

HARMONICS



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August Minutes

President Grey, **KI4CKR**, opened the meeting at 19:03

The financial report was given as it appeared in the *Harmonics*.

He asked about flyers for next year's Firecracker. They've not been done as no one was assigned the task. He asked for volunteers, but there were none so Grey said he would get it done.

He reported that the foxhunt was held and there was one hunter. Sam Jones, **KI4RVI**, from Lincolnton was the hunter who eventually found the fox. Most

said that they had forgotten that it would be held on Aug. 11. Grey will get in touch with Sam and see if he wants to be the fox and we will then schedule another.

It was announced that ICE classes would be held on September 15 from 11 AM to 4PM at fire station #7 in concord. This would include ICS 100 and 200. Chris Linker, **N3YMO**, will be the instructor. There is a possibility that he will also give the 700 and 800 ICE class on October 6.

VEC exams are also set for September 15 in Concord.

There was a discussion of the Jamboree-on-the-air (JOTA) event at Camp Barnhart on October 20. A number of members volunteered to help the scouts get on the air at that time. Tommie Wood, **N4YZ**, is going to scout out the site and report on needs at the next meeting.

Wayne Ashworth, **W4HG**, gave a report on his assistance to the children of Henry Elwell, **N4UH (SK)**, in getting Henry's equipment listed and priced. Henry wanted this club and the Iredell club to have first choice.

Wayne has listed the equipment on RARSnet.

Grey mentioned the continuing need for a Rowan ARES Emergency Coordinator and suggested that we all think about who this might be.

The meeting closed at 20:25 local.

Members Present: Grey Smith, **KI4CKR**; Dave Hughey, **KE4VED**; Butch Edge, **W4WEE**; Frank Waring, **AF4D**; Ralph Mowery, **KU4PT**; Wayne Ashworth, **W4HG**; Tommie Wood, **N4YZ**; Billy Stewart, **WA4PVI**; Carolyn Stewart, **WA4LPN**; Gene Edens, **KG4HJF**; Ralph Brown, **WB4AQK**.

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ICE Follow up

Chris is tied up all of Oct., so he looked over the material and decided that if he extends the class no more than an hour, til 4:00pm, he can go over all the material for ICS 100, 200 and 700 in one afternoon.

As of now, we have about 10 CARS club members that have expressed an interest in attending, so for the rest of Area 11, we need to limit it to 30 more people. A grand total of 40 people.

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The start time and date remain the same as in the preceding minutes.

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Financial Report

Brought forward	\$4697.59
Deposit	110.50
No Expenses	
Balance	\$4808.09

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JULY NORTH CAROLINA SECTION NEWS

NC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the following North Carolina hams who have won Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) scholarships: Josh Fisher, **W4WJF** of Vale; Daniel Ellis, **KG4IVC** of Pikeville; Robbie Rikard, **KG4MBQ** of New Bern; and Catherine McDaniel, **WB4CAT** of Mooresville.

KB4C AWARD

Larry Withrow, **AF4HX**, of Marion, NC has received the 2007 Miriam Smith, KB4C Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to amateur radio emergency and public service communications in Western North Carolina. The award was presented at the Western Carolina Hamfest on July 28th. Larry has participated in many SET's and simulated Disaster drills and almost single-handedly coordinated the 15 county participation in the Homeland Security terrorist & hostage drill held in 2005. Larry and the Marion club

(MARA) pulled it off almost flawlessly. The award is named in honor of Miriam Smith, KB4C who became a silent key in July 1995. Miriam was one of those amateur radio operators who felt deeply about her emergency and public service communications.

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST

It's not too early to begin planning your 2007 SET exercise. The national weekend is October 6-7, but your exercise can be held anytime before the end of the year. During September, the ARRL will be among dozens of organizations and agencies taking part in National Preparedness Month. "The Ready Campaign," produced by the Ad Council in partnership with the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is aimed at making citizen preparedness "a priority for every city, every neighborhood and every home" in the US. The ARRL encourages you to consider this year's Simulated Emergency Test and preparations for it as a demonstration of Amateur Radio's readiness and as an active participant in National Preparedness Month. One area of emphasis you might consider exercising this year is your ability to deploy resources quickly with little advanced notice. The ARRL's recent National Emergency Response Planning Committee emphasized the importance of this capability, stating "in the USA, we see a post-Katrina emphasis on speeding up the deployment of sophisticated communications systems after disasters so that governmental and non-governmental organizations can get to work quickly. As the emergency

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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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telecomm world as a whole speeds up its reaction time, so we hams must be better organized, more capable, and as quick as possible on the scene after our help is requested, if we are not to arrive after our window of usefulness has closed. Given ham radio's dependency on emergency communications as our reason to exist in this country, it would be suicidal to assume that what we have always been able to do, at the speed we have always been able to do it, will be just fine to maintain our relevance into the indefinite future."

CSN CHANGE OF COMMAND

The Carolina Slow Net (CSN) meets daily at 8 PM on 3695 kHz for training operators at CW traffic handling. The net generally runs at 8 to 10 WPM and is a great opportunity to get your feet wet in a supportive, no-pressure environment. Carl Starnes, W4EAT, has been CSN net manager for over seven years and has decided to take a well earned break from these duties. Don Negas, N0SU, has agreed to take over as CSN Net Manager for Carl. Thanks to both Carl and Don for their support of our National Traffic System.

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Up-coming Events

- September
- 15 -16 MS Breakaway to the Beach
- 15 -16 Virginia Beach HF

17 Memorial service for Henry Elwell, N4UH at 1:00 PM at New Salem United Methodist Church in Statesville NC.

- 28-29 TenTec 8th annual HF October
- 6 Rock Hill HF
- 14 Maysville NC HF
- 20 Pfafftown Swapfest (by Forsyth ARC)
- November
- 18 JARSfest Benson NC
- December
- 1 GAARC Swapfest Gastonia NC

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Memorial Page

If you haven't seen it yet Check out the memorial page that Herb, KF4TVI, has added to the RARS web site.

This site has grown to be quiet large. The memorial page was made from a list that I gave to Herb. I may have missed some former members that should have been added.

Check it out and let Herb know If I've made any mistakes. Also If you have pictures of any of these Sks, send a copy to Herb so they can be added.

If you've forgotten the location it is www.rowanars.org.

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A LETTER

Soon after I took on this job --- editor, I was given a series of stories by another Brown. They were funny and I enjoyed reading them and felt honored to get them from such a well known ham. Some of you probably remember

them for I was given permission to run them in the Harmonics.

I got them through N4UH. This week the club got a letter from him and I'm copying it here because I feel every member should see it and if it is read, as most correspondence is at a meeting, ... Well you know our percentage of attendance.

Fidalgo Care Center
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Dear Friends,

It was with great sorrow that I learned of the passing of my dear friend Henry Elwell, N4UH. He was a "real Ham", a rarity in these times.

We both got our start in ham radio as CW operators back in the 30's, chasing DX as best we could. We were both bitten by the "contest bug" in the late 30's but he had enthusiasm and stamina that lasted more than 60 years, decades more than mine.

We were both in the Navy during WWII, he afloat and I ashore. Our educations were technical; after VJ-Day, he went into industry while I went to graduate school. Forty years later we became friends as a result of our mutual interest in DX-ing and HF propagation. That was the start of a wonderful experience - by letter, e-mail and phone - that lasted until a few weeks ago.

Henry was smart yet humble. He shared his knowledge willingly and I learned a lot from him. I deeply miss the joys of his friendship

Sincerely
Robert R. Brown, NM7M

Remember the meeting Monday , Sept. 10