

HARMONICS



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Minutes June 11, 2007

Attending:

Patti Sibert, KI4GUN; Ralph Brown, WB4AQK; Gray Smith, KI4CKR; Dave Hughey, KE4VED; Jim Morris, KA4MPP; Clarence Beaver, K4SHU; Tommie Wood, N4YZ; Gary Hattaway, KQ1E; Butch Edge, W4WEE; Rick Wallace, K4PM; Terence Wallace; Larry Wright, N4QY; Janet Smith, KI4CKS

President:

Gray Smith called the meeting to order after all HAMS had their

fill of donuts. Secretary: Patti Sibert read minutes from the May meeting for approval of the club.

Treasurer: Ralph Brown gave financial report:

Brought Forward \$3293.41

Ham Fest advertisement
160.00

Dues
10.00

Ham Fest Tickets
20.00

Balance: 3163.41
McGinnis Fund 2643.84

Gray Smith, announced the fact that due to easy ordering on the internet and other on line avenues, Ham Fest attendance is getting lower and lower and wanted to bring for discussion what RARS could do to improve our Ham Fest.

Ideas brought forward were:
-75 meter slide show
-CW contest
-QRP contest
-Home Brew Contest
-ARRL material
-SERA is great organization to approach for educational material

RARS voted and approved to add a "Home Brew" Contest to this years Ham Fest.

Home Brew is anything that is home made and pertaining to amateur radio.

Larry Wright, PPR

Judges: Larry and Rick Wallace and possible one more.

Prizes

1st \$25.00
2nd \$15.00
3rd \$10.00

There will be Certificates and Ribbons for the Judges to give out.

Contestants must be present at the Club table with their "home brew" between 9:00 and 9:30 to answer questions from the judges. Winners will be announced at Ham Fest.

Gary Hattaway will check on getting the new ARES presentation and will be presented at the Ham Fest for anyone who wants to see it.

Rick Wallace will make a table to show Elecraft brochures and information.

The club hope bringing these new attractions to the Ham Fest will help with attendance.

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Reminder to Patti to send personal invitation to Fran Thomason
*Emergency Service Director
Mayor TV 14/ TV 3

Ralph will invite David Whisenant

Gary will invite WSAT Mike Mangan, WRNA Carl Ford

Testing at the Ham Fest will start at 10:00am and run thru 11:00 but will accommodate late comers.

Janet will compose and send NTS message to Tim Slay, N4IB. Field Day:

Field Day Breakfast will be at Hendrix on Innes Street at 8am on Saturday morning.

GODA station call sign will be in KQ1E

Ralph will get the coffee pot for field day

HAMFEST:

schedule for kitchen workers.

Patti and Wade 7:00 - 9:45
Dave Hughey & Christina Smith 9:30 - 11:00

Janet - Patti - Brad Sellers -Chris & Stacy (??) 11:00 - slow down
Dave - Christina - 12:00 - slow down

Anyone that is willing to help....PLEASE JOIN IN!!!!

Patti will try and get hot dog cooker from Catholic Church.

FOX HUNT #2

Larry Wright Fox.....very good hiding place!

Attending: Rick Wallace
Ralph Brown Janet Smith Gray
Smith Patti Sibert Wade Sibert

Hunter enjoyed breakfast at Hardee's and let promptly at 9 am to begin receiving transmissions from the fox.

- 1st Janet and Gray
- 2nd Rick and Ralph
- 3rd Patti and Wade

Janet and Gray will be the fox in the July fox hunt.

Great Job Larry!!

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Financial report as of July 3, 2007

Brt Forward .. \$3181.41

Income 77.00

Total \$3258.41

Expenses:

Memorial \$ 25.00
 2007 HF rent ... 287.50
 FD breakfast 24.28
 2008 HF rent 200.00
 HF change 350.00
Total \$ 886.78

Balance \$2371.63

McGinnis Fund \$1918.34

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Antenna Bill Progress

State House Bill 1340, the "Amateur Radio Antenna Bill" was approved by the Senate Com-

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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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merce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee on Thursday, June 14. HB1340 was introduced to the committee by Rep Daniel McComas (R-New Hanover), the bill's sponsor and received key support in the senate by Sen. Julia Boseman (D-New Hanover). Our own Ham Hicks, KB4BR provided the committee with details on the bill and answered questions.

After the hearing, Gerry Cohen introduced himself to me and said he was the director of bill drafting for the legislature. Gerry said he had written HB1340 himself rather than assign it to his staff because he thought he knew more about the subject than his employees. Gerry is K4GC! Although inactive for many years, Gerry has been licensed since 1964. He is a native of Connecticut and worked at ARRL headquarters during the summer of '66 and '67. Here are Gerry's comments on next steps:

"Though the committee approved the bill today, the report was not turned in (I expect that to happen Monday). If that happens, it will be on Tuesday's Senate calendar for approval, returned to the House Wednesday for concurrence in the date change amendment, probably concurred in Thursday of next week, ratified the following Monday, and delivered to the Governor Tuesday June 26. He then has 10 calendar days to act, with day 1 being June 27. This is all assuming no hangups along the way."

Antenna bill passes Senate

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Editor's note

I've watched this bill's progress from its start ...not just this year's legislature's work but over the past few years.

It is my opinion that we hams in North Carolina owe at least a rousing cheer for the New Hanover and other "down East" county hams for their continued hard work on getting representatives to see our needs.

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The Firecracker

This is the big weekend! We will be setting up on Friday after 12:00. And will have people arriving at about 6:00 on Saturday. If you haven't yet been assigned, or volunteered work time come on down and get in on the fun. We can always use extra people and we don't want to leave out anyone.

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July meeting

This is the traditional "After Hamfest Report and Eat the Left Overs Party". It will be held at the shelter behind the Rufty center. We usually try to get started about a half hour earlier than a usual meeting. If anyone would like to help get the food ready, call or e-mail me. HELP!!!!
 WB4AQK