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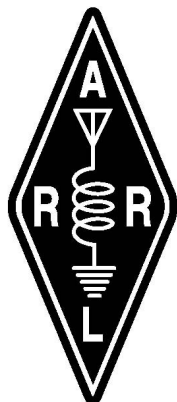
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At the next meeting

- Digital Modes in Ham Radio
- There will be the usual 50/50 drawing.
- Refreshments by Doug, W9SPC



FIELD DAY 2005 - Revisited

We had a brief report on Field Day 2005 in a previous edition of the ECHO. This is one of the best-attended BRARC activities, so a few more words on our results should be of interest.

We entered as Class 2A, which indicates that we used two transmitters at less than 150W each. There were 534 entries in that category, and we scored as the 176th. That put us in the top third. Our score was 2944 points and we made 619 contacts (QSOs) with other partici-

pants. The high number of points results from “multipliers” to the QSOs by using cw and solar power on some of our contacts. Also helping were “adders” resulting from youth participation, visits from town officials, and packet messaging.

Fifteen of the entries scoring above us used less than 5W for all contacts. This probably shows us that antennas are as crucial as high transmitting power.

Most important, we had 51 participants.

That includes set-up, operation and visitors. Only 7 of the 176 clubs scoring higher than us had more participation. This is testimony to a GREAT site, also evidenced by the media attention we received.

Our neighbors in WCARS operated station W4MOE as Class 6A. They had 322 QSOs and a score of 1866 points, with 87 participants.

There were 68 entries across NC. Only 3 of all the 81 ARRL sections had more. NC is a fine

2005 ARRL TOY DRIVE A SUCCESS

A convoy carrying contributions to the ARRL/Salvation Army Holiday Toy Drive set off December 15 from the Memphis warehouse where the toys have been collecting for several weeks. On hand to see them off were representatives of the

ARRL, The Salvation Army, country music singer Patty Loveless, KD4WUJ, Amateur Radio volunteers, the news media, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus. Loveless, who served as national chairperson for the campaign, expressed her thanks to Amateur Radio clubs and individual hams who gave to the drive. "I think it's just amazing. For those who couldn't be here, I'm sure they're here in spirit and giving from their hearts, and I

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PREZ SEZ, GEORGE KORPER, K3GK, PRESIDENT

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Financial Statement for November 2005 - Lil Clark

Balance as of 10/31/05	- \$591.88
Plus Deposits:	- 60.00
Sub-total	- \$651.88
Less Expenses	- 20.44
Bal. as of 11/20/05	- \$631.44

Don't Forget:

VE Testing

Saturday, February 11, 2006

Mountain Home Fire Department on US25.

9:00 am

Contact Carol Frost, K4YYR for more info.

Thanks to everyone for a marvelous Christmas Banquet. The two parades went off like clockwork. It's great to see the ARES van in the parade. I trust you all have the power back. Most of our members have generators or solar, but Ronnie (W2SST) has the biggest rig, he powered his whole house, and made hot water and even lit the Christmas lights! I am most grateful my solar panel kept the rig, fax and phone online. The month we will be discussing the digital modes, so please bring a notebook to take notes.

Michael (AI4GR) pointed out the club has an expensive SWR analyzer in the shack. Some of you may wish to borrow this item when you raise a new antenna. Dave Anderson (K4SV) is going 'Big Gun' on 160 with a new ¼ wave vertical. The vertical should give Dave a new radiation angle for low band DX.

Now for my Pet Peeve; get your WOUFF HONG out. I

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes of December 6th, 2005

The meeting minutes of December consists of notes of the club dinner that was held on December 6th. This was our regular meeting night, and; as our regular members know, this meeting is really looked forward to. We had a very good attendance. This year there were 43 members and guests in attendance. We met around the six o'clock hour at the

have been hearing racial slurs and foul language on 80 meters and it seems these hams have decided this 'Old Fart' lingo is very cool to use. This is the new south, and I dislike the image that is created by these creeps. It is very serious to authorize the use of the WOUFF HONG, but we must be self policing. Use of the WOUFF HONG WILL result in serious consequences to those who receive its medicine. This is a warning to those who don't take our ancient tradition seriously. This warning must be published before this device is used to allow those parties violating our founder's intention of promoting fellowship time to reconsider. To use the WOUFF HONG, set your intention, and call upon its power. To learn more go to <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/history.html>. Enough said, from now on action will speak louder than lids.

Happy New Year members

Twin Dragons in Brevard , N. C.

George Korper, K3GK, was busily greeting visitors at the door, and also collecting the required money needed to balance the club's contribution. (This year, the membership voted to use money left in the treasury to help compensate each members cost of the dinner). As I arrived with the xyl, I noticed that many of the members and their wives or guests were already in attendance. Everyone was in the spirit of the holiday, and was busy

and remember dues are payable in January!! Lil likes prompt payment and as for myself, I'll stay on her good side. Lil, if you are reading this, my sincerest thank you from all of us for what you do. You are the best! See you in January.



greeting one another.

You'll have to understand that the following is written by a Southerner who had never eaten at a Chinese restaurant. After it seemed that everyone had assembled, we all charged off toward the Chinese buffet. I grabbed a plate and began perusing the vittles. I found chicken that was prepared every which way, except southern pan fried with gravy. Chicken teriyaki, sesame chicken, spicy chicken, Hawaiian chicken, and I can't

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ARRL TOY DRIVE, CONTINUED

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just want to thank them--from all around--for collecting," Loveless told ARRL. "Love is a word that truly everybody knows."

It took three trucks to contain the 4500 toys bound for youngsters along the US Gulf Coast displaced or left homeless as a result of this year's devastating hurricanes.

ARRL Delta Division Vice Director Henry Leggette, WD4Q, ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, The

SalvationArmy's Bill Feist, WB8BZH, and Loveless headlined a send-off ceremony as ham radio volunteers wearing Santa hats, coordinated by Joe Lowenthal, WA4OVO, packed up the trucks for the late-afternoon departure. Lowenthal says the Holiday Toy Drive received donations from upward of three dozen states plus the US Virgin Islands.

At the warehouse, Delta Amateur Radio Club members began a W1AW/4 special event operation December 15. A W1AW mo-

bile station also is on the air from a vehicle shadowing the truck convoy.

The ARRL partnered with The Salvation Army for this year's campaign. Feist, The Salvation Army's disaster services director for the Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi division, said it was an exciting occasion and he was glad to see ham radio get some positive publicity too. "We are certainly very appreciative of what all the Amateur Radio operators around the country and the ARRL have done for the people of Alabama, Louisi-

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Field Day 2005

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state for amateur radio. Total participation in the event was over 33,000—higher than either of the last two years.

By Michael Parente

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remember the other ways. There all kinds of vegetables fixed in a number of ways, none of them southern! Looks like someone had been busy with a wok. I found some egg rolls, I had always heard about them, but had never eaten one. Broccoli and beef, never heard of mixing it, but it was pretty good. I got to sample a bunch of different food prepared in a way I had never eaten before. The same is true for my Upper

Toy Drive, continued.

ana and Mississippi," Feist said.

League members gave more than \$4000 in cash donations to purchase even more toys--especially for older youngsters--and transport them to the Gulf Coast.

The ARRL thanks everyone who contributed to--and who

Eastern Tennessee bride. Anyway, everyone I talked to got more than enough to eat. The xyl really got into the dessert bar. So much for the low cholesterol diet. Foods I didn't see included pinto beans, fried okra or squash, pan fried potatoes, or corn fritters.

Bill, KD4RRY, was at the dinner, and is looking good after the heart surgery. He informed everyone that his xyl, Carol, had a knee replacement, and is getting on

well. I guess the highlight of the evening, at least at my table, was watching George and Lil, try to figure out the split on the money count. Thanks to all who came to the dinner!

Respectfully submitted
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Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club



Club Meeting Tuesday
 January 3, 2006



January Meeting will focus
 on Digital Modes in Ham
 Radio.



Next club meeting
 February 7, 2006 **7:30 pm**
At the SMAC!



QCWA Chapter 76—
 1st and 3rd Wednes-
 days at the Golden
 Corral, US64 East,
 Hendersonville. 11ish.

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Don't Forget: Dues are Due!

Nets and On-The-Air Activities

Net	Freq / PL	Day/Time
BRARC Net	146.640 MHz/ 91.5	Sunday 8:00 PM
BRARC Rag Chew	28350 kHz	Sunday following 146.640 net
Oasis Shrine Net	145.190 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
Mount Pisgah 220 Net	224.260 MHz	Sunday 9:00 PM
Good Morning Net	146.760 MHz	M-W-F 9:00 AM
WCARS Info. Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Monday 8:30 PM
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday 9:00 PM
WCARS Simplex Net	147.525 MHz	Tuesday 8:30 PM
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / 91.5	Wednesday 9:00 PM
Hit and Bounce Net(CW)	7.042 MHz	Daily 8:30 AM
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz/ 91.5	Wednesday 9:00 PM
Transylvania ARC Net	147.135 MHz	Thursday 8:00 PM
QCWA Chapter 76	3942 kHz (SSB)	Saturday 9:00 AM
6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday 9:00 PM
K4UUQ Morning Net	7225.5 kHz (SSB)	Mon-Sat 7:00 AM
		Sunday 8:00 AM
NC Morning Net	3927 kHz (SSB)	Daily 7:45 AM
SATERN Net	14265 kHz	Daily 10:00 AM
Carolinas Slow Net	3695 kHz (CW 5-8 wpm)	Daily 8:00 PM
NC Evening Net	3923 kHz (SSB)	Daily 6:30 PM
Carolinas Net (Early)	3573 kHz (CW 20-22 wpm)	Daily 7:00 PM
Tarheel ARES Net	3923 kHz (SSB)	Daily 7:30 PM
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily 9:00 PM
Carolinas Net (Late)	3573 kHz (CW 15-18 wpm)	Daily 10:00 PM

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