

HARMONICS



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April Minutes

The RARS met April 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Rufty-Homes Senior Center. Present: Tommie Wood, **N4YZ**; Ralph Brown, **WB4AQK**; Jim Morris, **KA4MPP**; Nona Morris, **KA4NHL**; Gary Hattaway, **KQ1E**; Ralph Mowery, **KU4PT**; Frank Waring, **AF4D**; Rick Wallace, **K4PM**; Derwood Puckett, **K4PXU**; Wade Sibert, **KC4NBW**; J.C. Ludwig, **K4DFI**, Nelson Large, **W4FQV**; Larry Wright, **N4QY**

Ralph Brown, **WB4AQK**, made the motion to accept the March 9, 2009 minutes. Larry Wright seconded. The motion passed.

Ralph Brown said the Financial Report was about the same as last month, the only thing on it was \$7.46 for donuts. Ralph found a fund raiser card with 2 doz. donuts for the price of one. He thinks might last 10 more meetings.

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Tommie Wood, **N4YZ**, said we are still waiting for the government to send our tax ID #.

Tommie Wood said we would combine old business and new business together - Field Day, 4th week end in June, June 27-28. will be at Sloan Park. Tommie Wood has a check to take to them Tuesday, April 14th. The officers did discuss other places (Dunn's Mountain), this year but They were rejected due to having to pay \$300-400 for liability insurance. This year, not knowing how the economy is and how this Hamfest will be, going back to the same place will only cost us \$42.

You can look on ARRL web site to find the Field Day. Tommie Wood is going to send an e-mail to ARRL to make sure they get the hamfest in there.

We need some one who can be at the hamfest at 6:30 AM to start collecting money from the vendors and to tell them where they need to set-up. Ralph and Tommie have something else to do. An awning and table needs to be set up for the ones who collect the money. Tommie has the fence and they need poles. Jim Morris, **KA4MPP**, has posts and will bring them. The fence needs to be set up Friday evening. Some vendors come Friday and put their stuff up. Need to be there 3 to 5 to catch the vendors coming in Friday. Gary Hattaway, **KQ1E**, has volunteered to run a test table this year. Larry Wright will look after the clubs table. Judges to judge the homebrews are Larry Wright, **N4QY** and Rick Wallace, **K4PM**. Prizes is cash \$10, 15, 25 dollars.

Tommie Wood spoke to the Biscuitville publicity manager in Greensboro. They have a program to give free biscuit to organizations, trying to publicize there new Salisbury Biscuitville business. We

will receive 100 free ham biscuits. We can not sell them but we can ask for donations. So we decided with a dollar you can get a ham biscuit and a cup of coffee. We are buying 100 hot dogs to sell at the Hamfest. The Biscuitville manager said Biscuitville would make up 5 packets for door prizes for early drawing. The drinks we sell will be in 16oz. cups.

The Biscuitville manager has agreed to donate 35 ham and biscuits for Field Day breakfast in addition to Ralph's pancakes.

Ralph Brown ask Jim Morris to head up the kitchen for the Hamfest. Ralph Brown said there is listed in the FCC database 360 some hams in Rowan County. Frank Waring said there are duplicates and there are silent keys. Gary Hattaway suggested sending a letter to all the Hams in Rowan Co. to invite them to RARS and the Hamfest. We will be using Gary's repeater. It is on the flyer now.

Wayne Ashworth is giving the program on "Log Book" for May. Ralph Brown is planning to do the program for June.

Next Breakfast meeting is 8 AM, April 18, 2009 at the Checkered Flag Bar B Q.

Derwood Puckett made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Frank Waring. The motion passed.

Nona Morris, **KA4NHL**, Secretary

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Financial Report

April 1 - May 1

Brought Forward: \$3560.32

Income:

Refreshments 11.75

Total: \$3572.07

Expenses:

Envelopes/ink: \$50.15

FD Shelter: 42.00

Refreshments: 7.46

Total: \$99.61

**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 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave S.

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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, WB4AQQ

On the web

www.RowanARS.org

May Meeting

Wayne, **W4HG**, was unable attend the last meeting to give us the low-down on **LoTW**.

Tommie has assured me that this month will be the magic moment.

Next month, Your's Truly will try to tell you what you already know about Fox Hunting.

Balance: \$3472.46

The McGinnis , WD4KJZ, account now stands at a balance of \$3200.21.

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Extending PRB-1?

House Bill HR2160 is a step to do just that.

Everyone knows that PRB-1 bills do not override CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) on certain properties.

The bill calls for, among other things, a study of Amateur Radio uses and capabilities in emergencies and disaster relief. Specifically it asks to identify unreasonable or unnecessary impediments to enhanced amateur communications, such as effects of private land use regulations on residential antenna installations and for recommendations regarding such impediments.

The bill is presently in committee, but ARRL has asked, by letter, that hams whose representatives are committee members voice their support of the bill.

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NC SECTION NEWS

DANNY HAMPTON, K4ITL IS DAYTON "AMATEUR OF THE YEAR"

The Dayton Hamfest has selected our own Danny Hampton, K4ITL, as "Amateur of the Year".

Danny is the architect of the Piedmont Coastal Repeater Network, established in the early 1970s, which today sports more than 40 machines in North Carolina. The system is heavily used for public service work. Hampton has enhanced the network's utility with custom audio processing boards and RF components. The North Carolina Office of Emergency Management and SKYWARN have recognized the network's vital role in emergency communications.

Recently, Danny helped coordinate the development of the "CARES" system - a local hospital-based Amateur Radio emergency repeater system that ties

10 facilities together. A ham since 1958, Danny is the Southeastern Repeater Association (SERA) technical committee chairman as well as the ARRL North Carolina Section Technical Coordinator.

EARTHQUAKE DRILL SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 23-24

North Carolina ARES members are being asked to participate in a state emergency management drill on Tuesday, June 23 and Wednesday, June 24. The drill will involve a large earthquake in the Buncombe County area and the resulting damage will affect structures and communications facilities that are not "earthquake resistant" with a special emphasis on cellphone facilities/towers. The focus of this exercise is on communications and interoperability and the scenario depicts massive communications infrastructure failure from damage and circuit overload. NC Emergency Management expects Amateur Radio to play a key role in this exercise.

We'll have more detail later, but we know we will need operators in Bumcombe and the surrounding counties, at the NCEM warehouse in Badin, at the western branch EOC in Conover and at the state EOC in Raleigh. Please contact your local EC with your availability for this exercise.

2009 YOUNG HAM OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS OPEN

In 2007 our North Carolina's Grant Morine, W4GHM was named "Young Ham of the Year" by Amateur Radio Newsline and CQ Magazine. If you know another young radio amateur in NC who has done something very special in the Amateur Radio hobby, consider nominating him or her for the 2009 Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year Award. Nominations are open until May 30. For more info, see www.arnewsline.org.

CAROLINAS NET MANAGER STILL NEEDED

We're still looking for someone to take the reins of the Carolinas Net (CN).

As a National Traffic System net, the CN-Early meets at 7:00pm and CN-Late meets at 10pm, both on 3.573MHz. You don't have to be a CW speed

demon to participate, but I'll bet your code speed will go up after a few sessions!

Check in often and if you're interested in helping as net manager, contact Section Traffic Manager Dave Roy, W4DNA at w4dna@nc.rr.com.

SECTION POCKET GUIDE AVAILABLE

A pocket guide with NC section information debuted at the Raleigh Hamfest and it is now available at www.ncarrl.org. The guide was created to give everyone something to carry around in their glove compartment or "go kit". Let me know if you have ideas for additional information that should be included in this document.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 9: Rockingham County Swapfest, Reidsville
- May 9: Area 1&2 ARES Meeting, Plymouth
- May 23: DurHAMfest, Bahama
- June 13: Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest
- June 23-24: State Emergency Management Drill
- June 25: Western Carolina Hamfest, Waynesville
- June 27 & 28: ARRL Field Day

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May 2 Testing

Good Morning,

The Amateur License's or upgrades to the license's have been completed this morning and listed below are the New Amateur radio callsign's. Congratulations and Thank You for testing with the W4VEC Salisbury / Cabarrus VE Team and also the staff of W4VEC.

I have also included a link for new Ham Operators that may be of interest to you.

<http://www.k5dze.net/Bookshelf.htm>

73

Billy Stewart WA4PVI
Co-Chairman W4VEC

Name	Call	class
DAVID M. STEELE	N3DMS	General
TERRI L. RAMSEY	KJ4LTN	Technician-

RICK S. NORMAN KJ4LTO General
DANIEL M. ROBERTS JR KJ4LTP Technician

That site might be of interest to others not so new.

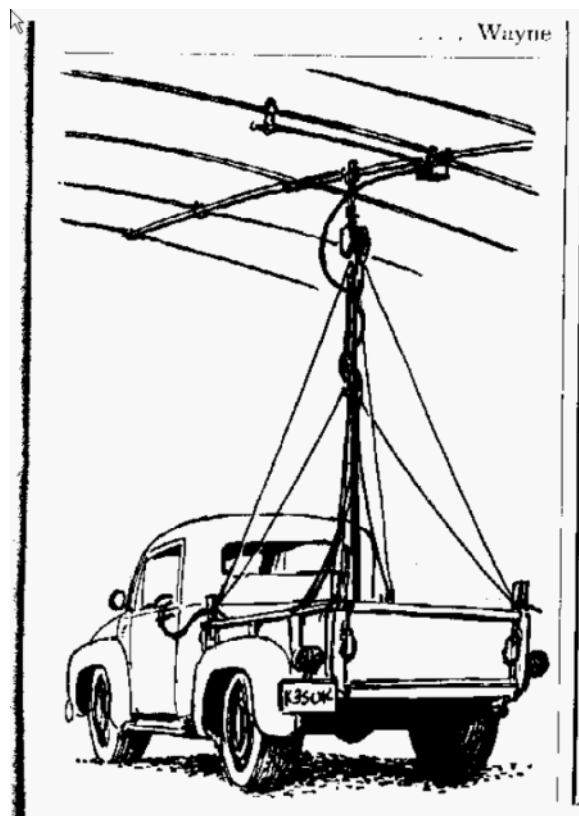
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Beam headings from your location

Thanks to Rick, K4PM, for the following site that might be useful to anyone with a beam.

<http://njdxa.org/dx-tools/beam-headings.php>

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Pres. Tommie sent me this picture. I don't know whether the name "Wayne" at the top is the artist or if it indicates that our program presenter for the May meeting has another tool for collecting DX.

At any rate, he knows all about the Log Book of The World. And will tell us all about it on May 11 at ABT 7:00 PM . **Be There!**