

HARMONICS

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MINUTES

Minutes: July minutes not yet received.

Minutes: August 14

The meeting started at 19:07 local with 11 members and 2 visitors present.

Program:

The program was held first to allow the guest speaker, Shawn Goodin, **K4RSG**, from Harrisburg more time to return home. The program topic was on the "MS 150 Breakaway to the Beach" bike ride and how hams help with communications.

The event is a two day bike ride from Rockingham or Mon-

roe to Darlington, SC on September 16 and 17. Last year there were 2300 entries. Hams are primarily needed to man communications at rest points, ride with Ride directors, and other areas of communication

Volunteers must be willing to drive their own vehicles and bear expenses in Darlington..

See www.ridemaps.com for available rest stops, how to volunteer, and other info about the ride. You may also contact Shawn. He wanted sign-ups by Labor Day but said that they would probably take volunteers up to 7:00 on Saturday morning when the Ride starts in Monroe.

New Business:

Bobby Lewis, **WD4IJX**, has resigned as Rowan County Emergency Coordinator because of health reasons. The appointment of Bob Yarborough, **KG4WAD**, to replace Bobby has been sent to the state ARRL officers. **(Since the meeting he has been approved and is now our EC.)**

Bob presented the new District Emergency Coordinator, Mike Bryan, **WA6KWW**, who gave a summery of ARES needs and work and along with Bob

cited plans for reactivating the local ARES group from the ground up.

A decision was made to have ARES meetings the second Tuesday of each month at the Red Cross building at about 6:00. The first meeting will be on Tuesday September 12. Bob gave out forms for volunteers to complete.

(Since that time he has tried to contact all RARS members by e-mail or US mail inviting them to become members.)

Bob announced that there is to be an emergence drill on October 21 featuring a mock tornado.

The financial report was given and Bob Yarborough was appointed net control for the month.

There was a discussion on Publicity for the club. Someone suggested using the County Fair for that purpose. Cost for the club to go it alone was thought to be high. There is the possibility that we could go in with another organization such as the Red Cross. Janet Smith, **KI4CKS**, is to investigate.

An announcement was made that Kannapolis is celebrating its 100th birthday on September 23 and Cabarrus hams have a Special Event station and since Kannapolis is

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partly in Rowan County, Rowan hams are invited to participate. Hopefully more detailed info will be available at the September meeting.

After a short discussion of incorporation as a non-profit the subject was tabled.

Submitted by stand-in,
WB4AQK

Final Hamfest Rpt.

Expenses:

Rent	\$ 550.00
Advertisements	268.00
Flyers	300.81
Kitchen Supplies	177.23
Postage	87.41
Dealers Dinner	104.14
Change	<u>350.00</u>
Total	\$1837.59

Income:

Tables	\$ 267.00
Damage Refund	100.00
Kitchen Rpts.	356.94
Outside Tickets	1190.00
Inside Tickets	<u>425.00</u>
Total	\$2338.94

This adds \$501.35 to the WD4KJZ, McGinnis Fund.

Financial Report

AS Of July 30, 2006

Opening Balance	\$ 3304.31
Expenses	1039.87
Deposited	2238.94
Cash on hand	<u>47.00</u>
Balance	\$4550.38

Of this amount \$3993.98 is in the McGinnis fund.

Roster Additions

NE4TT, James Danter, Extra, 2603 Entrance Rd., Kannapolis, NC, 28081, ARRL Yes, 2006, 704-932-4345, ne4tt@arrl.net

KI4QCM, STACY Hauser, Tech, 549 Hillandale St., Concord, NC, 28025 ARRL ?, 2006, 704-699-0791, smhauseroy@gmail.com

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Traffic Nets

With the new ARES organization and our need for message practice I thought the following that I excerpted from the High Point Club's newsletter would be of interest to many.

Checking into our section nets and handling traffic is fun and helps prepare you for the next emergency. In addition to the many local VHF/UHF nets, there are seven HF nets to choose from and all welcome newcomers:

- 7:45am, 3.926MHz: Carolina Morning Net (SSB)
- 6:30pm, 3.923MHz: North Carolina Evening Net (SSB)
- 7:00pm, 3.573MHz: Carolinas Net - Early (CW — 20-22wpm)
- 7:00pm, 3.908MHz: Coastal Carolina Net (SSB)
- 7:30pm, 3.923MHz: Tarheel Emergency Net (ARES Net — SSB)
- 8:00pm, 3.695MHz: Carolinas Slow Net (CW, 8-10wpm)

The Rowan Amateur Radio Society
P. O. Box 593
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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

2006 Officers

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• 10:00pm, 3.573MHz: Carolinas Net — Late (CW, 15-18wpm)

With all those choices why not try at least one? With little or no traffic handling experience you can still partake in the excitement and learn how to take and pass traffic from some of the best in the state.

There are no tests, just check in and listen, or just listen for a few nights and check in when you feel comfortable.

—Bob Lukaszewski,
K4HA,
NC Section Traffic Manager
TRAFFIC NETS

Emergency training

In conjunction with the last article I'm republishing some info that we gave before concerning the needed training for emergencies. There is just one month left to get that done.

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).

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.

Equipment for sale

The following may be out of date now. I think many of you got the email already. I got it near the end of July.

Hi All!

I have for sale a DRAKE TR7 HF transceiver with matching PS7 power supply and SP7 speaker. Unit is excellent working condition. Cosmetically, I'd give it an 8. The only reason I don't give it a 9 or 10 is because the power supply has a scratch on the front. Radio covers entire HF spectrum from 1.6 to 30MHz on both TX and RX with no gaps. Has 8KHz AM and 500Hz CW filters installed, and I installed a RadioShack fan on the back. Includes Shure 444 microphone. Asking \$450

Send me private email at kb4cwr@myway.com if interested, or you can call me on my cellphone @ 704.640.3314. Please note that I'm not allowed to use my cellphone while I'm at work, but you can leave me a voicemail message and I'll get back to you.

TNX ES 73 DE NATHAN
KB4CWR

Sweepstakes Awards

The November Sweepstakes is a contest that many in our club used to work religiously and we often had state winners and once or twice high national scores.

There is a division for club entry that is as interesting as FD, Only you do all your work at home, not in the woods.. Maybe we should try it this year.

ICOM TO BE 2006 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES PRINCIPAL AWARDS SPONSOR

Icom has generously agreed to serve for a second year as principal awards sponsor for the ARRL November Sweepstakes. The Amateur Radio equipment manufacturer first took on that role for the 2005 events. This week, the company announced it would do the same this year. The 2006 CW Sweeps takes place November 4-5, while the phone Sweeps is November 18-19. Under its agreement with ARRL, Icom will be the principal sponsor for nearly 150 unsponsored contest plaques that recognize various levels of operating achievement in the popular annual competition.

"We are pleased to continue our role as principal awards sponsor for the 2006 November Sweepstakes," said Icom Amateur Radio Products National Sales Manager Ray Novak, N9JA. "It's a mutually beneficial arrangement and enhances the contesting experience for everyone."

ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, said the agreement with Icom will permit the League to recognize the accomplishments of many more of Sweepstakes participants, not just the very top scorers. Contest award plaques lacking club or individual sponsorship

typically cost their winners \$60 to \$70 apiece.

The 2005 ARRL-Icom Sweepstakes pact marked the first-ever corporate awards sponsorship for ARRL November Sweepstakes awards. Kramer has assured members -- in particular, regular ARRL contest participants -- that Icom's sponsorship will not in any way affect the integrity of the League's overall program of operating events. Individuals and non-commercial organizations already sponsor many plaques, and ARRL and Icom encourage their continued participation in the awards program.

October Hamfests

October has two interesting hamfests and the weather is usually pretty good in October.

October 7. . . .Rock Hill SC

October 14 Boone NC

Filler

I hope I've not used these jokes before. Member Tommi wood, KN4OR, sent me one by e-mail but it is a little too raunchy to publish here.

#1...Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

#2...Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?

#3...Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

#4...Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

#5...Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

#6...Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

#7...Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

#8...Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

#9...Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?

#10..If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

#11..Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

#12..Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

#13..Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

#14..Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

#15..Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end you first try?

#16..How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

#17..When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, "It's all right?" Well, it isn't all right so why don't we say, "That hurt, you stupid idiot?"

#18..Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

#19..In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

#20..How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

#21..If at first you don't succeed, shouldn't you try it like your wife told you to do it?

#22..And obviously if at first you don't succeed, then don't take up sky diving!

#23...And my FAVORITE..... The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends, if they're okay, then it's you.

DON'T FORGET!

SEPTEMBER MEETING
AT 7:00 PM ON THE 11th.