

HARMONICS



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JULY 14 MINUTES

The RARS met at 6:00 PM at the Rufty-Homes Senior Center. The meeting started early with Ralph Browns expertise with hot dogs and fixing left from the Fire Cracker ham fest.

Present: Tommie Wood, **N4YZ**; Billy Stewart, **WA4PVI**; Derwood Puckett, **K4PXU**; Carolyn Stewart, **WA4LPN**; Bob Rector, **K4REO**; Larry Wright, **N4QY**, Buddy Cauble, **N4FCC**; Ralph Mowery, **KU4PT**; Richard B. Beck, **KG4BAV**; Patti Sibert, **KI4GUN**; Gary Hattaway, **KQ1E**; Deborah Hattaway, Member; Rick Wallace, **K4PM**; Ralph Brown, **WB4AQK**; Clarence Beaver, **K4SHU**; Wayne Ashworth, **W4HG**; Nona Morris, **KA4NHL**; Frank Waring, **AF4D**; Visitors; Willis Parrish, Jared Sibert, Dwight E. Brown, **AD5DX**, North Arkansas Amateur Radio Society

Minutes of June 9, 2008 were read, with correction of Gary Hattaway's name

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Field Day report was given by Tommy Wood. 914 contacts, 500 CW, 312 Phone, 102 Digital, Bonus Points 500, Total Score 3032.

Treasurers report given by Ralph Brown (after the fixing of the hot dogs and etc.).

Treasures Report –July as of 7-03-08.

Brought forward -	\$3340.00
Income:	
Dues	\$ 35.00
Donations	\$ 12.45
HF T&T	\$232.00
Total	\$279.45

Expenses:	
HF Kitchen	\$ 50.10
Refresh	6.39
FD Postage	8.62
HF Adv	160.00
HF Rent	300.00
HF Shirts	611.78
FD Breakfast	25.42

Total	\$1162.31
Balance	\$2457.14
McGinnis Fund	\$2261.48 Does not include Hamfest Deposit

Wayne Ashworth gave a report on accepting Henry Elwell's N4UH Call as a vanity call sign for our Club. Henry's Family is in favor of RARS having N4UH as our call sign. Tommy Wood N4YZ

made the motion to accept N4UH for RARS as a memorial to Henry Elwell. Was second by Larry Wright. All in favor – The motion passed. Frank Waring AF4D is trustee for our club station. In Memoriam – If you are the license trustee for our club station, you may request in memoriam for our club station the call sign previously shown on the primary, secondary, repeater, auxiliary link, control or space station license of a deceased person who was a member of the club. When requesting in memoriam for your club station: You must have in your station records a written statement (do not send to FCC unless requested) from spouse, child, grandchild, stepchild, parent, grandparent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or in-law of the deceased confirming the deceased person's association with the club and showing consent of the relative to you request. Paper work to be given to Billy Stewart WA4PVI. Wayne Ashworth will get the written letter from the family. There is no limit to the number of club station license grants that can be held by the same club. Each club station license grant is eligible for a vanity call sign.

Ralph Brown reported 284 paid people to the Hamfest. Golf Shirts are \$12.50 and T-shirts are \$8.00. To see Ralph if you want one or more.

The motion was made by Patti Sibert, KI4GUN to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Billy Stewart, WA4PVI. The motion passed.

Nona Morris, KA4NHL, Secretary

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August 11, Minutes

The RARS met at 7:00 PM at the Rufty-Homes Senior Center. Present: Tommie Wood, N4YZ; Billy Stewart, WA4PVI; Carolyn Stewart, WA4LPN; Ralph Mowery, KU4PT; Gary Hattaway, KQ1E; Ralph Brown, WB4AQK; Clarence Beaver, K4SHU; Wayne Ashworth, W4HG; Nona Morris, KA4NHL; Jim Morris, KA4MPP; Frank Waring, AF4D; HC Ledbetter, WB4IDQ.

Minutes of August 11, 2008 were assumed alright because the Secretary did not get it done due to a very busy time after mother having a stroke and looking after her.

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 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave S.

2008 Officers

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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

September 8 program

We will probably continue the DVD on Digital Amateur Radio which I believe will be applicable to VHF and UHF.

Be sure to be there.

Also

Don't forget your ideas for a new QSL card for the club. You don't have to be an artist, but sketches will help.

Tommie Wood said the only old business we can think of is the N4UH call. Billy Stewart had got it submitted and we have to wait 18 days after they get it. Tommie said it should be some time next week. Frank Waring brought us copies of the KJ4FJL License that was issued and that is going to be replaced with the N4UH. They assign a license number and then you have to replace it.

Treasurers report given by Ralph Brown it is in the August Harmonics. Made the down payment for the Firecracker Hamfest for Saturday, July 11, 2009. Financial report, in the news letter did not have a club formal report. We had a total income of \$2623.16, We had \$2340.00 carried forward from previous month we had expenses which includes all the hamfest, field day, and club refreshment. In the Bank we have now \$3942.87 meaning in the WB4KJZ fund is \$3547.21, \$1500.00 more than what was allotted for the hamfest. Information sent to ARRL Director has \$2000.00 donated to us for what we got for Fred's equipment as seed money for the hamfest. The club is supposed to be using it any way we want to promote amateur radio. Last year we have not done any and so far this year we have not. We make a donation of \$100.00 two times a year to Rufty Holmes Center because we use the center. It is time to make another donation this year and another the first of next year.

Suggestions for changes on the flyer in 2009. We spent \$240 more than we took in as food prices went up and attendance was lower. Suggestions: 100 hot dogs and 100 ham & biscuits. After some brainstorming Tommie Wood suggested "One hot dog and drink \$1.50 but a cup larger than 8.5 oz. for the drink." The motion was made by Clarence Beaver, seconded by Billy Stewart, and the motion passed. It was suggested we have a Forum at 9:00 AM and Testing start at 10:00 AM. Forum being Tommy Wood giving "Beginning Digital PSK31", and/or Dave "How to erect a 130 foot tower with an 80 meter beam". It was suggested "Talk-in" be both repeaters 146.73 and 145.41 tone 136.5 KQ1E repeater of Gary Hattaway. Gary said he did not want to step on anyone's toes but he would be glad for us to use it. Tommie Wood said he would see about drawing up a better road map to put on the flyer. To many outlying roads and not enough roads showing

in Salisbury. Ralph Brown ask if another person would like to be the Hamfest chairman. It was unanimous Ralph Brown stay the contact. Ralph agreed to continue.

More new business - Tommie Wood said he would like the club to have a QSL CARD especially since we have W4EXU and N4UH. He suggested for those that want too to submit a drawing of a card you would like and we would vote on it. Decided on a one- sided card and jot down your ideas on a piece of paper for us to have to talk about at our next meeting.

If any one club member wants to use the club call signs W4EXU or N4UH, they need to get with Frank Waring – the trustee. They need to submit in writing (e-mail would be considered) to the club one meeting prior to when they want to use either call and the club officers have to approve it. All this was put in a motion by Gary Hattaway, seconded by Billy Stewart, and the motion passed. If the person makes two or three hundred calls that person should be the one checking out the contacts and given enough cards to send out. Also they should give a copy of the log to the trustee. Gary Hattaway made the motion, Frank Waring seconded, and the motion passed.

Tommie Wood was ask if there was any information on incorporation and "the free Lawyer has not done his job yet," there has been some sickness in the family and it has not been followed up on.

Our program tonight is a DVD on" Digital Voice HF".

Tommie Wood said with no further business, the meeting was dismissed.

Nona Morris, KA4NHL, Secretary

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JULY NORTH CAROLINA SECTION NEWS

SECTION SET IS OCTOBER 4

The 2008 North Carolina Section Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be held Saturday, Octo-

ber 4 from 8am to 12 noon. The test scenario will involve a major hurricane hitting our coast, causing widespread flooding along the coast and into the piedmont area. The mountains will also experience landslides due to heavy rainfall. Many portions of our state will suffer from power outages and communications disruptions. Less affected areas of the piedmont will have to deal with an influx of evacuees from other areas.

The Tarheel Emergency Net will be active on 3.927MHz from 8am, opening immediately after the North Carolina Morning Net. We'll move to 7.232MHz if needed because of propagation. The Tennessee and South Carolina Sections are holding their SET on the same date and we will send liaisons to their section nets. I encourage everyone to hold their local SET the same day as the section event so that we can more accurately simulated a regional disaster. But local SET's can be held anytime from September to January, just make sure your results are reported to headquarters by January 30, 2009.

In last year's SET, North Carolina scored fifth in the nation for ARES activity and third for SET net activity. We achieved these strong results with only nine ARES groups and five nets reporting! This means we can improve our score significantly and raise our national ranking if only a few more nets and ARES groups participate! The 2007 results were printed on 63-64 in the July issue of QST. Don't forget that the annual SET is a great public relations opportunity. Your local public information officer or our section PIC, Bill Morine, N2COP (n2cop@ec.rr.com), can help with these efforts.

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Vanity Call Price Increase

On August 11, the Federal Communications Commission announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 60 cents, from \$11.70 to \$12.30. Now that notice of the increase has been published in the Federal Register, the increase will take effect in 30 days, September 25, 2008.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable

not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also uponrenewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

The notice in the August 26, 2008 Federal Register, entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2008," includes regulatory fees expected to recover a total of \$312,000,000 during FY2008, encompassing all the services the FCC regulates.

More information is available at, <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/08/11/10257/?nc=1>.

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Old Jokes

Top 10 signs you've over-modified your scanning receiver

1. Houston Mission Control drowns out local repeaters.
2. Your radios glow in the dark. Even when not plugged in.
3. The NSA calls to get copies of transmissions they missed.
4. Commercial airline pilots use your antenna array as a landmark.
5. SETI calls you to confirm signals from Orion
6. You dial in frequencies that Stephen Hawking says don't exist this side of a black hole.
7. You hear voices talking about invading the "third planet from the star."
8. Your "Low Battery" indicator glows constantly, even when you're operating on AC.

From the 1998 March issue of "Key Clicks", the newsletter of the Green Mountain Wireless Society.