Armored Division and was the driver of the 1st American tank to cross the Rhine River into Germany. He was a lifetime farmer, growing tobacco and later he and his wife, Inez, started Aldridge Vegetable Farm. He also worked for Railway Express for about 20 years and later for the U.S. Postal Service as a rural letter carrier. He was a

longtime member of Crossroads Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Aldridge is survived by his sister, Nell Aldridge; special friend, Mattie Smith; a daughter, Angela A. Hinton; a son Mel Aldridge, Jr.; step son Rodney D. Smith; nine grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Harry Samuel Lankford, 87, of Kernersville died Dec 7, 2011 at Forsyth Medical Center. He was a retired farmer and worked for the US Postal Service. Harry was a member of Pine Grove United Methodist Church, Kernersville, and served as a volunteer fireman with Talley's Crossing Fire Department.

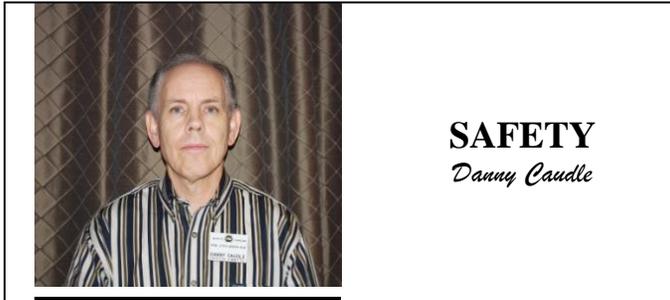
Harry is survived by three children, Steve Lankford, Sandy Letchworth, and Eddie Lankford; six grandchildren; nine great grandchildren, and two sisters.

Larry Pernell "Hoss" Jacobs II, 38, of Autryville, died Thursday, March 8, 2012, in Sampson Regional Medical Center. Hoss worked for the United States Postal Service for 15 years alongside his loving wife, Erin. Larry owned his own business, Larry's Flooring.

He is survived by his wife, Erin Montgomery Jacobs; his daughter, Taylor Michelle Jacobs; his mother, Anna Locklear Jacobs and father, Larry Pernell Jacobs Sr.; his three sisters, Anita Nicole Jacobs, Lindsay Renee Jacobs and Ashley Jacobs Sanchez; his grandparents, Roscoe and Helen Jackson Locklear; his sister-in-law, Lindsey Ryan Montgomery; several nieces and nephews; and his dog, Tootsie.

Melissa Armstrong Biggs, 47, of Rocky Mount passed away March 14, 2012. Melissa was a RCA in the Nashville, NC Post Office.

Mrs. Biggs is survived by her husband, David L. Biggs; daughters, Avynne Biggs and Jessica Biggs; three grandchildren; mother, Belma Armstrong; sister, Sharon Seward and her brother, Robert Armstrong Jr.



Safety Matters

"Most of the time I am a safe driver even though I may not follow all of the Safety Rules prescribed by the Postal Service." Have you voiced this to others or even to yourself? Have you grown complacent thinking that since you have carried mail for 10 years, and haven't had so much as a scratch on the vehicle, you can relax? Well, please allow me a little time to give some reminders that may keep you out of the Managers' Office.

First of all, there have been people from the Safety Blitz Team out on the streets watching Carriers just about every day. They are observing driving practices and making sure that all the safety rules are followed. They will watch a Carrier for a while and then record what they have observed on a 4585 (Observation of Driving Practices). They will then take a copy of the form to your Manager/Postmaster. If there is a record of the Carrier making unsafe moves, then the Manager will take disciplinary action.

Some of the unsafe practices that have come to my attention are: backing in an unapproved location; failure to use turn signals; leaving a vehicle unsecured while out of the line of sight of the vehicle; leaving keys in the ignition while out of vehicle; wheels not curbed; engine running while out of vehicle, etc.

You know it is fairly easy to follow all the safety rules when the Manager has informed you of a planned observation of your driving. But what about when you think no one is watching? Do you decide to back up 10 feet when you forgot to put the flats in the mailbox? Do you use the shoulder strap when driving back to the Post Office after completing the route?

Does it really matter as long as no one sees you? I am of the opinion that it does matter. It matters when you are hit by another vehicle and your shoulder strap is not in place. It matters if you back up when you forget to put all the mail in the box

just served and you hit an object or someone. It matters folks! Follow the rules and have an accident free career at the Post Office.

I would like for each of us to think about what I once heard an "old timer" tell a group of newly appointed RCA's at the Academy: "You have been hired by the Post Office and the Post Office does not hire junk. As long as you come to work on time, do your job properly and follow the safety rules, you can one day retire from the Post Office."

Chaplain's Message

Wanted: Ordinary People

Read Matthew 14: 22-33

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God --- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

--- Romans 12:2 (NRSV) ---

What would you do if Jesus came to your church and said, "I'm looking for a few ordinary people"? Why would Jesus be interested in ordinary people?

Yet these are the ones Jesus called to be his friends: fishermen, a tax collector, a teacher, a homemaker. I have related to Peter more than any of Jesus' other followers.

Peter was impulsive, like me. Seeing Jesus walking on the water, he said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you". Jesus did and Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, something no one except Jesus had done. That is not ordinary. Then Peter looked around at the wind and waves, and he fell. That is what I would do. That's ordinary.

After Jesus' arrest, fear overcame Peter and he denied knowing Jesus. I hate to say it, but I probably would have done the same. I am grateful that Jesus loved and forgave Peter and commanded him, "Feed my sheep" (John 21:17). Peter later became a preacher in the early church. The longer Peter walked with Jesus, the more he was changed. And the more I walk with Christ, the more I realize how much he wants to help me become the servant God wants me to be.

Prayer: O God, help us ordinary people to be extraordinary workers for your kingdom. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Ordinary People

Thought for the Day: God calls ordinary people to be extraordinary servants.



Eat healthy in 2012!

Are you guilty of skipping breakfast, ordering takeout, getting jittery from coffee overload and counting potato chips as part of a viable diet plan? It's time to kick those habits to the curb and start eating right for the New Year. Here's a guide to help you get started.

Eat Breakfast

There's no better way to start your morning—and the year—than with a healthy breakfast. It provides your body with the fuel it needs to make energy to keep you focused and active throughout the day. Not only that, but if you are trying to lose weight, fueling your body regularly will help you from possibly making unhealthy decisions later in the day based on hunger.

The key to a good breakfast is balance. Include lean protein, whole grains and fresh, frozen or canned fruits and vegetables. For example, oatmeal cooked with low-fat milk and sliced almonds and berries or crust-less quiche with mixed veggies, low-fat cheese and a slice of whole wheat toast.

Cut Back on Caffeine

Too much caffeine can interfere with sleep; it can make you jittery and can cause you to lose energy later in the day. You can monitor your caffeine intake and keep it in check by limiting regular coffee to 3 cups or less a day. And watch what you put into it, too. Skip unwanted calories and sugar by drinking it as plain as possible. If you want to get weaned off caffeine switch to half decaf or tea, drink plenty of water and eat small, frequent meals to keep up energy.

Bring Lunch to Work

How do you make bringing lunch to work easy? Have your arsenal of food for the week. Have the right foods to put together. By stocking up the fridge, you're setting yourself up for success. You

should prepare the week's lunches over the weekend—bake chicken, chop veggies, steam rice. Make sure your options include a combination of protein and carbohydrates. For example, whole grain bread with turkey, 1 cup of veggies and a piece of fruit. Or a salad with veggies and chicken, a piece of fruit and a 100 calorie cup of low-sodium soup. It doesn't have to be a full meal. It doesn't hurt to have some snacks ready for those in between meals such as string cheese, peanuts, greek yogurt or pork rinds.

Eat More Fruits and Vegetables

Fruits and veggies add color, flavor and texture plus vitamins, minerals and fibers to your plate. I recommend that when you go to the grocery store try something new, it will help in changing up your palate. Don't let winter stop you from enjoying produce either. It might be harder to find fresh options, but frozen and canned are great alternatives.

Cook Dinner at Home

Making meals at home doesn't have to zap the last bit of your time and energy. The trick is to plan ahead. If the week is cramped for you, then prepping on the weekend is a great time saver. Choose options you can make in advance. For example, cook a batch of soup you can portion out for lunches or dinner during the week, or bake a whole chicken to slice for sandwiches, wraps and casseroles. Use shortcuts such as pre-cut or frozen veggies and keep staples on hand such as low-sodium broth, herbs and lemons for flavoring. A quick and easy idea is to turn leftover beef into stew with beans, no salt added diced tomatoes and pre-cut veggies.

Happy eating in 2012!

This information was taken from the eatright.org website. This was formally the American Diabetic Association website.

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USPS to Test New Retirement System

Reprinted from *Federal Times*

Here is how complicated the federal government's process for calculating new retiree pensions has become. The Office of Personnel Management has more than 80 different systems — some of which are so old they run on antiquated COBOL programming language. Those 80 systems have to talk to 400 other personnel and financial systems scattered throughout the rest of the government.

When OPM wants to repair or modify its systems, it has to dig through 3 million lines of custom-written code to find the one line that needs to be modified. And much of the data OPM needs to accurately calculate a new retiree's pension doesn't exist in electronic form — OPM often has to wait for paper files, many of which are incomplete and force the agency to hunt down missing documents.

This mishmash of outdated computer systems and pencil-and-paper processes is holding back OPM's efforts to fix a decades-old pension-processing problem, one that affects about 62,000 retirees who are now waiting for their full pensions.

But the Government Accountability Office last week said OPM has no real strategy for straightening out those problematic systems.

"There's a lot more OPM can do to establish a concrete plan for investing in information technology," Valerie Melvin, GAO's director of information management and technology resources issues, told the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs subcommittee on the federal workforce on Wednesday.

"OPM should step back, and take a look overall of what its current operational state is in terms of information technology that supports its retirement processing," she said.

OPM Director John Berry last month released a plan to fix the sluggish retirement process that relies heavily on more manpower. But George Nesterzuk, an OPM senior adviser during the George W. Bush administration, blasted Berry at the hearing for abandoning a large-scale modernization of the federal government's retirement systems and instead "throw[ing] money and people at the problem."

"It is hard to understand how the leaders of a government agency can accept the manual entry of data into modules that perform limited specialized

computations as their vision of the future," Nesterzuk said. "This is how we processed retirement applications 20 years ago. Why are we not passing through the technological gates that the Internet has opened for us?"

Berry said it's not that simple. OPM's last attempt at fixing the retirement system, RetireEZ, relied heavily on commercial off-the-shelf technology that OPM tried to adapt to the federal workforce.

RetireEZ failed, partly because it proved too difficult to adapt existing systems to encompass the government's fractured and specialized personnel systems. For example, law enforcement officers, firefighters and air traffic controllers all have their own special rules that must be accounted for, Berry said.

Berry pledged to improve the government's retirement processing, and said he has both short- and long-term IT improvements in mind. For example, he said the **U.S. Postal Service** and the Defense Department — the two biggest agencies in the government — have agreed to pilot test an automated program to send OPM complete case files. If it works, it would eliminate much of the time OPM employees spend piecing together incomplete files.

Berry also said he hired a new chief technology officer, Dave Bowen, to find "small, bite-sized" automation solutions that will speed things up. Bowen was formerly the Federal Aviation Administration's chief information officer.

"Further automation is absolutely vital to our success," Berry said.

Berry said OPM has already hired and begun training 30 of the 56 new legal administrative specialists it is adding to fix the problem.

But pressure is mounting. Berry said 21,000 feds applied to retire in January — a 7 percent increase over January 2011 — which brought the backlog up to 62,000 cases, an increase of more than 13,600 cases (or about 28 percent) over the previous month.

With many agencies offering buyouts and early retirement to meet tight budgets, Berry said more and more employees are going to retire, further increasing the load.

OPM Inspector General Patrick McFarland praised Berry's plan and said it put the agency on the right track. But GAO's Melvin noted that OPM's goal — to accurately process 90 percent of cases within 60 days — is a substantial backpedaling from its 2009 goal, when it hoped to process 99 percent of claims within 30 days.

OPM also hopes to eliminate the backlog in 18 months. But Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va. — who said his staff had helped a federal retiree who waited 17 months for her full retirement — said that's not fast enough.

"Candidly, I just don't think that's acceptable," Warner said. "This is not the level of service that our retirees deserve."

RCA's, Are You Listening?

For at least the past year we have been talking about the Postal Service cutting back to five days of delivery each week. Many of us thought that it would never happen. Many of our friends in Congress have been working to keep and maintain six day delivery while others have worked tirelessly to eliminate Saturday delivery. Early on in the process President Obama came out in support of six day delivery. Back in January he submitted his budget to Congress and it included the five day delivery mandate.

RCA's, ask yourselves a very serious question. If the Postal Service cuts out Saturday delivery; who is it going to be hurt the most? If you have any answer other than "you the RCA" let me know what that answer was. You the Relief Carrier are the one that will suffer the most damage. If and when we go to five day delivery I will continue to work five days a week just like I do now. The difference will be that when I have my Saturday off, there will be no delivery and come Monday it will be just like the day after a holiday each and every week. You will work when your regular carrier takes vacation or is sick. Can you get by on that few hours?

Way back when I was and RCA I was hired to relieve a new carrier on an H route. Being a new carrier, he had no leave banked and he took two days off a year. I worked as an RCA for several years and made regular having never worked two full weeks. That worked out great for me because I had a good full-time job with the USDA; it just wasn't what I wanted. I wanted to deliver the mail. How many of you have that kind of a situation. My guess is 'not many.'

RCA's and everyone else; including auxiliary, you need to start calling and writing to your member of Congress and to both of our Senators. You have got to let them know how you feel and I hope you want to keep your job.

If we lose Saturday, don't expect it to ever come back. That just isn't how government works.

CONVENTION RAFFLE AND AUCTION

As in previous years we are having a PAC Raffle again this year. We have a total of \$500 in prizes. You cannot buy a chance in the raffle; but, you will automatically be entered once for each multiple of \$25 you have donated to PAC since last July. No matter where you made your donation you will be included. The three prizes are \$250, \$150 and \$100. You do not have to be present to win but it is sure a lot more fun if you are. I will mail the prize immediately after the convention to any winners that are not present for all the fun.

The winners will be chosen on Tuesday evening just before the PAC Auction. We will be having an Eastern Style Barbecue Dinner followed by our PAC Auction. If you have never had the chance to attend one of our auctions you need to "come on down," donate items for the auction, bid on items, have a lot of fun and help raise money for your PAC.

On Capitol Hill

Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO) held a press conference in early February in Kansas City, MO, (home of Hallmark Cards) to express her concerns that a switch from six-day delivery to five "might *be a death spiral*".

McCaskill told journalists the Postal Service should instead regain its competitive edge by emphasizing that unlike UPS or FedEx, the Postal Service does not charge a special fee for Saturday delivery.

She then challenged the annual multi-billion dollar payment required of the Postal Service by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006, stating that no other private or public entity

has been required by the government to shoulder a similar, crippling financial burden. McCaskill also called for the proposed two-year moratorium on post office closures to be extended to four years to give the USPS more time to become profitable.

We desperately need your financial support to keep our lobbyists working on Capitol Hill and ---- if you have not called your member of Congress and both Senators to voice your support of six day delivery; WHY THE HECK NOT? This IS an election year and while neither of our Senators is up this year, every member of the House is. Call them. Write letters to their in-state offices. Make your voice heard and protect your job and benefits and the future of the United State Postal Service.

NC Membership 4842
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2.87% of our members are carrying a lot for the rest of us. Please send in your PAC donation today.

Just imagine the power this organization would have if the numbers above could be reversed. UPS would no longer be the largest lobbying organization, it would be **US**.

You don't have to break your bank account to support PAC. We have members that have donated \$5 this year and we will have members that will hit \$500 or \$1000 by the end of the State Convention. Every donation helps. Make your donation today.

Thank you.

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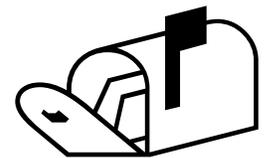
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State Steward

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Route Postings

As this article is being written all residual routes are going to be released except the DPS flat offices. These routes will be posted the week of April 2-7, 2012. Only the following offices will not have the residual routes posted at this time:

Greensboro District

Greensboro
Raleigh
Winston Salem
Chapel Hill
High Point

Mid-Carolina District

Charlotte
Matthews
Cornelius
Concord
Fort Mill (SC)

All other residual routes will be posted. With potentially over 200 routes being posted in the next month, a reminder of the bidding process may be wise.

- All bids will be through the computer or by a telephone
- All regular routes in the office are available from the single posting
- Make sure you have the job number that matches the route number for the routes you are considering
- You should have access to a list of every route in your office with the same information as the original route posted, including their job numbers
- Only bid on routes you will take. If you bid and are the senior carrier you will get the route and nothing we can do about it.
- If multiple routes are posted in your office, make sure you bid on every posting
- An RCA should list all the routes in order you want them unless only one route being posted then you can select all. If you select all in multiple postings and have the seniority to be awarded a route, you will be awarded a route, but junior carriers may get the route you preferred.

If a route you believe should be posted the week of April 2-7 is not posted, please contact an assistant or myself immediately so we can look into the situation and try to get resolved in a timely manner. Likewise, if a route is posted that should not be posted contact us also.

Auxiliary Routes

The assistants and I may have misled some carriers concerning auxiliary route postings. We hope this clarifies the issue. This will not apply to the same offices from above at the current time. Any auxiliary route counted over 39 hours during the September 2011 mail count will be converted to regular within thirty (30) days from March 24 and then posted within thirty (30) days of this date. If the auxiliary route that originally was more than 39 hours has lost (unless lost to below 26 hours) or gained hours will be converted to regular and posted for an RCA to be converted to regular. However, if a route at the September mail count was only 35 hours and has gained to 39 or more hours, it will not be converted to regular and posted.

If you have any questions concerning the bidding or posting, please contact an assistant or myself as soon as possible and we will try to assist you.

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Auxiliary News Hello Friends!



It is springtime and the world around us is turning green and waking us fresh and cheerful as the flowers begin to bloom and show their gorgeous colors. Many districts are now having or planning their spring meetings and it will soon be time for our state convention. I hope many of you are making plans to be a part of all the activities and learn more about many things that affect the rural carrier families.

Our National Auxiliary President, Lucretia Nobles, has chosen "A Program of Sealed With A Sound: Delivering Solutions to the Hearing Impaired" and educating us about the Cochlear Implant Awareness Foundation and it's functions. Deafness has affected many of usmy dad had hearing disabilities and as a child I can remember in the early mornings or late evenings he would put his hearing aide in and often say, "Did you hear that bird or sound?" In that day his hearing aid was made by Beltone and was larger than a cell phone having a wire that connected it to his earpiece. Often he would read lips of people he knew and only used his hearing aide when at church or when he had to hear. I hope you will consider purchasing a product or making your gift to this program as a "Gift of Hope".

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the state convention and especially your juniors. Please encourage them to participate in the poster and essay contest. Check their age (as of August 1) and have them complete their projects and bring them to the state convention.

POSTERS

AGE 6-8.....My Buddy the Blood Drop

AGE 9-11...What would be inside the world's noisiest room?

AGE 12-14...Make a vegetable rainbow

SPECIAL EDUCATION

What I like to eat for lunch

ESSAYS

AGE 15-17...If you lost your hearing, what one sound would you miss the most?

AGE 18-20...What are some ways that you can get distracted while driving?

Let me remind you of another part of the program for this year is "Safety Behind The Wheel".... and remember food safety, while driving is very important.

Remember to donate blood. Support the American Red Cross. Daily thousands of pints of blood are needed in hospitals to save and maintain people's lives.

I would like to express a special thank you to our rural carrier family... you have been so nice to Van and I during his illness. We appreciate all the cards, flowers, calls and most of all the prayers. We are very fortunate to have such great friends.

See you at a meeting soon.

Kay Carter, NC Auxiliary Member

Vice-President of the National Auxiliary of the NRLCA

NCRLCA Dues for 2010-2011

- [] Regular...Cash.....\$547.00
- [] 1187...Bi-Weekly.....\$21.04
- [] Retired.....Cash.....\$97.00
- [] 1187R...Monthly.....\$8.08
- [] 73, RCA, RCR.....Cash.....\$180.00
- [] 1187.....Bi-Weekly.....\$6.92

The membership year begins July 1, ends June 30. Please make checks payable to **NCRLCA**. Checks or membership form should be mailed to Ronald L Lineberger, Secretary/Treasurer. The address is listed on page two.

NOTE: "Dues, assessments, contributions or gifts to NCRLCA are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes."

State Convention 2012

The state convention for 2012 will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, located at 1701 S. Virginia Dare Trail, Nags Head, NC 27948. The **telephone number for reservations is 252-441-2151**. Please do not try to make reservations at this time as these rates are not available yet. The dates for business sessions are June 18 – 20, 2012. On Sunday June 17 will be the Meet and Greet, Steward Seminar, and Memorial Service.

The room rates are \$110 per night for Street Side Room, \$120 per night for Dune View Room, and \$140 per night for Oceanfront Room. These room rates compare to the regular rates of \$193, \$215, and \$263.80. You will be able to get these room rates from June 15 through June 21, 2012.

It is time to make those reservations now!

MEMBERSHIP

If you have forgotten to pay your membership dues for the next year, please do so immediately. If your dues are delinquent, it could affect your Rural Carrier Benefit Plan. The most convenient way to pay is to sign a "dues withholding" form (1187 or 1187R for retirees). If you need a form, please contact a board member. Regular and substitutes can sign a form NOW.

April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 District 10 Statesville District 4 Sparta	4	5 District 42 Randleman	6 Good Fri.	7 PP-09
8 Easter	9	10 District 12 Garner	11	12	13 Pay Day District 8 Whiteville	14
15	16	17	18	19 District 23 Kenansville	20 District 41 Roxboro	21 PP-10
22	23	24	25	26	27 Pay Day	28
29	30					

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 PP-11
6	7	8	9 Last day Delegate nominations	10	11 Pay Day	12
13 Mothers Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 PP-12
20	21	22	23	24	25 Pay Day	26
27	28 Ballots Due	29	30	31		

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