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December 2011 Minutes

The RARS met Monday, December 12, 2011 at 6:00 PM at Rufty- Homes Senior Center, - For our Christmas Party- Eating, and Entertainment. Present: President, Ralph Brown, **WB4AQK** and Helen Brown; Vice President, George Huffman, **KD4MXA** and Janice Huffman; Treasurer, Frank Waring, **AF4D** and Eugenia Waring; Secretary Nona Morris, **KA4NHL** and Jim Morris, **KA4MPP**; Wayne Ashworth, **W4HG** and Pat Ashworth; Butch Edge, **W4WEE**; Jim Winters, **W4YF**; Bud Bost, **K4AGO**; Nelson Large, **W4FQV**; Tommie Wood, **N4YZ** and Sue Wood; Stanton Cross, **KJ4TGS**; Rick Wallace, **K4PM**; Neal Goodman, **KK4CPL** and Vanessa Goodman; Ken Copland, **KD1BY**; Clarence Beaver, **K4SHU** and Barbara Beaver; Michael Culbreth, **W4CZJ**; Derwood Puckett, **K4PXU** and Mary ; Jeff Law, **KD4FMW**; Billy Stewart, **WA4PVI**; Carolyn Stewart, **WA4LPN**; Ricky Jessee, **W4AL** and Kim Jessee; Kelsey Jessee, **KJ4YGZ**; Tim Foster,

K4OIB; Jared Gohlke, **N4JMG**; Arnold Moss, **AK4AN**; Jonathan Miller, **KK4CFN**; and Elaine C Howe (Helen's and Ralph's guest).

Ralph Brown started everyone to the great food (we did not have to fix it) waiting for us, baked chicken breast, steak and gravy, lima beans, mac and cheese, rolls, banana pudding, tea and coffee. After we got back to our tables laden down with food – Ralph asked the blessing.

Ralph Brown, **WB4AQK**, asked every one to give their name, call sign, and introduce their guest if they brought someone.

Ralph Brown asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, or the Financial Report. No one said anything so the motion passed.

Nominating Committee Chairman George Huffman introduced nominees for the Officers for the year 2012. Ralph Brown the President, George Huffman the Vice President, Frank Waring the Treasurer and Nona Morris the Secretary. It was asked if there was there any nominations from the floor. There were none. Tommie Wood made the motion to accept the officers and Wayne Ashworth seconded. The motion passed.

Gary Hattaway was absent and Tommie Wood announced that the Operator of the Year for 2011 was the first repeat since the award started. He then present the plaque to Ralph Brown, **WB4AQK** who was pleasantly surprised. We thanked him and others who keep things going.

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The next Fox Hunt will be in January 28, 2012.

One of our Programs for the night was a movie by Jared Gohlke, N4JMG and narrated by Jared on "The Fox Hunt 10/22/2011". It was enjoyed especially by we who do not get to join in. Our next program was Magic by "The Great Budini" Bud Bost, K4AGO. Bud we are sorry that your helper could not be with us but we enjoyed your show very much.

Door prizes of the Poinsettias used to decorate the tables were given by a blind draw of call signs.

Tommie Wood N4YZ, Ralph Brown WB4AQK, George Huffman KD4XMA and Frank Waring AF4D worked the November 19th Sweepstakes.

Thank you Sue and everyone for cleaning up.

Nona Morris, KA4NHL, Secretary Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



2012 officers

The Rowan Amateur Radio Society
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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 Ruffy-Holmes senior Center at 1120 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave S.

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I CAN'T WAIT!!!

I CAN HARDLY WAIT UNTIL THE MEETING On Monday, January 9, 2012 so I can hear from all of you what Santa brought you for Christmas! (Or what ham stuff you bought your wife/significant other for Christmas when you knew Santa was bringing you Coal because of your tuning up on top of that rare DX!)

**Don't miss it. It starts at 7:00 PM
Oh, by the way, George may have a surprize for us!**

December Financial Report

December 1-31 2011

Balance 1 Dec 2011 \$5682.84

Income:

Christmas party 270.00
Dues 30.00

Expenses:

Christmas party 399.26
SERA dues 30.00

Balance 31 Dec 2011 \$5553.58

WD4KJZ fund \$ 4678.93
Repeater fund 527.07
Club 347.58

Total: \$ 5553.58

Frank AF4D

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RARS In 2011 (a look back)

Membership:

The numbers held pretty steady ... when you count a few who forgot to pay their dues until very late in the year. The year, 2010, ended with 59 on roll and 2011 ended with 63 (counting a few who have as yet to pay 2012 dues) on the roster. We lost a few and gained a few more.

New members for the year were: (Hope I don't miss anyone.)

- Mike Atkins, N4VE
- Mary Ahls, W4NZJ
- Ken Copeland, KD1BY
- Neal Goodman, KK4CPL
- Joe Harmon, AK4KJ
- Jonathan Miller, KK4CFN

Attendance:

Meeting attendance was the greatest! The average numbers for the eleven meetings this year(We had one snowed out.) was 27. Four meetings had 30 or more which means almost 50% of membership attending! That is great! In most organizations the usual number is about 20%.

There were four members who made every meeting. If I've missed anyone let me know. I went by the signup list from each meeting and the meeting minutes. They were:

- George Huffman, **KD4MXA**,
- Nona Morris, **KA4NHL**,
- Jim Morris, **KA4MPP**,
- Jim Winters, **W4YF**

Other club activities, except for Field Day and the Firecracker Hamfest, were not as well attended though. There were few participants (4 known) in Sweepstakes, and if we had more than five at a fox hunt we were doing great. Check-ins to the ARES net were small, in the teens if that many, and that included many non-club members. The 10 meter net that Rick, **W4AL** tried to run just didn't work out. **Here is a good New Years Resolution —Be more Radioactive in 2012.**

The probable reason for the good attendance to meetings was the good work the program chairman, George, **KD4MXA**, did. The club had the following programs:

- Solar energy by Ken Clifton, **KJ4HF**
- ECHOLink by Tommie Woods, **N4YZ**
- Field Day discussion/volunteering and Firecracker Hamfest assignment
- Celebration picnic after the "fest
- Wave Behavior -Reflection and Transmission by George Huffman, **KD4MXA**
- Ham sources on the internet by George
- How to build a 6 and 10 meter beam by George
- Christmas dinner and Magic by Bud Bost, **K4AGO** and Fox hunt Expose' by Jared Gohlke, **N4JMG**

Fox hunts:

We held 10 hunts this year that I could find a record for. Of those hunts, Gary Lang, **K4GHL**, won three, Tommie Woods, **N4YZ**, won two, George Huffman, **KD4MXA**, won two, Ralph Brown, **WB4AQK**, won one, as did Jared Gohlke, **N4JMG**, and Jim Winters, **W4YF**.

I may have missed on in which Rick Wallace, **K4PM**, won one, because he was the fox on one that Tommie won.

By the way, we all owe thanks to Tommie for assembling the fox.



Internet Stuff

An interesting item I got from the High Point ARC Newsletter was a notice you may have found on QRZ..

Archives of all 73 Magazines published 1960 through 2003 can be found at

<http://www.archive.org/details/73-magazine>

In tooling around the site I found that they can be downloaded in a form that I can put on my Kindle.(other readers also)

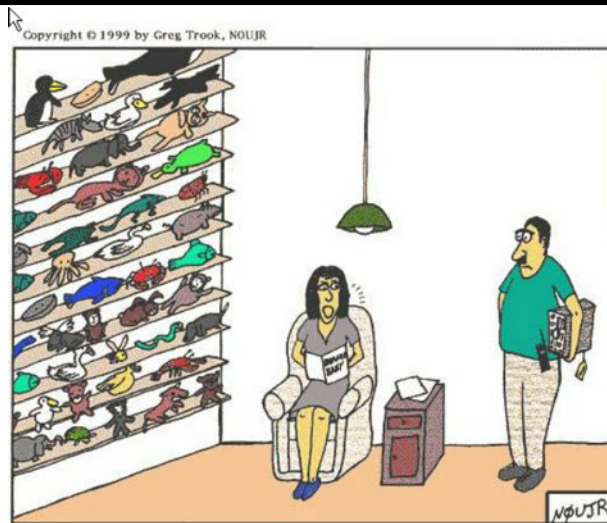
Another site also listed was

<http://textfiles.com/hamradio/>

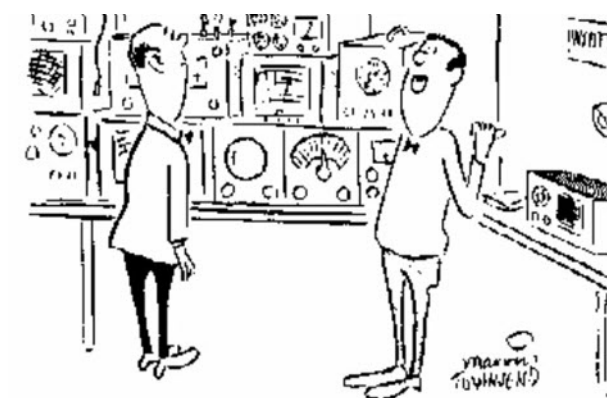
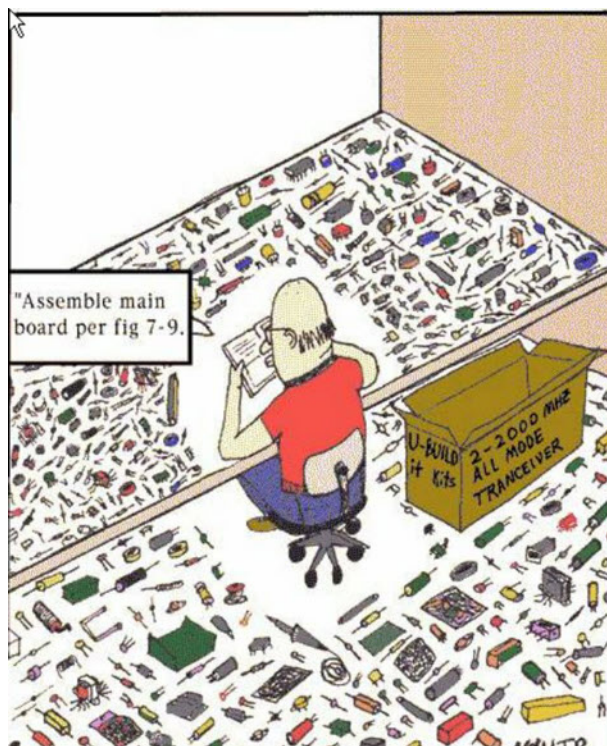
This site is composed of Ham radio BBS texts that cover everything from building 2 m quad antennas to eliminating bugs on your phone!

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The next column contains a few ham radio cartoons that Tommie, N4YZ sent me early last year ... Probably about the time the snow cancelled the January meeting. I just now decided to use them as filler.



"Harold!!! What are you doing wasting money on more USELESS radio equipment!!!"



"My transceiver is over here. That's just my testing equipment."