

# Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

# Newsletter

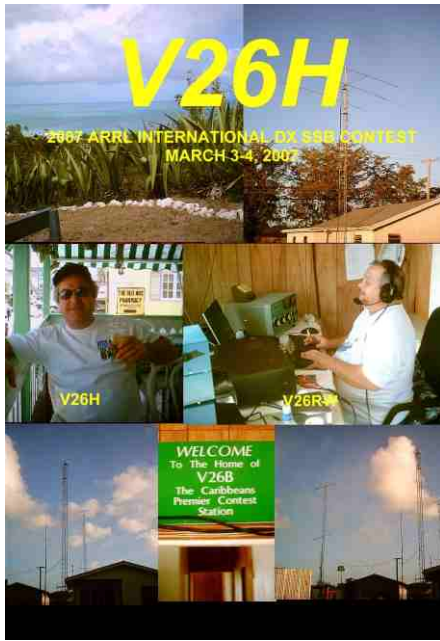


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May, 2007

## March's Club Program

Thanks to Henry, V26H (AKA W2DZO) and Robert, V26RW (AKA KG4NEP) for an excellent program about their DX-pedition to Antiqua for the ARRL SSB DX Contest. We are keeping our fingers crossed that their score holds through checking as they are currently listed as



Number 1 WORLD! The difference between first and second place is less than 1% so it will be close. It is all the more amazing since they couldn't raise anyone stateside on 10 meters and had to make the difference by really pushing QSOs on the other bands.

The Winston-Salem Journal ran an article on our globe-trotters and their DX-pedition. It appeared only in the Clemmons version of the Journal but can still be read at the following url:

[http://www.journalnow.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=WSJ/MGArticle/WSJ\\_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173351044226](http://www.journalnow.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=WSJ/MGArticle/WSJ_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173351044226)

## April Club Program

Thanks to Don Dazo, for a great program about DX and other topics in April. I'd like to say more about it, but unfortunately I didn't make it to the club meeting because of a family emergency. Don does a lot of tower work all over the Southeast (and beyond). He has started a blog about the tower work he does and it is at:

<http://towerworks.journalspace.com/>

## Big News! NC House passes Ham Antenna Legislation!

House Bill 1340, the "Amateur Radio Antenna Bill" passed the NC House unanimously, 115-0, at 5:09 PM Tuesday. The bill has been referred to the NC Senate where we hope to have a companion bill soon. Thanks to all of you who contacted your state representative. None of us imagined this would happen so quickly! We will need you to make the same great effort to build support with your state senator as soon as a number is assigned for the companion bill. I'll send more info on the senate bill as soon as it's available.

A special thanks to the bill's sponsor Rep. Danny McComas (R - New Hanover) and to former Wilmington mayor Hamilton "Ham" Hicks, KB4BR, for shepherding the bill through the House with overwhelming success.

Ham asks that each of you consider sending your state representative a "thank you" note for their vote of support. Too often this is neglected and it can mean a lot to your representative.

*Tim Slay, N4IB*

## May Meeting Program

Tim Slay, NI4B, the North Carolina ARRL Section Manager is going to join us and give the program. I'm sure that Tim will have lots of news about the goings-on around the state but most especially he will have the latest news on the status of the Amateur Radio Antenna Bill (see section above). This is not yet a done deal since it still has to pass the NC Senate. If you haven't already, you should send a note of thanks to your NC House representative thanking them for their support.

### Club Meeting, Monday May 14, 2006

We will meet, as usual, on the 2nd Monday of the month at 690 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. The program Monday night will be ARRL Section Manager Tim Slay, N4IB.

**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, 690 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, 690 Coliseum Drive in Winston-Salem. The club conducts its main business meeting (sometimes 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 club 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.com](http://www.w4nc.com). Club email is to [w4nc@triad.rr.com](mailto:w4nc@triad.rr.com).

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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.

## NC QSO Party Results

This year was another really, really close contest. The difference between first and second place was less than 1%. And now that I've told you that - I can't tell you anymore because, unfortunately, by press time Henry had not finalized the results. The awards will be ready by Dayton Hamfest and the results will be announced on the web site by then.

## Short Circuits

**Ed, KU4BP** is now a home owner! He's looking for some tower sections too. See the note under Classified.

Rumor has it that **Tim, AG4RZ** and his lovely lady Brandy (WB4MSG's daughter) has a harmonic on the way. Congratulations to all. Life will be changing around the King household. Tim also has a new (to him) Yaesu FT-817, hopefully he will find some time to use it after the baby arrives!

## Field Day

An idea has been put forward to do Field Day slightly differently this year. We will still be at Hobby Park. We will still be putting up all the antennas like before. We will still have our picnic (yumm!). But the idea is to use all QRP on battery power. The rules are being reviewed to see what that entails - but the biggest issue is that the generator would stay at the Red Cross. Part of the idea is to also use paper logs (no computers) and check sheets like the (not-so) good old days. Raja, KB6MTH, and Don, WS4NC, have agreed to loan their FT-817's for the weekend. The Club's FT-920 can be turned down to 5 Watts. It would make set-up and take down somewhat easier and would more closely simulate a real emergency, which is part of what Field Day is about. Your thoughts will be solicited at the May Club meeting.

We would need to change the oil in the generator, since field day is our annual generator tune up. We may also purchase some solar panels to recharge the batteries. We believe that we can get some big, new 12-volt batteries donated.



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## Upcoming Hamfests & Other Ham Dates

May 12 - Rockingham County Hamfest, Reidsville, NC  
**May 14 FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem**  
May 21 FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem  
May 18 - 20 Dayton, Ohio Hamvention  
May 19 - RARS Swapfest, Williamston, NC  
May 26 - DurHamfest, Durham, NC  
May 28 PVRC NC West Meeting, Location TBD in Winston-Salem

June 2 - Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest, Marietta, Ga.  
**June 9 - Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, NC**  
June 9 - Tennessee StateARRL Convention, Knoxville, TN  
**June 11 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem**  
June 18 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem  
June 21 - PVRC NC-West Meeting, Location TBD, Winston-Salem  
**June 23 & 24 - Field Day - Hobby Park, Winston-Salem**

July 7 - FireCrackerFest, Salisbury, NC  
**July 9 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem**  
July 16 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem  
July 21 - Mid-Summer Swapfest, Cary, NC  
July 23 - PVRC NC-West Meeting Location TBD, Winston-Salem  
July 28 - Western Carolina Hamfest, Waynesville, NC

August 4 - Roanoke Hamfest, Vinton, VA  
**August 13 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem**  
August 20 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem  
August 27 - PVRC NC-West Meeting, Location TBD, Winston-Salem

August 31, Sept. 1 & 2 Shelby Hamfest, Shelby, NC  
**September 10 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem**  
September 17 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem  
September 15 & 16 - Va. Beach Hamfest, Virginia Beach, VA.  
September 24 - PVRC NC-West Meeting, Location TBD, Winston-Salem

October 6 - Rock Hill Hamfest, Rock Hill, SC  
**October 8 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem**  
October 15 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem  
**October 20 - Pfafftown Hamfest, Winston-Salem, NC**  
October 22 - PVRC NC-West Meeting, Location TBD, Winston-Salem  
**October 26 - 28 - CQWW Contest**  
October 29 - Fifth Monday of the Month!!

**November 12 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem**  
November 19 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem  
November 26 - PVRC NC-West Meeting, Location TBD, Winston-Salem

**December 10 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem**  
December 17 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem  
December 24 - Christmas Eve - No PVRC Meeting  
December 31 - Fifth Monday of the Month!! Also New Years Eve.

## ARES NET

Just a reminder, please join us on the Forsyth County Ares Net Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. on the W4NC repeater, frequency 145.47 Mhz

. 73, John, N0KTY, Forsyth EC

## Forsyth County ARES Reports

### Feb 1, 2007

Net Started - 8:30 PM local. Net Control - KG4ECI Dan.  
Check-ins: 12. Stations were KG4FGC Ken, N0KTY John, N4PAA Carl, NA4P Fred, WF4DD WFU Club, KC4WSK Van, KE4ZFN Bryce, KF4EOD Mike, WX5AAA Raymond, KI4NHP Boyce, KI4NHQ Karen and KG4ECI Dan.  
There was one announcement by KG4FGC Ken that the WF4DD net would follow the ARES net at 9 PM.

N0KTY John held the ARES meeting. He commented on the current weather situation where a major storm was predicted but it was slightly warmer than expected and was mainly a cold rain. A few degrees lower temperature could have caused serious problems. John reminded us to stay prepared for the time when the predicted severe weather actually occurs. Upcoming public service activities requesting ARES help with communications are the MS Walk at the Zoo in Asheboro on March 31, the Three Mountain Madness bicycle ride through Stokes County on June 2, and details pending on the Triad MS Walk in Kernersville on April 28. Volunteers should contact John to get signed up for these events.  
Formal Session - 15 minutes. Informal Session - 12 minutes. Total time -27 minutes.

N4PAA, Carl

### Feb 8, 2007

Net Started - 8:30 PM local. Net Control - N4PAA Carl  
Check-ins: 15. KSYN Terry, K4GHS Ben, KF4EOD Mike, KG4ECI Dan, N0KTY John, KC8OEX Terry, WB9SZL Dale, KC4WSK Van, KG4FGC Ken, WF4DD WFU Club, KLDH Larry, WD4DLP Darren, KI4NHP Boyce, KI4NHQ Karen and N4PAA Carl.

There was one announcement by KG4FGC Ken that the WF4DD net would follow the ARES net at 9 PM.

N0KTY John held the ARES meeting. John commented on how predicted winter storms have fizzled out lately, but urged us to keep ourselves and our equipment ready for the time the weatherman gets it right. Upcoming public service activities requesting ARES help with communications are the MS Walk at the Zoo in Asheboro on March 31. John needs 4 operators for this event. The Three Mountain Madness bicycle ride through Stokes County will be on June 2 with 9 operators needed for this event - three with 11 meter capability for liaison with the motorcycle group. Details are pending on the Triad MS Walk in Kernersville on April 28. Volunteers should contact John to get signed up for these events.

Formal Session - 15 minutes. Informal Session - 10 minutes. Total time -25 minutes.

N4PAA, Carl

### Feb 15, 2007

Net Started - 8:30 PM local. Net Control - N4PAA Carl.  
Check-ins: 6. Stations were KK4KK Pete, WB9SZL Dale, KC4WSK Van, NA4P Fred, WF4DD WFU Club, and N4PAA Carl.

There was one announcement by NA4P Fred that the WF4DD net would follow the ARES net at 9 PM.

No EC was available for the ARES meeting. Net control reminded participants of the upcoming ARES events - the MS Walk at the Zoo in Asheboro on March 31 and the Three Mountain Madness bicycle ride in Stokes County on June 2. John needs operators for both events. Net control commented that although this area has been devoid of winter weather, it still exists. His former home area in Pennsylvania was essentially closed by a Valentine Day snow and ice storm. Major highways through out eastern Pennsylvania were still closed, with motorists stranded wherever they happened to get iced in. It is better to see weather like that on television than to deal with it personally, but we should keep our equipment ready, just in case winter finds this area.

Formal Session - 13 minutes. Informal Session - 2 minutes. Total time -15 minutes.

N4PAA, Carl

### Feb 22, 2007

Net Started - 8:30 PM local. Net Control - N4PAA Carl  
Check-ins: 14. K4GHS Ben, KG4FGC Ken, KE4JFV Rich, W5JOL Woody, NA4P Fred, WF4DD WFU Club, KC8OEX Terry, KC4WSK Van, KF4EOD Mike, WD4DLP Darren, WA8IHW Jack, KF4PLQ Woody, KG4ECI Dan and N4PAA Carl.

There was one announcement by KG4FGC Ken that the WF4DD net would be held at 9 PM or after the AREA net.

N0KTY John was unavailable for the ARES meeting - too much ice fishing in Michigan recently. Net Control reminded stations of upcoming ARES events - the MS Walk at the Zoo on March 31, probably the Triad MS Walk in Kernersville on April 28, and the Three Mountain Madness Bicycle ride through Stokes County on June 2. The weather is unsettled lately with cold one day and warm the next. Stay prepared for any type of storm.

Formal Session - 22 minutes. Informal Session - 13 minutes. Total time -35 minutes.

N4PAA, Carl

### March 1, 2007

Net Started - 8:30 PM local. Net Control - KC8OEX Terry  
Check-ins: 11. WA8IHW Jack, KI4NCQ Charles, N0KTY John, KG4FGC Ken, WF4DD WFU Club, NA4P Fred, N4PAA Carl, KC4WSK Van, KS4YN Terry, WX5AAA Raymond and KC8OEX Terry.

There were three announcements by KG4FGC Ken. 1- The WF4DD net would follow the ARES net at 9 PM. 2- Severe Weather is expected later this evening. Keep your weather alert radio on. Also, Severe Weather Awareness Week will be March 11-17 with the state wide Tornado Drill on March 14. 3- Skywarn Spotter Training will be in Forsyth County at the EMS Center, 911 E. 5th Street on April 25. The Basic Class will be from 2 to 4 PM with the Advanced Class from 7 to 9 PM.

N0KTY John held the ARES meeting. John's audio was accompanied by rain beating on the metal roof of his shack as he thanked Ken for the announcements and confirmed the severe weather expected later. The formal meeting was short due to the rain on the roof background noise.

Formal Session - 19 minutes. Informal Session - 8 minutes. Total time -27 minutes.



N4PAA, Carl

**March 8, 2007**

Net Started - 8:30 PM local. Net Control - KC8OEX Terry  
Check-ins: 14. Stations were K4GHS Ben, N0KTY John, K14NHP Boyce, K14NHQ Karen, KK4KK Pete, NA4P Fred, WF4DD WFU Club, N4PAA Carl, KE4DTX James, KF4EOD Mike, KG4FGC Ken, KC4WSK Van, WD4DLP Darren and KC8OEX Terry.

There were three announcements by KG4FGC Ken. 1- The WF4DD net would follow the ARES net at 9 PM. 2- Severe Weather Awareness Week will be March 11-17 with the state wide Tornado Drill on March 14. 3- Skywarn Spotter Training will be in Forsyth County at the EMS Center, 911 E. 5th Street on April 25. The Basic Class will be from 2 to 4 PM with the Advanced Class from 7 to 9 PM. If you plan to attend either class, call Michelle Brock at the EMS - her phone number is 767-6161. There is no charge for either class but they want to know how many people will show up for each class.

N0KTY John held the ARES meeting. John reminded us that spring brings severe weather in this area and that besides a source of emergency power, consideration should be given to an emergency antenna. Something portable and easily set up like a twin lead J pole is desirable, as the severe winds that damage trees and property will also pick on your base station antenna. It doesn't do much good to have emergency power is there is no antenna for your radio.

N4PAA, Carl

**March 15, 2007**

Net Started - 8:30 PM local. Net Control - N4PAA Carl.  
Check-ins: 10. Stations were K14FKI Adrian, K4GHS Ben, WB9SZL Dale, NA4P Fred, WF4DD WFU Club, WB4QXG Fred, KF4EOD Mike, WX5AAA Raymond, N4ABA Andy and N4PAA Carl.

There was one announcement by NA4P Fred that the WF4DD Net will follow the ARES net or start at 9 PM local, which ever is later.

No EC was available for the formal ARES meeting. Net Control recapped coming events - the MS Walk at the Zoo in Asheboro on March 31, the Triad MS Walk at Fourth of July Park in Kernersville on April 28 and the Three Mountain Madness bicycle event starting in Pilot Mountain on June 3. Also, Skywarn Spotter Training will be in Forsyth County at the EMS Center, 911 E. 5th Street on April 25. The Basic Class will be from 2 to 4 PM with the Advanced Class from 7 to 9 PM. If you plan to attend, call Michelle Brock at 767-6161 to reserve your seat. There is no charge for either class.

Formal Session - 10 minutes. Informal Session - 5 minutes. Total time -15 minutes.

N4PAA, Carl

**March 22, 2007**

Net Started 8:30 PM - Net Control KG4ECIDan  
Check-ins - 14. Stations were KD4EQY Michael, K0QLP Bill, KG4FGC Ken, KF4EOD Mike, K4GHS Ben, N0KTY John, N4PAA Carl, KC4WSK Van, KC8OEX Terry, W4ASH Steve, NA4P Fred, WD4DLP Darren, KC9AMA John and KG4ECIDan.

There were four announcements by KG4ECIDan.

1. The NWS in Raleigh has changed Special Weather Statements to only cover weather expected within 6 hours. Time periods over 6 hours have moved to their Hazardous Weather Outlook section.

2. The Forsyth County Emergency Management will have their first "Are You Ready?" class on Thursday, April 19 at the Kernersville Fire Station #41 at 316 W. Bodenhamer Street. This class is to prepare you and your family to survive a severe weather event. Call Michelle Brock at 767-6161 to reserve a space.

3. Skywarn Spotter Training in Winston-Salem at the Emergency Management facility at 911 W. 1st Street - Basic class from 2 to 4 PM and Advanced class from 7 to 9 PM. Call Michelle Brock to reserve a space.

4. Skywarn Spotter Training in Kernersville, on Wednesday, May 16. Basic classes will be from 2 - 4 PM and again at 7 - 9 PM. Again, call Michelle Brock to reserve a space.

The ARES meeting was conducted by N0KTY John. He pointed out we have been lucky so far this year, but to stay prepared for when our luck runs out. He called our attention to all the Skywarn Spotter training classes coming up and urged us to take advantage of them.

Formal Session - 17 minutes. Informal Session - 13 minutes. Total time -30 minutes.

N4PAA, Carl

**March 29, 2007**

Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - KG4ECIDan  
Check-ins - 19. Stations were WX5AAA Raymond, KG4FGC Ken, WF4DD WFU Club, KF4EOD Mike, K4GHS Ben, W4IRE John, N4PAA Carl, KC8OEX Terry, K14TFF Andrew, KC4WSK Van, W4ASH Steve, NA4P Fred, KF4PLQ Woody, KG4FMG Ernie, WB4QXG Fred, W1MLK Mike, K14NHP Boyce, K14NHQ Karen and KG4ECIDan.

There were three announcements. KG4FGC announced the "Are You Ready?" preparedness training to survive after a severe weather event - conducted by Forsyth County Emergency Management at the Kernersville Fire Station #41 at 316 W. Bodenhamer Street on Thursday, April 19 from 7 to 9 PM.

There will be Skywarn Spotter Training Classes at the Forsyth County Emergency Management Center at 911 W. First St. in Winston-Salem on Wednesday, April 25. Basic Class is from 2 - 4 PM and Advanced Class is from 7 to 9 PM. Call Michelle Brock at 767-6161 to reserve a space.

The WF4DD Net will be at 9 PM or after the ARES net.

NA4P Fred announced a new web site URL for the WF4DD Club. The new URL is [www.wfu.edu/wf4dd](http://www.wfu.edu/wf4dd). The old URL of [www.na4p.com/wf4dd](http://www.na4p.com/wf4dd) will still work.

No EC was available for the formal ARES meeting. Net Control mentioned the severe weather that has been occurring around the country and to stay prepared for when something occurs here.

Formal Session - 15 minutes. Informal Session - 10 minutes. Total time -25 minutes.  
N4PAA, Carl

**KG4RZ results in WPX SSB Contest**

AG4RZ operated at WB4MSG's station in Multi/Multi, high Power class. Op's include AG4RZ, KB6MTH, WB4MSG, W2DZO, Jim and Gary (I didn't get their calls. - Ed.)

Band	QSO's
160	107
80	263
40	842
20	706
15	89
10	39

Total QSO's	2,037
Total Mults:	733
Total Score:	2,955,456

Tim tells us: "A few minor problems (lost 2 rigs, got one back up, minor interface issues, a little co-station interference) but everything went really well considering this was the very first "real" operation from Gene's new station. He and I ran a little in ARRL SSB, both single op at the same time for a while, but this was the first true 48 hour operation. The station worked out well, ergonomics were praised and it was a really convenient layout. We now have a good list of things to look at and try to improve, but all in all, there isn't much that we need to change.

"Had a great time, and look forward to trying it again sometime, after the summer lightning season, hi hi! (All the wire antennas come down for summer)"

Congratulations guys! Perhaps there might be a little competition between the stations at KG4NEP and WB4MSG.

**Newsletter Classifieds**

Looking for some Rohn 25 tower sections. Three and a top section would be good. Use will be a for my VHF antennas and will be mounted against the house. I may be in the market for more later on as a 70ft tower is in the plans. Ed KU4BP [email: [ku4bp@triad.rr.com](mailto:ku4bp@triad.rr.com)]

## Other Ham News:

It would be interesting to know how many FARC members worked BS7H on Scarborough Reef. This has been the number one most wanted DXCC country. They had been conducting operation from the top of some wooden platform anchored to the four highest rocks at low tide. Scarborough Reef is only a country at low tide! They ended operation on May 6. You can read about their operation at [www.scarboroughreef.com](http://www.scarboroughreef.com)



**This is a country? Only Hams would do this. This is the BS7H DX-peditioners. And they are standing on one of the high points of Scarborough Reef!**

## NC TV Tower Goes Down

Even the professionals don't always get it right. The Virginian-Pilot, in an article by Jeffery S. Hampton, reported on March 6, 2007 that an unfinished TV tower in N.C. toppled in high wind:

"CAMDEN COUNTY -- A television tower under construction in Camden County toppled during Friday's strong winds because concrete anchors were not large enough, according to the station's president. "Things that were supposed to stay in place didn't," said Glenn Holterhaus, president of Sky Television, parent company of WSKY-TV Channel 4. Standing 760 feet tall, the unfinished tower toppled and crushed a new transmitter building Friday morning after winds suddenly gusted to about 40 mph. Concrete anchors in the ground intended to stabilize the tower were not large enough and gave way, he said. The two-year long project was three weeks from

completion. Located about one mile south of the Virginia line, the tower was to reach up to 1,036 feet and replace an analog signal tower in Powells Point with a stronger digital signal, Holterhaus said. Based in Chesapeake, WSKY broadcasts to South Hampton Roads and northeastern North Carolina."

## New Licensing Class!

There are plans to hold a new licensing class on the Saturdays August 11, 18, and 25. Austin KI4KNS is heading up the planning. He will be looking for volunteers at the next Club meeting. We are going to follow the ARRL Instructor's Guide, which lays out an easy to follow outline. This is a chance to help some new hams get into the hobby.

## Thanks to Tom, N4IOZ

During the recent wind storms the power went out at the Red Cross. So we got the call to start up the generator. I ran over and got the generator started, but we discovered that the Uninterruptible Power Supply on the telephone system had bad batteries. Tom was good enough to get fresh new batteries and put them into the UPS. He wanted until after hours when no one was in the Red Cross to do the swap. Interestingly he discovered that if the phone system is unplugged, it will dial 911 and hang up when it powers back up. Lot of flashing lights and excitement happened. Tom should be eligible for parole in three years. Just kidding. Tom offered the police responders a tour and they seemed happy and left. But that is an interesting bit of information to know about the phone system. I bet Tom wished he knew that before he unplugged it.

## Editor's Corner

Sorry about April's Newsletter but I had a family emergency just about the time I was going to write it. (And I had a great April 1 article - it'll keep 'til next year.) Summer is here and it is a good time to make sure that you have an up-to-date "go bag" with gear for emergencies. Don't forget a few water bottles. Emergency batteries are no good if they are not charged, and if the power is out that's a problem. I like to keep a small 117-VAC inverter in my truck for emergency power. I'm thinking about getting a bigger one and wiring it in permanently. Just something to think about. All for this month!

*73, Don WS4NC*

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## Moment of Zen

We are proud to count among our members Dr. Arjun Chatterjee, KB6MTH, more generally known to us as Raja. Raja is not only a respected Pulmonary and Critical Care Specialist, as a member of the faculty of Wake Forest School of Medicine he is also a respected member of the scientific community. It is not often that we are privileged to see Raja as he associates with his fellow scientists. Knowing that Raja associates with such well-known and uniquely-respected scientists helps us see his career in an entirely different light.

