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SILENT KEY

On February 22, 2005 the Rowan amateur Radio Society lost one of its staunchest supporters. On that date Bill Hill, **K4IRY**, died.

He was a native of Salisbury, having been born here 82 years ago. He was a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, attended some graduate classes at Duke University, and had studied at Coyne Electrical and Radio School in Chicago Ill.

He taught at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College until his retirement in 1988. He also worked for a time with the N. C. Employment Security Commission.

He was a navy veteran of World War II, serving as a crewman on a Grumman TBM Avenger. I believe he was the radioman. If he ever told me what carrier he flew from I've forgotten. He didn't talk much about his experiences, but he did tell me about one time his plane made an emergency landing on an island that wasn't fully secured and he had to help repel a charge by Japanese soldiers at the airstrip during the night. With regrets, he told me of having to shoot one with his .45. They came that close.

His membership in the club was paid up until **2053**. That's because whenever there was a need for equipment by the club when it restarted in in the late 1960's he had his donations go to his membership instead of being refunded ... And that's when dues were usually \$1 per year.

Though he never served as one of the three main officers of the club, whenever he was able he attended meetings, built equipment for the club, and generally did lots of "grunt" work for us. It is unfortunate that many of the club members were never able to get to know him since he had been confined to his home for a number of years. He still kept a schedule with old ham friends even then. I've seen a picture (wish I had it to publish it) of him with his walker modified to carry his 2 meter HT at the ready. 73 Bill C U L, **WB4AQK**

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Minutes: February 14, 2005

The meeting started at 19:20 local (We had to make coffee without the usual coffee maker . . . someone else was using it).

The President, Bobby, **WD4IJX**, announce the excellent results of the communications assistance with the Rowan Runners Winter Flight. There

were five operators involved. They were: Ralph, **WB4AQK**; Bobby, **WD4IJX**; Jim, **KA4MPP**; Bob, **KG4WAD**; and Buddy, **N4FCC**.

John, **N4QVM**, brought information on the ARRL course on Emergency Communications. The cost is ABT \$45 and well worth it. His only problem was in getting his mentor to follow through with some of his work. He says it is a thoroughly enjoyable course.

Bobby, **WD4IJX**, announced Present's Day lunch and meeting at

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Ruffy-Holmes on February 16, at 11:30 AM. There were two positions available for our club. He asked for volunteers who would go and report club activities. Ralph Brown, **WB4AQK**, and Buddy Caudle, **N4FCC** accepted the task.

The new antenna and mounting hardware for the 73 repeater is in hand and all that is needed is someone to climb the tower. Butch, **W4WEE**, may be the one. There are also some guys that are loose and need fixing. Discussion concerned a time when a work party could be mounted. No time was decided upon at this meeting.

It was brought to the club's attention that there were two persons present who were willing to join the society. Ralph moved that they both be admitted (since he already had \$5 from each one of them). The motion was seconded by Janet, **KI4CKS**, and the vote was unanimous that they become new members. They are: Wade A. Sibert, **KC4NBW**, A Tech Plus and Patti Stephens, **KI4GUN**, both of 142 Stonybrook Road, Salisbury NC 28147.

New business

Patti had inquired, by email about a space at the hamfest to set up her donut maker and sell them at the 'fest. She was inquiring about the space and any permits and so on she might need. Since this was a new situation to the hamfest, Ralph was detailed to check with the Civic Center and Patti was to get in touch with the club Secretary/Treasurer concerning the agreements on the division of the profits.

Grey, **KI4CKR**, announced that the next VE testing session would

be on Saturday March 5 at the library.

Some one announced that there was a ragchew net on 145.410, down, tone 136.5, at 9:00 PM on Tuesday night.

Program:

Two short video programs from ARRL were shown. They were: "Any Time", relating to Amateur Radio in times of disaster, and "Field Day Fever". Which depicted the fun and seriousness of the FD exercise.

Persons Attending:

WD4IJX, W4WEE, N4QVM, KA4MPP, KA4NHL, KI4CKR, KI4CKS, KI4FFT, and new members **KC4NBW, AND KI4GUN**.

TESTING RESULTS

Billy Stewart, **WA4PVI**, reported that the testing held on March 5 produced three new Amateurs. They are: Joseph Barone III, **KI4JBG**, Eric Schenk, **KI4JBH**; and Richard Carlson, **KI4JBI**. I assume they are all Technicians. Contragulations!

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FINANCES

Here is the financial report that I intended to make at the last meeting but could not find.

The Rowan Amateur Radio Society
P. O. Box 593
Salisbury, NC 28145

The Rowan amateur Radio Society exists to secure for its members the pleasures and benefits of associating with persons commonly interested in amateur radio in any and all its facets. Its purpose is to facilitate the exchange of information, radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency among members. Society programs and activities are intended to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the general community.

The Society is a nonprofit organization and seeks no payment for services it provides the community's agencies.

Membership

Membership in the Society is open to all applicants who express a willingness to abide by the Society's Constitution and By-laws. Persons may apply at regular meetings and are considered elected when approved by two-thirds of those members present

Meetings

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday night of the month at 7:00 PM at the Ruffy-Holmes senior Center at 1120 S. Boundary Street

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Harmonics, the club newsletter is published monthly, mostly. Submit articles, complaints, corrections, or comments to the club Secretary. Material may be reprinted provided proper credit is given.

Editor - Ralph Brown, **WB4AQK**

Income

Brought forward ...	\$3595.05
Dues	200.00
Donations	65.00
Refresh. Donations ..	100.19
Patches	10.50
HF tickets	1665.00
HF food	270.00
HF tables	230.00
Christmas party	242.00
Reimbursements	110.82
Total	\$6495.06

Expenses

Meeting Refresh. ... \$	107.98
Postage	198.24
FD rent	56.00
FD food	20.77
Ant. Tripod	26.74
R-H donation	100.00
Tech class	90.00
HF rent	385.00
HF kitchen	174.71
HF flyers	298.47
HF advertisement ...	196.00
HF change	350.00
Christmas party	343.35
Project prizes	120.00
Op of Yr. plaque	40.81
Acct start reimburse. .	100.00
Total	\$2608.07

Income \$6495.06
- Expenses . . . 2608.07
Brt. For. '05 \$3886.99

The above shows the banking account. Within the books I also kept an account of the Fred McGinnis, WD4KJZ, account as per the club's vote some years ago. For those new to the club, This account started with ABT \$2000 dollars from the sale of equipment willed to the club by a former member ie. WD4KJZ.

The club determined that these monies would be used for

items or activities that promoted Amateur Radio in the county. Hence, expenses for the Ham Fest, Tech classes, and so on, came out of this account.

Also, "profits" from the Ham Fest goes to re-supply the account. The idea was to keep its original amount always available. It usually decreases to ABT its original amount at hamfest time and increases after the hamfest.

To give a detailed account would be to repeat items in the bank account, so I'll only give totals for 2004.

We started with \$3288.66 in January 2004. Before the receipts for the ham fest were deposited it stood at \$2031.79 and finished the year at \$3663.71. It presently is \$2851.97

From out of the past

Five Years ago

Three local hams were cited for using FM and LSB on 27.320 and 27.375 Mhz. They weren't RARS members.

The Club met at Rufty-Holmes in February. We were sort of booted out of lthe library.

President Carol, W4CLM demonstrated old and new scanners.

Ten Years Ago

President Luke, KQ4OQ, presently KK4LH, was late so VP Jack, W8ZRI, opened the meeting. Luke got there before Henry, N4UH, started his program on Transmission Lines.

Fifteen Years Ago

Uncle Henry, is Secretary/ Treasurer and publishes the *Harmonics*, claiming it to be of all things irregular and announces that Ralph, WB4AQK, is the new president ... for the second year running ... And Paul, KB4OEN, is VP. Al Parker, W8UT, is running a Monday night,(except when the club meets,) code practice session. Henry reported that those who worked on the air using W200EXU, during the Bicentennial Celebration helped get RARS a WAS certificate. Henry also reports good things with his new 160 meter that he calls the Lazy U, ie the U is laying on its side. Even back then no one would contribute to the newsletter.

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Roster and Member Information

We have a new roster but I've decided, after a trial, that it isn't a good idea to send it as a .pdf file.

Consequently you will soon get a copy in the mail along with a form (probably the club application form) we're asking you to complete and send back so we can bring our membership data up to date and get some ideas for programs.

The envelope will also indicate whether or not you have paid this year's dues as we used to do. That means that you will need to look right after your call on the envelope to see what year you are paid through. Some are only through 2003!

CALL SOMEONE AND REMIND THEM OF THE MEETING ON MARCH 14.