

HARMONICS

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EARLY HARMONICS: The reason is Field Day and The Firecracker Hamfest coming on successive weekends.

The details are in last month's minutes that tell who does what when. But after a discussion with Pres. Gary we made changes to FD set up. The time to meet for breakfast is 7:30 A. M. The reason is that we want to be at the park when it opens and breakfast might be slow.

Meeting June 12

Minutes were read and accepted.

Treasurer report: Bank Total \$3598.84

McGinnis (WD4KJZ) Account \$3095.82

Old business:

Doors to storage unit will not be fixed during June but Gary

Hattaway, **W1WBT**, and Bob Yarborough, **KG4WAD**, will work on it ASAP. (July)

Radio at Red Cross
Concerning the VHF rig, Bob reports that for any frequency above 146, power out is 40 watts. Anything lower than 146, out put is 12 to 14 watts
Bob Yarbrough, **KG4WAD**, gave out listing of frequencies programmed in that radio so all members could be sure they had those programmed into their rigs.

The Call down Procedure has been revised. Call down sheet was passed around for phone number corrections. It was presented by Dick Smith, **KI4HNX**.

ARES members will be required to have ICS 100, 200, and 700 training certificates completed by Oct 6, 2006. Can do them on line in a couple of hours time at www.fema.gov.

Bob will make badges for us if we want them. Club thinks it is a great idea and would appreciate

Bob doing it. Pictures to be taken after the meeting.

New business:

DBj Radio and Electronics will be at our ham fest. They are Alinco radio dealers among other ham supplies such as Log periodic antennas, books, and connectors etc. Will donate \$50.00 to club if we would put ad in newsletter.

Bob Lewis, **WD4IJX**, made motion to accept and Christina, **KI4FFT**, 2nd. Approved.

Mecklenburg has asked for our help with a bike ride and another race and wants to come to a club meeting to present to the club. Club said it would be ok to invite to a meeting.

RARS net: The net was called with very little check-ins. With so few check ins do we continue to call the net? What can we do to spice up the net?? Have EC give a class on certain subjects during the net. Ralph, **WB4AQK**, will call the net and spice it up.

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Ralph picked up a rig from Ed Murphy, **N4NOI**, who has donated a lot of equipment to the club. Club may use for Field Day. Gary will check out rig and club to decide at another meeting the fate of the machine.

Motion made to make Ed an honorary life time member. Motion 2nd and approved unanimously.

Two new applications for membership were submitted, President Gary Hattaway, **W1WBT**, called for a vote for acceptance and the club unanimously approved Jerry Roberts, **KI4PAQ**, and Chris Loney, **KI4PAP**. Welcome to RARS!!!

Field Day:

Janet Smith, **KI4CKS**, read rules and will work the G-O-T-A station (Get On The Air)

Activities discussed were:

PR information table

Invitations of elected officials

Time Warner cable

PSA on radio station and ad to Salisbury Post

Janet got written log sheets

ARRL Message in CW

NTS form message to ARRL section leader

Ralph will call Frank Waring, **AF4D**, to remind him to bring rig to field day for APRS demonstration.

Boy Scouts work toward a badge if they come to field day.

Create a pamphlet to invite more people and we need to give out ham-fest fliers at the same time.

Meet for breakfast June 24, 2006 at 8:00 am at Great Scott (Corner of Lincolnton Road and Jake Alexander Blvd.) Start time is 2 p.m. Park opens at 9 a.m.

Gary will cook hamburger and hot dogs, Patti Stephens, **KI4GUN**, and Wade Sibert, **KC4NBW**, will help him for supper Saturday. Bring your own lunch. Ralph will cook pancakes on Sunday morning. Breakfast ends at 8:00. Also, remember the banner, Ralph.

Patti will bring table cloth.

Ham fest:

Patti and Christina will man the kitchen Chris will put a few hours in kitchen.

Bobby Lewis will do talk in

Larry Wright, **N4QY**, Luke Hamaty, **KK4LH**, and Jerry will sit at club table.

Nona Morris, **KA4NHL** and Bob Rector, **K4REO**, will Handle tickets at the door while Butch Edge, **W4WEE**, and Bobby do tickets and tailgating area outside.

Everyone is invited to show up Friday afternoon about 3:00 to help set up. Vendors who arrive and set up early will be our guest for supper about 7:00 Friday night. Members are welcomed to the supper but must pay their own way.

Wade will auction off auction items.

Christina moved to adjourn

Those in attendance:

Patti Stephens, **KI4GUN**; Janet Smith, **KI4CKS**; Grey Smith, **KI4CKR**; Christina Smith, **KI4FFT**; Michael Seaford; William Edge, **W4WEE**; Dick Smith, **KI4HNX**; Bob Yarbrough, **KG4WAD**; Chris Loney,

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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.

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 KI4JBH; Bobby Lewis,
 WD4IJX; Ralph Brown,
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Roster Changes

Add new members:

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This request will be voted
 upon at the next meeting.

N4NOI: Dues = Life

KI4JBH: email =
 eric_ki4jbh@yahoo.com

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Financial Report

This report is as of June 22.

Brought Forward .
 \$3598.84

Income

HF Tick & Tab . . 76.00

Dues 15.00
 Refresh donation . . 10.00
Total **\$3699.84**

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Filler

Sunspot Predictions

A new computer model of solar dynamics produced by scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research predicts the next solar cycle to begin a bit later than earlier believed, but to rise much higher, perhaps 30-50% higher than the current solar cycle just ending. Their model claims to predict cycles 16-23 using earlier data with 97% accuracy. I would love to see some dissenting scientific opinion, but of course in my heart I long for another cycle 19 of the 1950s, one that I missed. 50% higher would just about get us there!

Disbursements
 Refreshments 6.62
 HF advert. 160.00
 HF postage 78.00
 HF rent 337.50
 HF envelopes 9.41
Total **591.53**

Balance **\$3108.31**

McGinnis Fund

Brought forward . \$3095.82
Income
 Tables/tickets. 76.00
Total **\$3171.82**

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 SERA AD 160.00
 Postage 78.00
 Rent 337.50
 Envelopes 9.41
Total **584.91**

Balance **\$2586.91**

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July Program

The tradition is to have a cool out meeting in July following the Hamfest. Nothing is sure yet so keep a watch on your e-mail. We will try to notify all by that means.

If the tradition continues, the meeting will start earlier and be over before dark.

Check into the Thursday night net on June 29 to get the scoop. If you don't have e-mail or check into the Thursday night net we will try to call you by phone.