



Newsletter



Volume 2002, Issue 7

Founded December 30, 1930

July, 2002

FIELD DAY!

Contest or Emergency Preparedness Test?

By Raja KB6MTH & Don, WS4NC

First - We had Fun! Great turn out! We had three stations running all night! Great turn-out for the cook-out, too. At least I didn't have to use the case of 200 get-well-soon cards WS4NC bought! Just kidding. The food and all went over well, had quite a crowd on Sat. night. We went through a big tub of BBQ, 40+ hamburgers, an industrial-sized package of hot dogs, a giant tub of potato salad, a half-gallon of slaw, a watermelon (the best one ever), tons of drinks, 110 pounds of ice, one giant box of chips and more that I can't remember right now. Woody did the honors on the grill with the hot-dogs and burgers.



A couple of our younger visitors stop by on Sunday and listen while Gene, WB4MSG operates and Raja, KB6MTH explains what's going on.

We started that morning when Raja, KB6MTH, John, N0KTY, Don, WS4NC & Zack, (taking the test in August), met at 8 AM at Jimmy the Greek's and had breakfast before heading over to the Red Cross. Hopefully we wouldn't take long at the Red Cross since most items

Continued on Page 5

Club Meeting, Monday, July 8, 2002

We will meet, as usual, on the 2nd Monday of the month at 610 Coliseum Drive in the Red Cross Building at 7:30 PM sharp in Room 09, but come early, say, 7:00-ish, to 'hob-nob' with your fellow hams. There will be a very special door prize this time, don't miss it or you will wish you were there!

Amateur Radio Exams

Amateur Radio exams will be given at the American Red Cross, 690 Coliseum Drive, Winston-Salem, NC (Beside WXII-TV), Saturday, August 3 at 9:00 AM by the W4VEC VEC Group. There will not be a test in July. For more information see the W4VEC VEC website at: www.w4vec.com or contact Rick Batte', N4MBI at n4mbi@ols.net or 336-924-1881. Be sure to bring two forms of ID, one being a photo ID, your SSN, original license, photo copy of your present amateur license, and any CSCE's. Also you need to bring your FRN which is required by the FCC. This can be obtained from the CORES database, or you can refer to the letter that you received or will receive from the FCC.

HAMFEST!

CB Amp for Sale Needs Some Repair

Well another Hamfest has come and gone. And a successful one at that. We were a little worried, Murphy paid us a big visit. First, our 3000 promotional postcards went to a local shipper for postage and he boobyed by putting the wrong date on them. The USPS refused them. We did get the postage refunded.



Need a CB Amp? - In the insert you can see the shards of glass as Steven, KG4JWU, goes for the last unbroken tube.

Second, due to a mixup at SERA the second page of our ad didn't run. Then, the w4nc@triad.rr.com email account went dead 11 days before the hamfest, it wasn't back until Thursday night, so we missed a number of emails. Next Chairman Robert's email went out for the week before the hamfest. Finally, the phone message machine lost all messages when the power went off at the Red Cross. So in short there was no way to contact us for a week just before the hamfest and our usual ways to get the word out weren't there. But regardless, we had a well-attended event anyway and all went well. We believe that we lost some attendance due to all the mix-ups, but the WS Hamfest has a good reputation and a lot of people have it on their calendars as a "must-go" event.

The "smash" hit of the Hamfest was the illegal Amp bashing that the WFU radio club ran. Yes, safety-glasses were required. I didn't get a total but I know of more than \$70 in contributions to take a swing. Even the local REACT guys got in on the action, albeit a little reluctantly.

What's going on here? Is Dave Flemming, KE4JHJ, moving? See the story on Page 4.



Unlicensed CB Jammer Convicted

NEWINGTON, CT, Jun 20, 2002--A Florida Citizens Band enthusiast accused of jamming Amateur Radio operations and transmitting without a license has been convicted in federal court on eight misdemeanor counts. The jury took about 30 minutes to decide that Willam Flippo of Jupiter was guilty of four counts of operating without a license and four counts of deliberate and malicious interference. Federal District Court Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley noted that, while the charges were misdemeanors, it was important that the amateur airwaves be free of interference in the event of an emergency. He ordered that Flippo remain in custody and undergo a psychiatric evaluation prior to sentencing.

The prosecutor in the case, Neil Karabdil, credited members of the Amateur Radio community with bringing Flippo to justice. The list included ARRL 1999 ARRL International Humanitarian Award winner Ed Petzolt, K1LNC, who helped the FCC gather evidence in the case; Bert Morschi, AG4BV; Palm Beach County Emergency Coordinator Dave Messinger, N4QPM; and Chuck Mulligan, N4SDW.

Continued next column

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc is a non-profit (IRS 501(c)3) North Carolina corporation for the promotion of Amateur Radio, and for the education and training of hams and the general public primarily in Forsyth County, North Carolina.

FARC was originally incorporated as the Winston-Salem Radio Club on December 31, 1930 and has been in operation ever since. We currently maintain a state-of-the-art ham station in the basement of the Red Cross, 610 Coliseum Dr., Winston-Salem, NC and also maintain two 2-meter repeaters, 146.64 (100 Hz tone) and 145.47 (100 Hz tone).

FARC has a general membership meeting with a program on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Red Cross building, 610 Coliseum Drive in Winston-Salem. The club conducts its main business meeting (sometimes inaccurately and wrongly called the Board Meeting) on the 3rd Monday generally at the same location. This is where most of the club's business is conducted and all attending members have a vote. All clubs members are strongly encouraged to attend the business meeting. For more information about FARC mail us at FARC, Inc., PO Box 11361, Winston-Salem, NC, 27116; call 336-723-7388; or visit our web site at www.w4nc.org. Club email is to w4nc@triad.rr.com.

Officers for 2002 are:

President: John Kippe, N0KTY,
336-969-4461,
fancie@alltel.net;

Vice-President: Tim King, KG4MQD

Secretary: Dan O'Leary, KG4ECI,
336-922-6579
kg4eci@webtv.net

Treasurer: Don Donadio, KT4KV,
336-724-5821,
kt4kv@bellsouth.net.

Newsletter Editor: Don Edwards, WB4KQN,
336-413-3838,
wb4kqn@triad.rr.com

To join our list server send a blank email to
w4nc-subscribe@yahoo.com.

All content is Copyright 2000 by Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc, unless otherwise noted. Permission is given to reproduce for non-commercial purposes provided proper credit is given. If you would like to help support the newsletter with an ad, please contact Don Edwards (email: wb4kqn@triad.rr.com). Ad deadlines are 7 days before the end of the month. Rates are \$50 for 12 months. *Cheap!*

We trade newsletters with other clubs, and many local clubs are on our mailing list. If your club has a newsletter and would like to trade please send us a copy.



Following his conviction, William Flippo--in chains and leg irons--is returned to custody in West Palm Beach, Florida, June 19. He had no comment. [Bob Calvert, K4NBC, Photo]

"This is a very good day for Amateur Radio, and a very good day for justice," Petzolt said following the trial. "Let the word go out that we will not tolerate this sort of thing on our frequencies, and you *will* be caught." Petzolt cited local amateurs and the efforts of the FCC, including Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth "and everyone else who kept the faith," for helping to bring the case to a successful conclusion.

"Never give up and never surrender," Petzolt advised those facing similar malicious interference situations.

"If you do, they win." According to Petzolt, who testified in the trial, Flippo primarily had targeted the Jupiter Tequesta Repeater Group for jamming and regularly interfered with amateur operations, especially on 10 and 2 meters, over an approximately three-year period. Following up on the amateurs' complaints, personnel from the FCC's Tampa District Office visited the Jupiter area at least twice in 1999 and reported tracking the offending signals to Flippo's residence.

Anything But Routine

The six-and-a-half-day trial that began June 10 was anything but routine. A day after attempting to fire his public defender attorney, Robert Adler--who countered that Flippo was trying to undermine his own trial--Flippo, then still free on \$100,000 bond, drove himself to the hospital June 13 claiming he'd suffered a stroke. He was released the following day. Hurley recessed the trial but took the unusual step of revoking Flippo's bond June 17 after a physician told the judge that medical tests determined that Flippo had not had a stroke. Known as

Continued next page



PIANO TUNING

Paul V. Jordan
KG4LDB

381 Westoak Trail
Winston-Salem, NC 27104
336-768-6961
pj735@bellsouth.net

CB Jammer Convicted, from page 2

"Rabbit Ears" within the CB community, Flippo reportedly begged Hurley not to return him to jail because he had high blood pressure.

The federal trial was twice postponed last year after Flippo, now 60, argued successfully that serious health problems would prevent him from participating. He made similar claims earlier this month during another hearing to determine if he was capable of standing trial. A federal magistrate determined, however, that Flippo was competent to stand trial, and the trial date was set.

Flippo conceded during testimony that he did not have a license to transmit, but he claimed to have a letter of authorization from the Palm Beach County Emergency Management Office to use his radio during Hurricane Andrew in 1992, and that he considered it still valid. He did not admit to transmitting on amateur frequencies, however. The letter's alleged author, Mulligan, testified that the letter had been altered.

Flippo further testified that he'd been given a 10-kW amplifier by the FCC after he'd complained of suffering interference while handling emergency communications during the hurricane. He also claimed that amateurs had planted listening devices on his property and taped his voice to play back on ham frequencies to frame him. Some members of the Palm Beach County CB community also showed up for the trial, but only as spectators. None testified on Flippo's behalf in the case.

Tape-recorded evidence of a 911 call Flippo had made in 1999 while also alleged to be transmitting on 2 meters supported a jamming claim by Petzolt. At the time, Petzolt and then-FCC agent Larry Sowers were in Petzolt's vehicle behind Flippo while Sowers was gathering evidence for the case. The jury apparently did not believe the argument, made by Adler, that Petzolt had "jammed himself" by retransmitting Flippo's mobile public address system audio via his own 2-meter transmitter.

Flippo was convicted last year in state court of criminal mischief--also a misdemeanor--after ramming Petzolt's vehicle the same evening the 911 call was made. Following his state conviction, Flippo was sentenced to a year's probation. The judge also ordered him to dispose of any radio equipment in his possession. A ban on possessing radio gear also was a condition of his bond in the federal case.

Taking the stand for the prosecution, Sowers detailed the allegations against Flippo. His testimony included the introduction of taped-recorded and other evidence gathered by the FCC. Anthony Burgos of the FCC's Tampa office also testified for the prosecution.

Federal authorities arrested Flippo in July 2000. The criminal charges of which he now stands convicted covered violations allegedly committed between June 1999 and April of 2000. The defendant already faces a \$20,000 fine levied in 1999 for unlicensed operation, willful and malicious interference to Amateur Radio communications, and failure to let the FCC inspect his radio equipment.

Further Charges Possible

Following Flippo's conviction and after the jury had left the courtroom, Hurley expressed concerns that Flippo had committed perjury during the trial. "It is clear to me you made an effort to sabotage this case," he told Flippo.

Hurley also said he was concerned "regarding the violence in this case" and said he was convinced that Flippo was the aggressor in the car-ramming incident. Further worried that Flippo might not return to court for his sentencing hearing, Hurley remanded him to the custody of US marshals and ordered him returned to jail.

Continued next column

LEGACY
REALTY GROUP
Residential • Land • Commercial • Auction



JAMES CRISALL
KF4UGR

jcrisall@triad.rr.com

<http://jamescrisall.realtor.com>

HOME (336) 712-9654 VM (336) 631-6618
PAGER (336) 733-9614 CLEMMONS, NC 27012

Flippo's wife, Jan, and his two daughters, one of them in a wheelchair, were in court on the trial's final day. Flippo reportedly hung his head after the jury returned a guilty verdict on the second count. He had no comment for a reporter as he was led back to jail.

Sentencing could take place in about a month. According to the FCC, Flippo faces a maximum penalty of eight years in prison--one year on each count. He also faces up to \$80,000 in fines.

Quoted directly from www.arrl.org

It's Lightning Season! Or - Is your house properly protected?

Lightening hit near my house on Wednesday, June 26. and knocked out the transformer on the telephone pole, burned the phone line under ground, knocked a hubcap off and blew-out a tire on the truck, hit two TV sets and control boxes, two VCRs and a microwave. It also got the protector on the computer but not the computer itself, thank goodness. I had the ham rig on and it wasn't touched, I feel very lucky the rigs and computer were not hit! Looks like the surge protector really works!

Mike Manning, KF4EOD

Bizarro
by Dan Piraro



Goodies For Sale:

FOR SALE - KENWOOD 850SAT. Entire HF rig works and looks good as new! I've really enjoyed using it. Lots of options: Automatic Antenna Tuner, DRU-2 Digital Recording Unit, RM-1 Remote Function Keyboard (for the DRU-2), YK88C-1 500 Hz CW Filter, YK88SN-1 1.8 kHz SSB Filter, IF-232C Computer interface, MC-80 Desk Mike NC-43S Up/Down Hand Mike, original double box and manual. Will throw in Heil lightweight headset with HC-5 element. ALL FOR \$1150.00 plus shipping and insurance (if any) - (just bought a new Yaesu at Dayton and need to sell this one quick before the credit card bill arrives and my wife finds out!) phone: 252-985-2673 Email: k4fmd@arrl.net

Wally Bernath has 1975-present QST's available, all in excellent shape. Call 725-0176

New Standard Power Connector

NOTE: FARC is going to place an order and convert our rigs to this system. Anyone in the Club who would like to convert to these connectors should place their order with us. Please note that the last date is July 12. We would like to have our order placed by July TENTH - that's July 10. Please email to w4nc@triad.rr.com if you want to order and tell us how many connector sets, locking pins and extra contacts you want. They will be available at the next Club meeting after they arrive. They will be much more expensive later so don't miss out.

NC ARES Section Bulk Order: Anderson PowerPole Connectors

The North Carolina Section ARES now recommends using the 30 Amp Anderson PowerPole connector as the standard ARES connector. Wake County ARES EC Tom Brown N4TAB has volunteered to put together a bulk purchase of connectors to achieve a quantity discount. The price he's obtained is:

\$0.62 per red/black connector set (with 30 Amp contacts)
\$0.016 per locking pin
\$0.105 per extra 30 Amp contact

The deadline for the bulk order is July 12, 2002. For more information on the connector, see this web page on the Wake ARES web site:

<http://www.wakeares.org/powerpole>

Continued top of next column



Partial or Complete Installation
Economical Fencing
Robert Whitaker, KG4NEP
135 Vogler Dr.
Winston-Salem, NC 27107
336-788-1834

Custom Fencing
By Robert



The new Anderson PowerPole connectors which will become the standard for ARES. This insures that in emergencies all converted rigs will have the same power connectors so they will interchange quickly.

To Order Connectors:

We prefer that orders be place by groups - ARES groups, clubs, etc., rather than by individuals. Check with your local club or ARES group to see if they're putting together an order. If not... organize one! If you absolutely must order as an individual, we'll take it.

- * Add the total number of red and black connectors, and multiply by \$0.31 (one red and one black connector needed for a complete set).
- * Add the total number of extra contacts, and multiply by \$0.105.
- * Add the total number of locking pins and multiply by \$0.016.
- * Add \$4.30 for shipping.
- * Include your name, call, phone number, e-mail address and shipping address.
- * Send your order and a check made out to "Thomas A. Brown" to cover the total to:

Thomas A. Brown N4TAB
P.O. Box 1979
Wake Forest, NC 27588-1979

Deadline: Friday, July 12, 2002 . We'll acknowledge each upon receipt. Questions: e-mail Tom at n4tab@arrl.net

73,
Gary KN4AQ
Wake ARES PIO

KE4JHJ - Moving?

I received a package in the mail yesterday. Apparently, according to the enclosed letter, an amateur requested a license with an amateur call and was sent my call by error. Upon complaining to the AZ/DMV, he was advised to discard the plate and a new one would be sent for replacement. However, he decided to mail me the plate instead of discarding it. What are the chances??

73, Dave

we would need for emergencies have been set aside and are ready to go. We got to the Red Cross at 8:45 and were met by a panicked Red Cross Crowd when we backed trucks up to the doors. It seems that a BIG CPR training session had been planned that day by the Red Cross and WXII and they were expecting people to start showing up in 15 minutes.

Every room in the building where a class could be held was set up, blocking access to the ham shack and the generator. They were not happy that we were there. We said "No problem, we'll be out in 15 minutes". So we had 15 minutes to find everything, load it and get out of the way! We actually took 30 minutes, but that didn't seem to be much of a problem. Anything we needed that we didn't get then would have to wait until the training was over.

This was so like an emergency - we had to get what we need fast and get moving. There was no time to leisurely wander in-and-out, go back and get things forgotten. So how did we do? We forgot power cords. Those, generally black, standardized 'thingees' that connect to the three prong connector on the back of equipment to 117-volt power. And, when we did go back later, we couldn't find any extras. I ran home and stole a few. Had we been on our way to a hurricane or similar disaster that could have been a problem. That is really what Field Day is about, highlighting problems with Emergency Preparedness.

When we were setting up at Leinbach Park we were shorthanded. Not enough people showed up to help set up in time. Van Key was there with his potato-gu . . . I mean Emergency-Antenna Launcher. Guns aren't allowed. With Van's help we had two loops up fairly quickly. When 2 PM came we had two antennas and one radio ready to go but no power cord for the other two radios. Had not John Kippe brought his radio we wouldn't even have had the one power cord. One antenna, the nearly 40 year-old beam, just would not work.

Ok, it's about 2PM Sat and no station on the air.....

Kippe gets Dan, KG4ECI, and Zack to get on the air at least. He tells them to run W4NC 1A NC. OK, so then we figure out that running 1A means that W4NC can't "upgrade" to 2A when the other rig finally gets it's power....oops. If you're not 2A, no free extra VHF station, no GOTA station....

Continued top of next column



They're so cute when they're sleeping. Well, maybe not. It's after 6 AM and Woody stayed up almost all night operating.



One of the Fitzgerald brothers who visited with us is looking over the grayline time map with AC4YN.

So we get the FT-847 and the TS-440 running. What call? W4WS 2A NC. Eventually we settled on the following setup:

- FT-847: W4NC 1A NC
- TS-440 & TS-930: W4WS 2A NC
- No other rigs in use.
- Antennas: We had tuners to help with switching.
- 2 vertical loops.
- 1 vertical antenna on the tennis court fence.
- 2m vertical.
- 440m vertical.
- 6m vertical.

YAGI: ?Old Telex from Robert. Put it up on 2 sections Rohn. Antenna wouldn't resonate on any ham bands (by analyzer and Gene Bowman analysis). Kippe's rotor wouldn't turn it. We left it up, it looked cool. Traffic: received and passed 3 messages. We did not originate any messages.

From those in attendance at 2:15 PM, the question came up as to what should we run, 1A, 2A, 3A? We had only one working radio. Although a few contacts had been made as 2A, we changed to 1A. That may not have been the best decision, since there was some later criticism that we were now stuck as 1A. So we went with W4NC as

Continued on next page



MANUFACTURERS OF CUSTOM SHOES
PO Box 11733, Winston-Salem, NC 27116
Diabetic Shoes, Orthopedic Shoes

President and CEO
Judson S. Davis

Email: judsondavis@mail.com
Internet: judsondavis.com

Off./Fax (336) 768-6544
Res./Fax (336) 725-8428
WATS 1-800-334-0128

www.rgabernethy.com

1A, and activated W4WS as 2A. But there was lots of participation. I (WS4NC) never even got on one of the rigs. They were basically busy all of the time. Even on CW. Even 3 operators over night! We could have ran 3A or 4A if we wanted.

Running rates: I saw several people get rates > 100 at various times. Raja personally hit >100 for W4NC and for W4WS at different times on different bands (20 and 40). Tim King calling and Raja logging ran about 165 for about 1/2 an hour. Kew!

I personally (this is Don again) really enjoyed chatting with Bill Day (and Beacham Leonard) and looking over the pre-1930 Amateur Radio stuff Bill brought, including some items from the radio club that predates the 1930's club from which we trace our club's founding. There were a number of catalogs from the 1920's selling spark-gap stuff. Neat! I want to use some information from a few of these items to grace future newsletters.

And we got to meet Dan O'Leary's mom; what a precious lady! She was a hoot. She kept a small group of us entertained for hours with her stories from work, and a few stories about Dan, which he took good-naturedly.

The mayor stood us up and didn't show. But ARRL Section Manager John Covington showed up, cool. We were on the news, but no news crews came out.

Operators (that we can remember): KB6MTH, KG4NEP, KF4PKLQ, N0KTY, WB9SZL, WS4NC, AC4YN, KT4KV, KB4RGB, WB4MSG AG4RZ, KG4ECI, Zack (who will take his exam in August), Dave Fitzgerald, Jr (a kid who wandered in, actually made a QSO!) There were a bunch of people who showed up, but did not operate. Melissa and Becham, and a few other 'old' guys. 'Old' is a term of endearment, right?

CQ WPX Contest

A CQ WPX #1 4 land CW QRP certificate for one WB4MSG using W4WS recently arrived! Wall paper for Gene!- Way to go!

It's Aliiiiive! AMSAT-OSCAR 7

Satellite Returns from the Dead (Jun 24, 2002) -- The Amateur Radio satellite world is abuzz with news that the nearly three-decades-old OSCAR 7 satellite suddenly has come back to life. First heard June 21 by Pat Gowan, G3IOR--who copied and downloaded CW telemetry on 145.9738 from the bird--AO-7 subsequently was monitored by several other AMSAT members. AO-7 was launched November 15, 1974, and it remained operational for more than six years.

Steven, KG4JWU noticed this over field day weekend and brought it to my attention. It seems that Steven is getting very interested in satellite operation. Looks like the batteries which had shorted in the early 1980's have opened up and the bird is operating from just the

Would you like to become a member of FARC? It's easy! Dues are \$24/year (\$12/year for over 65 & students) prorated to end in December, i.e. in April dues would be \$16 (\$8 for over 65 and students). Feel free to drop into any meeting, we'd love to have you. Second Monday of every month at the Red Cross, 610 Coliseum Dr. Or email w4nc@triad.rr.com for more details.

PHOTO RESTORATION

Do you have precious photographs that are faded, damaged or deteriorating? Those photos can be copied, scratches and destroyed areas repaired. Black & white prints can be colorized. Copies printed on canvas or photo paper. The original photos are not harmed.

Don Edwards 336-413-3838

solar panels. This satellite was built from generally-available parts and was not made from space-certified, radiation-hardened hardware. It set a number of firsts, including the first amateur satellite-to-satellite communications and also established that location-determination by timing-technology similiar to that used by GPS would work.



FCC Exam Report

Amateur Radio exams were given at the American Red Cross, 690 Coliseum Drive, Winston-Salem, NC (Beside WXII-TV), the first Saturday of June, June 8, at 9:00 A.M. by the W4VEC VEC Group. This was the same day as the Winston-Salem Hamfest, which was conveniently only a block away.

Amateur Extra Class: 5 passed.

General Class: 1 passed.

Technician Class: 3 passed.

Next Test Session at W/S will be on August 3rd. For more information see the W4VEC VEC website at: www.w4vec.com or contact Rick Batte', N4MBI at n4mbi@ols.net or 336-924-1881. Be sure to bring two forms of ID, one being a photo ID, your SSN, original license, photo copy of your present amateur license, and any CSCE's. Also you need to bring your FRN which is required by the FCC. This can be obtained from the CORES database, or you can refer to the letter that you received or will receive from the FCC.

DATE/MONTH	LOCATION
July 2002	No Testing
03 August 2002	Red Cross
September 2002	No Testing
05 October 2002	Red Cross
November 2002	No Testing
07 December 2002	Red Cross
January 2003	No Testing
February 2003	Test Session at Elkin Hamfest ONLY.

73, Rick, N4MBI

Repeater Chairman at Work

Raja, KB6MTH, took a few pictures of Dale, WB9SZL and KG4NTC while Dale was performing critical surgery on the 145.47 repeater.



This is located in WXII's old radar shack on Sauratown Mountain (thanks WXII). The big cabinet with the Plexiglass cover behind Raymond is the repeater's home.



First Dale studies carefully the entrails looking for signs of demons and other false sprits.



Then carefully he begins work, restoring one of the Club's crown jewels. The club owes Dale a debt of gratitude for all the effort he puts into keeping our repeaters going. With summer upon us thunderstorms are likely to keep him much too busy. That is, if we ever have any rain.

Hamfests

6 Jul 2002 + Rowan ARS

Contact: Ralph Brown, WB4AQK
1621 Emerald Street
Salisbury, NC 28144
Phone: 704-636-5902
Email: rbrown@salisbury.net



Salisbury, NC
Div: Roanoke
Sect: North Carolina

20 Jul 2002 + Cary ARC
<http://www.qsl.net/n4nc>

Contact: Lee Swanson, N4AJF
1025 Warren Avenue
Cary, NC 27511
Phone: 919-467-8128
Email: n4ajf@arrl.net

Cary, NC
Div: Roanoke
Sect: North Carolina

27 Jul 2002 + Western Carolina ARS
<http://wcars.org/hamfest/index.htm>

Contact: Pat Kelsey, WA4OLA
158 Brickyard Road
Asheville, NC 28806
Phone: 828-236-0181
Email: wa4ola@arrl.net

Waynesville, NC
Div: Roanoke
Sect: North Carolina

31 Aug-1 Sep 2002 + Shelby ARC
<http://personal.clt.bellsouth.net/clt/n4/n4fan>

Contact: John Ledford, W4JL
9555 Knob View Drive
Vale, NC 28168
Phone: 704-462-4910
Email: w4jl@shelby.net

Shelby, NC
Div: Roanoke
Sect: North Carolina

28-29 Sep 2002 * Roanoke Division Convention
Tidewater Radio Conventions
<http://www.vahamfest.com>

Contact: Lynn Lilla, W9DJQ
848 Stacey Place
Virginia Beach, VA 23464
Phone: 757-479-1597
Email: lynmlilla@aol.com

Virginia Beach, VA
Div: Roanoke
Sect: Virginia

13 Oct 2002 + Maysville Hamfest Association
Contact: Donna Jones, KB4MYE
183 Cedar Lane
Newport, NC 28570
Phone: 252-727-4750
Email: kb4mye@coastalplanes.com

Hamfests continued next page

Maysville, NC
Div: Roanoke
Sect: North Carolina

23 Mar 2003 x Down East Hamfest Association

Contact: Jean DuPree, KB4OHX
PO Box 1778
Kinston, NC 28503
Phone: 252-524-5724

Kinston, NC
Div: Roanoke
Sect: North Carolina

Virginia Beach Hamfest

The Virginia Beach Hamfest will be a two-day affair this year after all. Hamfest organizers advertised earlier this year that the fest would be reduced to one day - Sunday, Sept. 8, at it's regular location.

This week, they announced another change:

The hamfest will be two days, September 28-29, and at a new location: PEMBROKE MALL RT 264 EAST – EXIT 17 B NORTH GO 4 STOP LIGHTS – TURN RIGHT IN FRONT OF SEARS AUTO CENTER FIRST LARGE BUILDING ON RIGHT AFTER SEARS SHOW SATURDAY 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM SHOW SUNDAY 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM DEALER LOAD – IN FRIDAY 12:00 NOON TO 9:00 PM DEALER LOAD – IN SATURDAY 6:00 AM TO 9:00 AM E-MAIL INQUIRIES TO HAMFEST@EXIS.NET

As of Wednesday morning, June 12, their web page was still showing the old information, but should change soon: <http://www.vahamfest.com/> The Virginia Beach Hamfest has been an excellent one for years, with an exhibit hall featuring displays from most of the major manufacturers, several dealers, excellent forums and a large flea market. They've seen some very bad luck the past three years (bad weather, a flood, and a date just a week after the September 11 terrorist attack on the US last year). Attendance had dropped dramatically. I wish them luck at their new location!

73, Gary KN4AQ

Personals:

Follow up from an Atlanta, GA, newspaper regarding an ad that had run the previous week:

"SINGLE BLACK FEMALE. Seeks male companionship; ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good looking girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours. Call 436-0194 and ask for Daisy." Are you ready???

More than 150 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society about an 8-week old Black Labrador Retriever.

Police Response

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" and he said no.

Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available. George said "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again. "Hello. I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now 'cause I've just shot them all." Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips residence. Of course, the police caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George: "I thought you said you'd shot them all!" to which George replied, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

Editor's Corner

Looking for your email copy from last month? Well, sorry, due to all the 'hoop-la' with my email system being down, by the time I could send it, it was too late. Besides over 300 copies were sent by mail to everyone who had been a member since 1998 because this was the Hamfest edition. That problem with the email system shouldn't happen again, at least in theory, but at least everyone received a hard copy.

OK, Repeating my email mantra: I'm trying to get as many people to move to the email version as possible, where you get full color. If you are still receiving a mail copy and want to change, please email me at w4nc@triad.rr.com.

For information to make it into the Newsletter, I need it a few days before the end of the month. Sometimes I can squeeze it in on the last day, depending on when the 2nd Monday falls.

Email me at edwardd@rjrt.com with any submissions. Just plain text is all that's required, most formatting will be redone to match the Newsletter's form anyway. Pictures can be most any form, but jpg's are probably best. Pictures need to be of the highest resolution possible.

73, Don, WB4KQN

Moment of Zen - Morning Breath?

This picture was brought to work by a co-worker. She came into to wake her sons up to get ready for school. This was just too amusing for her to resist with her new digital camera. Probably it's all over the internet by now.

