



# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern

September 2021 Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron  
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## Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 20  
**CLSPS September Dinner Meeting**  
The Chelsea Restaurant  
1700 Social Hour 1800 Dinner  
1900-Meeting

Monday, October 4, 1900  
**ExComm Meeting**  
via Zoom

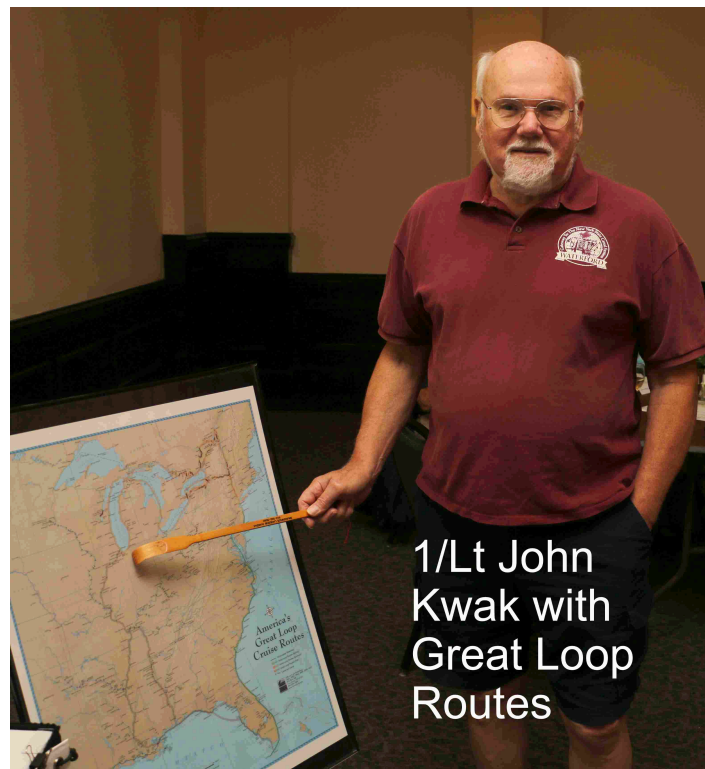
Saturday, October 2, 0900  
**Craven County Clean Sweep**  
406 Craven Street

Monday, November 1, 1900  
**ExComm Meeting**  
Via Zoom

Monday, November 15  
**CLSPS November Dinner Meeting**  
The Chelsea Restaurant

Saturday, December 4  
**New Bern Christmas Flotilla**

## July Dinner Meeting Speaker: 1/Lt John Kwak showing his Great Loop Route



1/Lt John Kwak with Great Loop Routes

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The 2021 Fall Governing Board meeting scheduled for 29 August through 5 September at the North Raleigh Hilton went ahead as planned. Our Squadron members who planned to attend cancelled our reservations due to the increase of Covid-19 cases in North Carolina. We have received an announcement from the Chief Commander Mary Paige Abbott that some members tested positive for Covid-19 upon their return home. They are isolating and keeping National informed. When reports are available about the meeting, I will forward to you.

**Bike MS** was held September 11, 12. Our P/C Ed Gagnon was captain of rest stop 6 in Arapahoe. Our sincere thanks to Ed, Leslie Lambrecht, Lydia Ash, John Kwak, Juli Voelker, Lloyd and Jane Moore who provided support and encouragement for the bike riders participating in the event. All volunteers were required to wear face masks. There were some 1200 riders and many volunteers at the events.

In early August, we added a new Active Member Juli Voelker to our Squadron membership. Juli has attended many meetings and social events as guest of P/C John Kwak and we look forward to having her participate as an Active Member. Juli will be sworn in at our next meeting.

Juli has written a brief bio for you to get to know her better:

"I was born and raised in Tonawanda, NY which is located at the terminus of the Erie Canal halfway between Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

I received a degree in English and journalism and my early career was spent at a daily newspaper and then corporate and non-profit public relations. A 25-year career in community association management rounded out my working years.

I lived in Connecticut and Western New York before settling in Richmond, Virginia for over 30 years. I moved to New Bern in 2017 with John Kwak after a seven-month trip on his sailboat.

***The Outlook and other great information are available at the CLSPS website:***

***<http://www.clsp.org>***

I am a Buffalo Bills fan and love NCAA March Madness. Traveling anywhere anytime is my favorite pastime when I'm not caring for my indoor and outdoor plants.

My three children and four fabulous grandchildren live in Raleigh."



Also, in August, three of our members, P/C Wayne Fretwell, P/C Bud Ellis and Bill Gewain agreed to be our Nominating Committee to select members for 2022-2023 for our Bridge and Executive Committee. On behalf of the Squadron, our sincere thanks for their contribution of time and effort in this important task.

Positions to be filled include Commander, Squadron Education Officer and Assistant Education Officer,

Executive Officer, Assistant Treasurer, Rules, Nominating and Audit Committee members. When the Nominating Committee calls you, please consider how you can assist our Squadron.

I am extremely thankful for the support of the current Bridge and Executive Committee and hopeful that many will want to move up to the next office or continue in their current office. It has been a privilege to volunteer in the different positions in the Squadron and attend District 27 meetings and rendezvous and National meetings while serving as Secretary, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer and Commander.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Squadron meeting on 20 September. Please wear your face mask for the social portion of the meeting and keep social distance.

### **Administrative Officer**

**Lt/C Elaine Lechner, AP**



September is here, and hopefully cooler weather is too. It is time to get back into the swing of things. We have an upcoming dinner meeting at the

Chelsea on September 20<sup>th</sup>. As usual the social will start at 5:00 with dinner following at 6:00 and at 7:00 the guest speaker will be Karen Amspacher from the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center, Harker's Island. The menu is found later in the Outlook or in an email that Jane already sent you. Reservations need to be in by Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup>, so I can get the menu selections to Chris at the Chelsea. You can send the check for \$25 pp to me at Elaine Lechner, 2220 Caracara Drive, New Bern, NC 28560. You can call me at 678-464-7665 or email me at [elechner@bellsouth.net](mailto:elechner@bellsouth.net). Be sure to let me know.

We had a great turnout for the play Steel Magnolias in July and everyone said it was a great outing. I am not planning another play right now, but I wanted to let you know about two that are happening here in New Bern. First "Clue" is playing in the New Bern Civic theater on Pollack St on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 and Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Second "Murder on the Orient Express" is playing at the Masonic Theater in October. The dates are October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 and the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. If you have any questions get with me at the dinner or feel free to call me at 678-464-7665.

## Education Officer

Lt/C Lloyd Moore, JN



The following is a summary of the Finance Committee report presented to the Governing Board at the September Fall Conference. The conclusions of the committee report are very troublesome. I recommend you read the full report to learn all the details. If you'd like to get a copy, contact me or Cdr Jane Moore, and we will be happy to send it to you.

### USPS 2021 Fall Conference - Finance Comm Report - Highlights

#### Summary

- USPS membership continues to decline
- Squadron health continues to decline
- No organizational plan being implemented
- Budget is unsustainable going forward
- Fiscal bylaw compliance has broken down
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#### Total Active Members

	Active (Dues Paying)	Active (Non-Dues Paying)	Total
2012	23,217	11,753	34,970
2020	12,228	8,913	21,141
2024	6,763	7,466	14,229

Historically losing approx. 1,700 Active members/year

#### Squadron Health – 328 Squadrons

- Eleven squadrons are in the process of dissolution
- Five more are on the hold/watch list
- Ten squadrons are on waiver program
- Twenty-five squadrons have 10 members or less

- Two squadrons show 0 members
- 185 squadrons have less than 50 members  
(CLSPS = 49)
- Two districts recently combined into one
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#### Committee conclusions:

- Committee believes there is still time to right the ship.
- ...the problem is not limited revenue, it is a lack of prioritized, strategic spending of those revenues under a plan.
- There is a shrinking window of opportunity to save our organization...
- Unless USPS plans and invests strategically right now, the future of continued declining membership and revenues, with increasing costs, is grim.

### FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our Squadron needs your help. We need volunteers to fill the bridge offices and all committees. We now have only 49 members in the Squadron, and we have not been able to fill all the jobs for some time. Many of our officers that have done their jobs for several years will be taking a well-deserved rest for 2022. If you would like to help keep this Squadron alive, please let us know. The committee will be calling members over the next couple of months to fill as many jobs as we can. If you are interested in helping please call:

Wayne Fretwell 252-288-4653,  
Bill Gewain 252-288-7142, or  
Bud Ellis 252-671-0490.



## 2021 CLSPS Booster Club

Only a small portion (about \$17) of our dues to USPS is returned to the Cape Lookout Squadron. Money collected from our members helps defray the cost of our

Dinner Meeting speakers and other incidentals (cards & flowers). We need help keeping our books in the Black. Please contribute to the Booster Club. Any amount is helpful, but \$10 per person is a suggested amount.

### 2021 Booster Club

**Lloyd & Jane Moore**

**June Reasons**

**Ray & Linda Whitley**

**Wayne Fretwell & Elaine**

**Lechner**

**Marty & Tiki Warner**

**Bud & Beverly Ellis**

**Owen & Carolyn Smith**

**Mike & Carolyn McCulley**

**John Kwak & Juli Voelker**

**Bill, Annalee, & Lydia Ash**

Happy Birthday  
to the  
Following Members



**Gill, Brent R. — 7 September**  
**Starr, Jim — 24 September**

## Notes on John Kwak's Great Loop Cruise

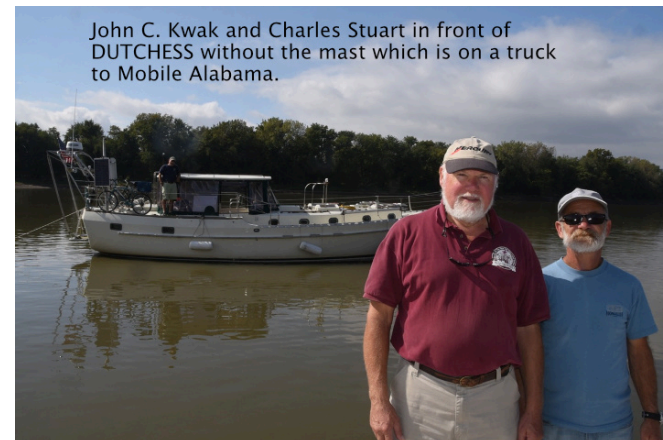
Captain John Kwak of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and crew members Charles Stuart (Grant, Mi.) and Greg Murphy (Muskegon Mi.) stopped in Havana Tuesday Oct.6th. John's journey began May 16th at Poughkeepsie. He travelled by way of the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes to reach the Illinois River. John hopes to sail to Cuba during his round-trip loop back to Poughkeepsie. His boat is a Caribbean Sailing Yacht christened "Dutchess."

(Reprint from a story in the "Democrat Newspaper" of Havana Oct 6, 2015, Havana, IL)

America's Great Loop Cruising Association (AGLCA) is an organization promoting cruising Long Distances in North America. AGLCA holds seminars



DUTCHESS AT ANCHOR, BOW AND STERN, OFF THE DOCK IN HAVANA, ILLINOIS ON THE ILLINOIS RIVER



John C. Kwak and Charles Stuart in front of DUTCHESS without the mast which is on a truck to Mobile Alabama.

and rendezvous for prospective and active Loopers.

AGLCA, 500 Oakbrook Lane,  
Summerville, SC 29485

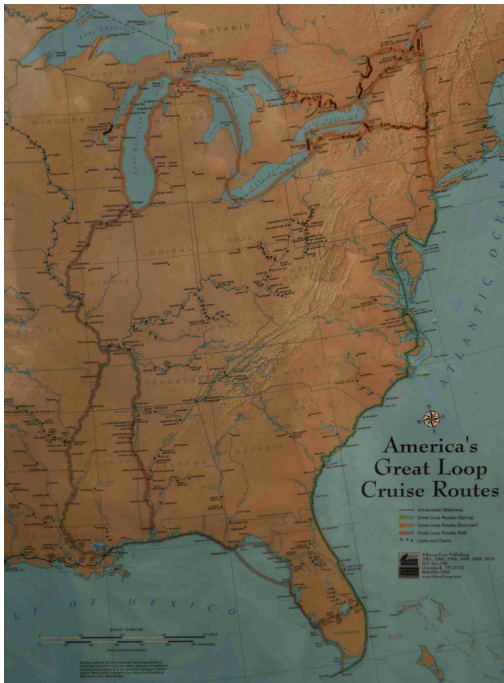
877-478-5667, [www.greatloop.org](http://www.greatloop.org)

The people that do the Loop are known as "Loopers". You start with a



John with his "Loop" Pennant

white burgee with the AGLCA logo, identifying your boat to all that the boat is doing the loop. When you complete the loop, you notify AGCLA and for a fee you receive the gold burgee to signify to all that you have completed the loop. This is all on the honor system. When you say you have done it all, then you receive the burgee.



There are many different routes to do the Loop. Generally you have to navigate the Eastern Seaboard via the ICW, the Hudson River, New York State Canals, the Great Lakes, the Canadian Canals, the Great USA Waterways (The

Illinois, Mississippi, Ohio, Cumberland, Tennessee, Tombigbee Rivers) The Gulf of Mexico and then go around or through Florida.

You can start anywhere, stop and start again, do it in one year or take 10. You travel thru 14 states and one province. Most do it in a trawler at approximately six knots makes you realize how large and grand this nation is. This is a relaxing and totally different experience from driving the highways at 70 MPH



P/C June Reasons

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YCCPA Virginia Carolinas Canvas Products Assn. • Tri-Vantage Award of Excellence

P/C William J. Ash,  
SN, H



## **JOLLY TAR A PHOENIX OF THE ASH'S P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN H, EMERITUS**

Yes, the *Jolly Tar* is nearly ready to come out of moth balls. I visited the boat yard the other day to find a mast, with both standing and running rigging, stepped and looking fine. Almost three years have passed since the old girl came out of the water and was placed on the hard. Figuring we'd slip her in within a couple of days, I approached the one person I could find working and asked if the owner was present. It was then that I learned the owner and another worker were both out with the virus. As much as I have tried, I just can't win. When these two recover and if the third, to whom I was speaking, stays free of the virus, then, and not before will, my Herreshoff 18' be launched. This sort of reminds me of when I had my four firmly impacted wisdom teeth removed during a hospital stay. Really, it has the same effect.

For tons of information about what's going on in our own District 27, take a look at their website:  
**District 27 of the United States Power Squadrons:** <http://www.uspsd27.org>





Years ago I used to live in Kuwait which is located up at the top northwest edge of the Arabian Gulf. Some call it the Persian Gulf, but never mind. When my contract was about to expire and I was due to return to the States a good friend of mine, a Cornell educated lawyer, asked me to lunch and got right to business. He asked whether I would consider staying in Kuwait for a few years and organizing something akin to USPS. Small boat operators in that part of the world were unfamiliar with nautical safety and subjects as navigation, electronics, engine maintenance and the rest of what USPS teaches. I munched on my lunch and thought seriously about this great opportunity to make their waters safer. Issues back home, however, needed serious consideration which made for a tough decision. I asked my friend if I could take this offer home with me, give it some thought and get back to him. Also, I asked what the salary was likely to be. He estimated \$36,000.

Home I went, mulled it over for a few days and said, "No, I'd better go back to my university and continue my research and teaching. I had taken a leave of absence from my work and the minus 50°F winter temperatures of northern New York. The 120°F temperatures of Kuwait must have liquefied my brain because I decided to remain firm and called my friend and repeated my answer of, "No." Then I called my university back home in the States and said I'd be back for the fall semester. After two days the

phone rang and it was my lawyer friend. He asked me if I understood the salary he had quoted me. I told him I understood. He returned with, "Bill, how could you refuse \$36,000? I told him I was making about the same in the States. "No, no Bill, not per year, this is per month!" "What?" When I picked myself off the floor, uncrossed my eyes and learned how to, once again, inhale, I realized I had slipped up and refused a job paying \$432,000 per year with benefits. That was back in the '70's.' Yes, this Emeritus passed up a chance to make \$2,160,000 in five years organizing something like USPS. I just didn't know. Yearly verses monthly. Maybe I should have worked in the National Hockey League. Holy smokes.

Another story, the last one for now. There was a Squadron in which reorganization was taking place. Geraldine and George, who were vying for the position of SEO, agreed to take a test about nautical things, with the person having the higher score winning the spot. They arrived for the test, took it and waited for the results. Finally the tester, looking somewhat annoyed, came in with the results. "Both of you scored very well. I am amazed how similar your performances were. It was the last question which gave me the hint about who is best qualified. Geraldine, you answered, 'I just can't remember.' George, you answered, 'Neither can I'.

I should be back again next month if the Creek don't rise.

## June's Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



## FOR ALL OF US OVER 70

Q: Where can single men over 70 find younger women who are interested in them?

A: Try a bookstore, under Fiction.

Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?

A: Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you're done, you will have a place to live.

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your over 70 year old husband.

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of elderly wrinkles?

A: Take off your glasses.

Q: Seriously! What can I do for these crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face?

A: Go Braless. It will usually pull them out.

Q: Why should 70 plus year old people use valet parking?

A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.

Q: Is it common for 70 plus year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?

A: Storing memory is not a problem. Retrieving it is the problem.

Q: As ,people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where should 70 plus year olds look for eyeglasses?

A: On their foreheads.

Q: What is the most common remark made by 70 plus year olds when they are in an antique store?

A: "Gosh, I remember these!":

## Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron September Dinner Meeting Monday, September 10, 2021

The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC  
1700 Social Hour 1800 Dinner 1900 Meeting

Guest speaker will be Karen Amspacher from the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harker's Island

Mixed Green Salad with House Vinaigrette  
Dinner Rolls with Butter  
Iced Tea, +Coffee, and Water

Horseradish **Salmon**, Rice Pilaf and Sautéed House Vegetables  
Brown Butter Barbecue **Chicken**, Stoneground Grits, Sautéed House Vegetables  
**Shrimp and Scallop** Fresca Pasta

Chocolate Tuxedo Cake

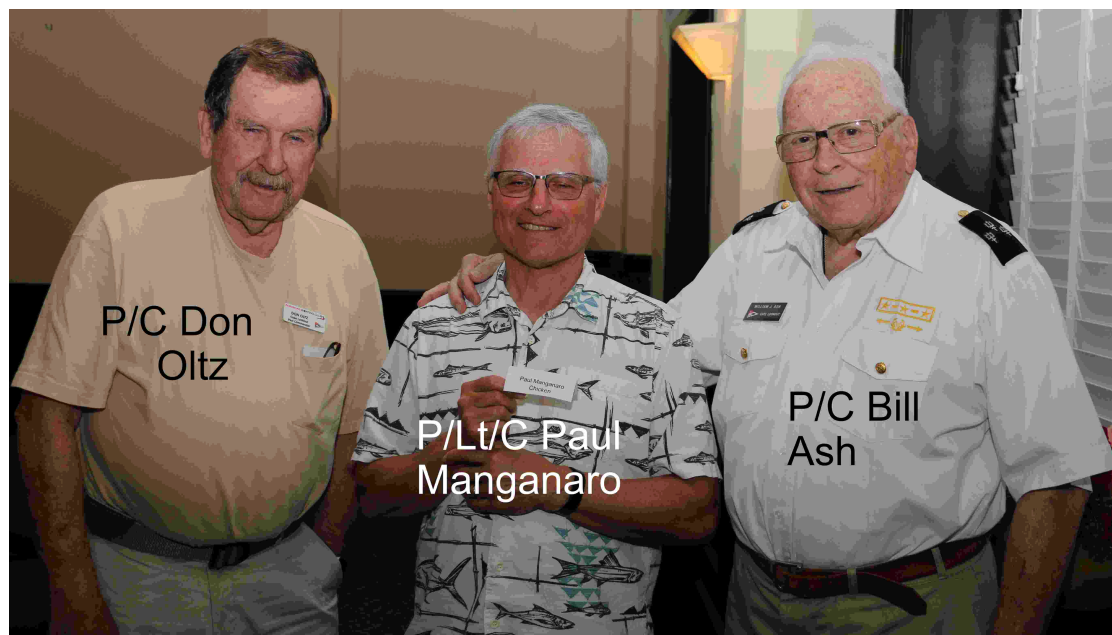
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## July Dinner Meeting Photos by the Editor





## Bike MS Rest Stop Pictures by Lydia Ash



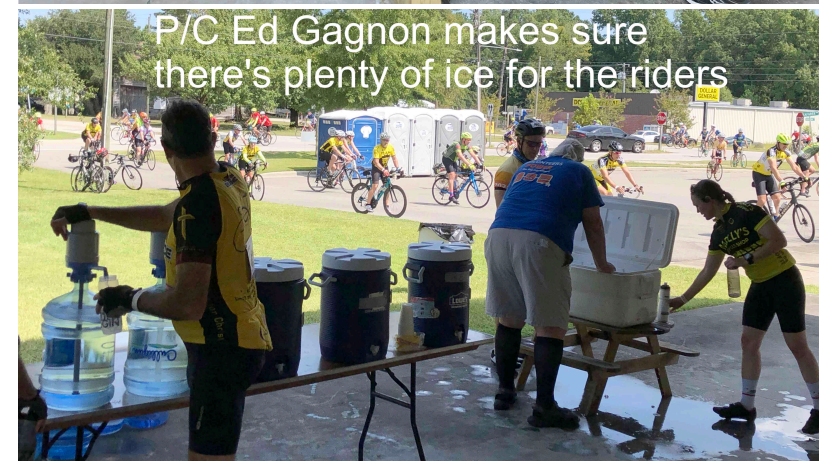
P/C Ed Gagnon makes sure there's plenty of mustard & pickle juice



Leslie Lambrecht "captures" some bikers



Cdr Jane Moore & Lydia Ash Volunteering



P/C Ed Gagnon makes sure there's plenty of ice for the riders



## Ships Store Inventory

**Knit Shirts:** Ladies and men's short sleeve knit shirts - \$15. White and navy.  
Sizes: Ladies: S, M, L Men's: M, XL

**Ladies Long Sleeve Denim Shirts:**  
\$12.50, Available sizes M and L

**Squadron Burgee** sells for \$25.00.



**Pennant magnets** are priced at \$5. They can be placed on your vehicle or refrigerator.

**Brushed Velcro Hat - white CLSPS logo, \$10.00**  
**Cotton Visor - White and Navy CLSPS logo USPS D27 \$10.**

**Fleece Vest with CLSPS logo, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** We have navy.  
Sizes: S, M, L \$18.

**Reflector Safety Vest — ABC Geodetic Marker Recover Team, Size L, \$30.00**

The inventory on hand has Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron logo and United States Power Squadron logo, with CLSPS and our burgee. We have a catalog from a Bender Apparel, please contact Cdr Moore for details.

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Contact Cdr Jane Moore at [jane.moore@suddenlink.net](mailto:jane.moore@suddenlink.net) or 252-637-5547

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