

North Carolina Chapter Report 2012

- Discussions commenced with NCFS and State Historical Property Office for termination of tower lease on Bearwallow Mountain fire tower for purpose of developing new lease for NC chapter of FFLA
- Discussions commenced with NC BRIDGE crew for assistance in labor for restoring Bearwallow Mountain tower
- Discussions commended with local HAM radio club for assistance monitoring & restoring Bearwallow Mountain tower
- Bearwallow Mountain tower keeper house suffered severe internal vandalism in May, tower unharmed
- Bearwallow Mountain tower received \$500 FFLA restoration grant; work to begin in 2013
- Rich Mountain fire tower vandalized with graffiti; \$150 Emergency Stabilization Fund grant receive to purchase paint; volunteer to complete work in early 2013
- FFLA Historian Bob Spear visited in Fall 2012, took site visit to Bearwallow Mountain tower
- "Lookout Tower Challenge" hiking program, in coordination with Carolina Mountain Club, had several completers and subsequent new FFLA members

Goals for 2013:

- Develop routine chapter email communication w/ mass-email program like MailChimp
- Meet with NPS & other players in attempt to revitalize Shuckstack restoration effort
- Continue exploring feasibility of lease transfer on Bearwallow Mountain tower to NC chapter
- Perform restoration work on Bearwallow Mountain tower
- Perform restoration (paint) work on Rich Mountain tower
- Implement fall access dates for Fryingpan Mountain tower
- Implement log books for hikers at several WNC towers
- Re-establish NC chapter website & blog