

HARMONICS



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SILENT KEY

Paul Dziezyc - KB4OEN

On February 21 RARS lost a loyal supporter. Paul died on that day. He was born in Stanford CT on January 1, 1922.

During WWII he served in the Navel Submarine Service. He was educated at J. M. Wright Technical School and the Radio Institute of America. He worked for Perkin-Elmer Corp., retiring with 35 years service in 1984. He was a frequent winner in Senior Games sprint races on the local, state, and national levels.

I don't know exactly when he joined RARS. I did find his name listed in reports of the June 1985 FD report but not before that. Some may remember the program he presented on the Hubble Telescope that Perkins-Elmer had made and why it exhibited some problems after being put in space. Most will remember him as being the one who supervised the kitchen at the Firecracker Hamfest, always bringing the hotdog cooker from his church, Sacred Heart here in Salisbury .



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Minutes: 2-12-07

Meeting called to order at 19:08.

Old business

1. VP Bob, **KG4WAD**, was ill and there was no update on the storage building. It was pointed out that there was supposed to have been a request to ask, in the *Harmonics* for February, the whereabouts of any and all club equipment held by members. That wasn't done.

THIS IS THAT QUESTION!

If you are holding (storing) any club equipment Please e-mail the club treasurer, or call him and report the item(s) you have. We need to get a list updated and kept current, at least until we get the storage secured.

2. On the question of incooperating, Janet, **KI4CKS**, reported that the only thing to do is for the treasurer to fill out some forms she has.

3. The Rufty-Holmes meeting assigned to Jim, **KA4MPP**, at the last meeting turned out to be the Council On the Ageing.

4. A discussion on the use of Dunn's Mountain for FD revealed that its use was still somewhat up in the air from the Park's side. Derwood, **K4PXU**, will check ABT looking at the site.

New business:

1. Christ, **KI4PAP**, asked about dates for testing. He was told that there was one scheduled for April 24.

2. The NC QSO Party was announced.

3.. Skywarn classes were announced as being held in Statesville on March 17 from 10:00 AM through 3:00 PM.

4. The financial report was given. (See later in this issue.

5. Larry, **N4QY**, says that there are two spaces available at the Dayton Hamfest If anyone is going and would like to sell.

6. Dick, **KI4HNX**, reported on the Red Cross Table Top Emergency exercise and said that it went well. Hams weren't involved much but were called on for communications at one point.

7. A discussion ended with the decision to have a fox hunt at the April meeting. Ralph, **WB4AQK**, will bring recommendations for procedures to the March meeting. (See later in this issue)

8. Net control for the Thursday night rag chew on 146.73 will be Derwood.

Program:

A DVD, "Fox Hunting" was shown. It presented the fundamentals of fox hunting, showing various techniques and antennas, and following the fox from the beginning of the hunt to the end.

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Financial Reports
2006

Income:

Brought forward	\$3970.63
Dues	290.00
Refresh Donation	119.81
HF table/tickets	267.00
HF Tickets	1615.00
HF Kitchen	356.94
Donations	170.00
Returned check	36.00
Voided lost ck.	86.30
Angel Child	142.00
Christ. Dinner	217.50
HF Damage rfund	100.00
No Receipts	<u>177.26</u>
Total	\$4482.75

Expenses:

Meet refresh	\$ 60.33
SERA ads	268.00
Reimbursements	701.59
Postage	173.85
Donation R/H	100.00
HF rent	550.00
HF food/supplies	113.35
HF change	350.00
Dealer's dinner	104.14
Angel Child	142.00
Prizes	250.00
Caterer	210.00
Plaque	<u>42.33</u>
Total	\$3065.69

Balance 12/31/06 \$4482.75

WD4KJZ fund \$3837.65

January 2007

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

Editor - Ralph Brown, WB4AQK
On the web
www.RowanARS.org

Brought forward	\$4482.75
Expenses	110.44
Deposits	36.55
Balance	\$4408.86

February 2007

Brought Fward	\$4408.86
Expenses	7.88
Deposits	25.77
Balance	\$4426.75

Suggestions for Fox hunt

For the first hunt for many of the members the suggestions that follow are made with the idea that the fox will not be very "foxy"

1. The fox will "hide" within the Salisbury City limits.
2. The fox will "hide" in a public place that will not require hunters to go on private property.
3. Beginning at 7:00 PM the fox will begin transmitting on the hunt frequency of 146.580 simplex and will continue transmitting for at least 5 minutes. Thereafter he will transmit at least two minutes every 15 minutes. The transmissions may be of any legal nature, ie taunts, test messages, radio checks, carrier, etc. He may, at his discession, transmit when hunters request it.
4. The fox may transmit at any power he chooses at the start and may only vary his power during the hunt by reducing power after the first hour. He may not increase his power any time after he starts transmitting.

5. Hunters may work together: as many as wants in the same car, or in different cars. They will not be limited in the frequencies they use as long as they are in the legal amateur bands.

6. The fox may not use a beam or directional antenna for transmitting. His signal must be vertically polarized.

7. Hunters will all start at the Rufty-Holmes center any time after the fox starts transmitting on the hunt frequency.

8. The first ham(s) at the fox's den will be the winner. There will not be any mileage calculations, etc involved with the exception that a traffic ticket acquired during the "chase" will void any ham's possibility of winning.

9. The fox may not be concealed inside a building, public or otherwise.

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Webmaster's Corner

Clubs Website

The Rowan Amateur Radio Society's web site has grown to well over 5 MB and now contains approximately 40 individual pages, exceeding the storage capacity allotted by our previous hosting service.

To address this problem I have secured a new hosting service with lots more server space available to us, and many features we did not have access to before.

Switching to a new hosting service also afforded us the opportunity to create a new Domain Name and new URL (commonly called a link) that helps define the

Rowan Amateur Radio Society as a non-profit organization, and it is...drum roll please.. (www.rowanars.org) I like to write it like this... (www.RowanARS.org) but you don't have too.

Anyway, we still have the old Domain Name and URL (www.w4exu.net) too, and for now when used, is currently re-directing visitors to (www.qsl.net/w4exu/) a plain, text-only web page with no bells, whistles, or pictures. Simple and boring but necessary while I transfer the old site over to the new server, no easy task I assure you.

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Clubs Yahoo Group

The club has a online discussion group called RARSnet which really complements the website and adds beneficial resources to the club. Most members are aware of the fact that the calendar feature can be configured to send out reminders about club meetings, nets, and special events.

But many are unaware of the fact that it also provides a safe and secure place for everybody to post comments and have ongoing discussions about amateur radio in general, you can also upload pictures and files, add links to your favorite websites, and even create Polls to find out what others think about a particular radio related topic.

It is a member based, moderated forum that requires each person to create an account and sign in with a unique ID and Password of their choice. This means that the messages and email addresses of members are not seen by the general

public. It also means that members won't be allowed to stray off-topic, post slanderous comments, or violate the Yahoo Groups TOS. If you haven't already signed up, why not give it a try, it's free.

RARSnet can be found by going to:
(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RARSNET/>)

Contacting The RARS Webmaster

If anyone experiences any trouble with either the clubs website(s) or RARSnet, feel free to contact me and I will work with you to resolve the problem as quick as possible.

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Net Changes

Carl Starnes, **W4EAT**, manager of the Carolinas Slow (CW) Net has announced that the net has been moved to 3571kHz in response to the FCC's pending rebanding of 80m. The CSN serves both North and South Carolina and meets nightly at 8pm, running CW at 8-10wpm. The net is a great place to get some training in CW traffic handling and you might even find your code speed creeping upwards! The net's web page is <http://home.carolina.rr.com/w4eat/csn.html> if you'd like more information.

As a reminder, other North Carolina Section Nets include:

- 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, 3.571MHz: Carolinas Slow Net (CW, 8-10wpm) -
- 10:00pm, 3.573MHz: Carolinas Net -- Late (CW, 15-18wpm)

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Section Manager Notes

UPDATED ARES PRESENTATION AVAILABLE

I enjoyed visiting folks in the eastern part of our state during the Area 1 & 2 meeting in Columbia, NC. We're lucky to have such a strong ARES organization in that part of our state that is so vulnerable to hurricanes.

I shared a revised version of my ARES introduction and Susan, **WA4AKB**, will be posting it on www.ncarrl.org. I've added some comments about the vulnerabilities of the public carrier networks and satellite services during disasters. The key point I make is that recent advances in

telecommunications technology have given our public network greater capability, but NOT better reliability. In fact, in some ways the public networks are LESS reliable. Amateur Radio is more important than ever!

FROM THE SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER -- Dave Roy, W4DNA

I know that some of our traffic handlers get frustrated sometimes by the volume of redundant traffic that moves into the section. We do seem to get a lot of the "Congratulations on your license renewal" kinds of messages. Some people even use this as an excuse not to get involved in traffic handling. But I believe the content of the message is irrelevant. Our business as NTS traffic handlers is to pass and deliver the traffic accurately and efficiently. If you want to "get good" at handling traffic, then you need to get involved in traffic handling. Step up to the HF nets and support your local traffic nets. "Get good" at what, in the end, is what we are all about-- organized communication -- passing traffic!

QCWA SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to North Carolina's own Reid Morine, **W4RSM**, for winning a memorial scholarship from QCWA! Reid is the son of our Section PIC, Bill