

'06 RONDY WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON, N.C.

By Pat Hunt

The 2006 East Coast Camano Owners Rendezvous was the best rondo we have ever had. Set in the beautiful town of Washington North Carolina, perfect weather, beautiful scenery and hospitality were abundant.

Al Rossiter along with his wife Sylvia and his committee Don and Betsy Sawyer, Tom and Brenda Haislet, Ray and Connie Mack, Ralph and Dottie McFarland, Robin Smart and Joan Jealous, Jack and Jean Bishop and Paul and Pat Martin planned an incredible 3 day event.

The daily events were held in the Washington Waterfront and Civic Center in the heart of town just a block from the newly built docks.

Day 1 consisted of a Welcoming Reception courtesy of the Annapolis Sailyard and a delicious Carolina Pig Pickin' furnished by Camano Marine Ltd.

Day 2 began with a continental breakfast and a tour of the North Carolina Estuarium. After an open lunch hour in town the owner/members gathered for a Homeland Security 'How it affects boating' lecture given Capt. Lee of the U.S. Coast Guard. Following a short break Claiborne Young, cruising author, shared a slide show about 'Threats to ICW Cruising'. A short ECCO business meeting which approved the dues for 2007 to remain the same, a treasurer's report from Lou Black and recommendations for rondo sites for 2007. Gary and Marilyn Evans graciously accepted the challenge to chair the 2007 Rendezvous event. The evening on day 2 included another reception courtesy of Annapolis Sailyard and a grilled chicken/pork loin dinner courtesy of the ECCO.

Day 3 also began with a continental breakfast and then a tour of the famous Fountain Powerboat plant located near by. After an open lunch in downtown Washington Ken and Sally Hohmann gave a photo presentation of their cruise to Canada. A Camano additions and modifications session was given by Paul Martin and Al Rossiter; if you are interested in that information you may contact either of them via email. A Q&A session with Brad Miller, Camano Marine Ltd owner was held via phone and a lot of great information was shared. The 3rd day ended with a most memorable seafood dinner hosted by Jack and Jean Bishop at their lovely home in Bath, North Carolina. All the owner/members were treated like royalty as only a special couple like Jack and Jean could do, thank you so much Jack and Jean.

Thank you again: Al & Sylvia Rossiter, Don & Betsy Sawyer, Tom & Brenda

Haislet, Ray & Connie Mack, Ralph & Dottie McFarland, Robin Smart & Joan Jealous, Jack & Jean Bishop and Paul & Pat Martin.