

HARMONICS

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Meeting May 8, 2006

Visitors Chris Looney
KI4PAP
Jerry Roberts **KI4PAQ**

Introductions of calls and
names

Gary welcomed all stated
that there was an immense
wealth of knowledge in the room
and if you ever need to know
something that anyone in the
room would be happy to help
(directed to the two new hams in
the room)

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Treasure report
Current account total
3781.43 less expenses

Expenses rent for field day,
ad for hamfest, and meeting
refreshments
3095 is McGuinness fund

Old business:
Fix door at the storage build-
ing in Spencer -open item not
done

Clarence, **K4SHU** is fixed
and back on the air(Had the
coax to the antennas cut by a
mower.)

Ralph, **WB4AQK**, reported
N4UH, Uncle Henry Elwell has
lost two antennas in the wind
storm, Lazy L and Lazy H.
Rhombic ok Triband ok has
problem we need to ask him if he
needs help putting these back up

ARRL T shirt/pin order form
passed around Janet will be or-
dering T shirts/pins at the end of
the week

CQ Kids day June 17 2006 at
1800-2400 UTC. Exchange:
name, age, location and favorite
color. Just apply to Boring Am-
ateur Radio club either on the
web or send sase.

If you are around any kids on
that day you can get them on the

air and they can receive a certificate
with their name on it

Ralph brought up I need to con-
tact Bruce Rider for contact for Jota
Jamboree on the air in scouts

Field Day Rules
Bonuses for GOTA (Get on the
air stations) and does not count to-
ward the operating station count

At the Mt Ulla shelter at the
Sloan Park

Power provided by Gary
W1WBT

Vote for amplifier yes
Are allowed to pitch tent
Fans will be available
Need to down load logging
sheets form the ARRL

Next business:

Chris and Jerry looking for
equipment

Cedar city coming to the Ham-
fest and so is Alinco dealer DJB
electronics

Ralph and Derwood, **K4PXU**,
went to Don Rollins, **AE4JB**, Fu-
neral

He was a Methodist preacher out
at Gays Chapel the transferred to
Lexington and involved in VE pro-

gram and a person who has given a lot to many people.

No program due to Bob Yarbrough, **KG4WAD**, sick and was not able to come

Gary will have a program next month on grounding

John Dwiggins, **N4QVM**, say MARS unit will operate the Sat and Sun

Net on 8 pm Gary will do two and Grey, **KI4CKR**, will do two for the coming Month

There is a new club in Davie County and John Dwiggins is the president of that club and they meet at the Davie co hospital 7 p first Tuesday of every month they are also working on getting an ARES group started.

Comments

Frank Waring, **AF4D**, went to Southeastern VHF meeting and learned about "Rain Scatter" It is like going to a hamfest but nothing is for selling, but many forums.

Ralph made a request labels to mail out hamfest flier they came in 28,000 labels free

Rooster for the meeting

Call	Name	Member?
KI4CKR	Grey Smith	Y
KI4CKS	Janet Smith	Y
KI4FFT	Christina Smith	Y
W4FQV	Nelson Large	Y
KA4NHL	Nona Morris	Y
KA4MPP	Jim Morris	Y
KG4VQU	Tom Neill	Y
KI4PAP	Chris Looney	N
N4QVM	John Dwiggins	Y
N4QY	Larry Wright	Y

W8WRI	Jack Barnhart	Y
KN4OR	Tommie Wood	Y
WA4PVI	Billy Stewart	Y
K4REO	Bob Rectar	Y
K4SHU	Clarence Beaver	Y
KI4PAQ	Jerry Roberts Jr	N
AF4D	Frank Waring	Y
N4FCC	Buddy Cauble	Y
KU4PT	Ralph Mowery	Y
WB4AQK	Ralph Brown	Y
W1WBT	Gary Hattaway	Y
W4WEE	Butch Edge	Y
WA4LPN	Carolyn Stewart	Y

Meeting adjourned at 2011

Need to down load the entire Field day packet from: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/06-fd-packet.pdf>

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Roster Corrections

W8ZRI: e-mail = w8zri@salisbury.net
 N4FCC: e-mail = n4fcc@netzero.com
 N4UH: e-mail = henryn4uh@cs.com
 K4REO: dues = 07
 KI4GUN: phone = 702-202-1475
 WA4PVI: dues = 11
 WA4LPN: DUES = 11

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EMCOMM training

By Bob Yarbrough, **KG4WAD**

Most of you have heard that the Department of Homeland Security now requires all volunteers, including amateur radio operators, to be certified on the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

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 Rufty-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

Courses are available online and free of charge at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp> . All ARES/RACES members need to take IS-100, IS-200, and IS-700 no later than October 1, 2006.

When you complete a course, you will receive a certificate in the mail. Send a copy of all three certificates to your county EC. You can scan these and email them to your EC if you prefer. It's also a good idea to keep copies of your certificates in your vehicle or go-kit.

Bobby and Dick and I had a meeting the other morning to re-evaluate the call down list and procedures. Dick is revising the list and we will distribute it as soon as we have it.

At this Monday's meeting, (June 12), we ask that folks bring their handhelds and operator's manuals so we can make sure all the frequencies we propose to use are programmed in correctly.

Also, if time permits, I'm bringing my camera to take photos of all members so we can have ARES badges printed up. I downloaded some software that allows you to paste in photos, logos, call signs, etc. with the purpose of creating an ID badge. Mind you, this will NOT replace a valid Red Cross Disaster Services ID or a CERT badge, but it will identify you as an ARES communications volunteer in the event of an emergency.

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FCC Code Ruling

All bets appear to be off as to when the FCC might make a final decision on deleting the Morse code requirement. Last July, an FCC Notice of FCC Morse Code ruling Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235 proposed to eliminate the Element 1 (5 WPM) Morse code requirement for all license classes. Most observers expected the Commission to release a Report and Order (R&O) to that effect by the end of this year.

Before tackling the Morse proceeding, the FCC wants to wrap up another important Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket 04-140, the so-called "omnibus" or "phone band expansion" proceeding. Responding to an ARRL inquiry, FCC personnel would not go on the record and declined even to hazard a ballpark guess on when the FCC might act on either Amateur Radio proceeding.

When the FCC does act, no one's expecting any major surprises: The Commission appears poised to simply drop the Morse requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes as it proposed last summer. Beyond that, the FCC turned away several other petitions, including proposals to create a new entry-level license class.

Any FCC decision to eliminate the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for HF access would have no impact on either the current HF CW-only subbands or on the CW privileges of Amateur Radio licensees. Current Technician licensees who have not

passed Element 1 will not gain HF access if the FCC drops the Morse requirement.

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Governor Declares Amateur Appreciation Week

Thanks to some hard work by Bill Morine, N2COP, Governor Easley has declared Field Day week, June 18-25, as "Amateur Radio Appreciation Week". The proclamation can help publicize Field Day in our community and will help if our group wants to apply for a similar proclamation from our local government.

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Vermont Antenna Bill

Vermont Gov Jim Douglas has signed Amateur Radio antenna legislation that puts the language of the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1 into the Green Mountain State's statutes. Vermont is the 23rd state to adopt an Amateur Radio antenna law.

The new law requires local ordinances to comply with 97.15(b) "by allowing for the erection of an Amateur Radio antenna or an Amateur Radio antenna support structure at a height and dimension sufficient to accommodate Amateur Radio Service communications."

Language in the original Vermont antenna bill outlined a schedule of minimum regulatory heights, below which localities could not impose restrictions. That language did

not survive the legislative process, however.

Section 1 of the bill declares it Vermont policy "that Amateur Radio use and Amateur Radio antennas and support structures protect and promote the public interest by providing important communications support to both government and the public during times of emergency when other communications infrastructure is disabled or overburdened and by presenting the public with an opportunity for public service, self-training, communications and technical investigation."

From ARRL Bulletin #10

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From the SM

I enjoyed meeting so many of you at the Morganton, Raleigh and Rockingham County Hamfests and I appreciate the warm welcome I'm receiving from everyone. I look forward to visiting many clubs in the section over the next two years. I have an ARRL Annual Report presentation that I'm sharing, so let me know if you'd like me to attend your meeting. I also welcome feedback on what you'd like to see in this Monthly Section News. The email is distributed to over 2,000 ARRL members and I would be happy to publicize your major events.

The hair on the average ham may be receding and graying, but there are also outstanding young people involved in our hobby. I will be profiling these emerging leaders occasionally.

day. NC4DP has been featured several times in the Charlotte Observer. The Center offers special classes and demonstrations to school children and is active during contests and special events. The well equipped station has worked everyone from King Hussein to astronauts on the space shuttle and International Space Station. I've worked a monthly shift at Discovery Place for years and enjoy the small pileups that start when other hams hear I'm at a museum station.

John White, WB2NHQ is station manager and Mac Wood, W4PVT coordinates volunteers. They have openings for operators during the week and on weekends. You can also volunteer to be a fill-in operator, or just come down and have fun for a few hours (bring a copy of your license). Contact

wb4nhq@w4bfb.org or nc4dp@discoveryplace.org.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Our section Public Information Coordinator, Bill Morine, N2COP and former Wilmington mayor, Ham Hicks, KB4BR continue their efforts to have a PRB-1 bill introduced in the NC legislature. Sen. Julia Boseman has been particularly supportive. In the meantime, Bill's request to have Field Day Week declared "Amateur Radio Appreciation Week; was denied by the governor's office. They have ham radio classified as a career enhancement organization and as such, we don't qualify for a proclamation. Bill is working to educate the governor's proclamation committee on amateur radio's

role as an important public resource. Thanks to Bill and Ham for their efforts.

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June Program

Summer is coming on and that means thunder storms and lightning. (I know, we already have had some good ones.)

How are you grounded?

Don't miss the meeting on Monday, June 12 and you will probably be able to answer that question if you can't now.

The reason is that our President Gary, W1WBT, is going to tell us all about grounding.

And if you've read anything earlier in this rag, you know there is going to be lots happening.

Be sure to comb your hair and get your teeth shiny for Bob's camera.

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Financial Report

Brought Forward \$3618.84
Income:

Dues	35.00
HF Tick. & Tab	32.00
Refresh donations	13.00
	\$3698.84

Disbursements	
Ruffy-Holmes	100.00
Balance	\$3598.84

McGinnis Fund \$3095.82