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Presidential Picnic This Thursday

That's right, it's that time of year again. Our Presidential Picnic is this Thursday, May 17th at the Panther Branch Community Building, which is located on Highway Ten – Ten just off of NC 50 outside of Garner. Tommy, our very own "Chef-Boy-R-Tommy" will be fixing his world famous "tube steak" (hot dogs) and "round steak" (hamburgers) along with beans and mac & cheese and all the trimmings. You need to let Tommy know how many of each you want so nobody goes hungry. Let Tommy know by Monday night. His e-mail is n4cbi@yahoo.com.

Sparky Returns

I have conferred with our illustrious president and he has informed me that we will have a special guest at our Presidential Picnic. He has not been there for a year or so. Sparky usually attends our Presidential Picnic so that he can meet all our new and returning members. You are not really a "Full" JARS member until you have met Sparky. It has been said in the past that Sparky has an "electrifying" personality. In the past, some have even said that they got a "real charge" out of meeting Sparky. Below you will find a **Special Guest List** all on this list are cordially and personally invited (and encouraged) to be at the Presidential Picnic:

KJ4WLG	Bill Grizzard
KJ4OVO	Greyson & Kellie Noles
KG4DPQ	Anthony Norris
KS4TI	Doug Williams
K1DUG	Doug Eubanks
KK4BVU	Tom Kressly
KK4EUC	Howard Whitworth
N8CJB	Chuck Beal
N4SMB	Steve Boyette
KJ4FYT	Benjamin Jones
KJ4OPH	Peggy Lee
KJ4QNW	Stephen Fowler
KJ4ZKG	Billy Newton
KU4ZH	Howard Harris
N4AED	Richard Futrell
KB4RGC	Robert German
K4MWE	Larry Royster
KT4JR	Julia Royster
KS4VX	Roger Boyles
KI4FYR	Gwen Boyles
KJ4ZKJ	John Woudsma
K4BUX	Bill Jefferson
K4VJC	Velda Callam.

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"There are only two kinds of people who are really fascinating: people who know absolutely everything and people who know absolutely nothing."

~Oscar Wilde

The LID Report

Hello everyone. I hope everyone is well. I would like to say a lot of time the LID is not given to the worthy recipient because they are not at the meeting, Well guess what, not this time. If you are not there to receive the "wonderful plaque", it will be hand delivered to your door. I hope everyone will be at the picnic this month. It should be entertaining. I would like to say it has been an honor to be the lid this past month. I was licensed back on 4-21-1992 as well as my friend K4OC, ole Sam in Cary. So Sam, happy 20 years of ham radio. I became a JARS member in 5-1992 and also the Lid.

Hope to see everyone Thursday night.

73 Howard, KU4ZH The Lid.

NORTH CAROLINA SECTION NEWS – April 2012

NORTH CAROLINA ENFORCEMENT UPDATES – Pages 67-69 of the May issue of

QST describes the role of Official Observers (OO) and how they work to improve the airwaves for all us. **Three recent North Carolina cases have been resolved.** The Johnston County Amateur Radio Society (JARS) formed a committee to search for a station causing deliberate interference on its 147.27 repeater. Using fox hunting type skills, the club was able to identify the offender who stopped his misbehavior once discovered. In western NC, a Ham who accused another Ham of interfering a repeater net retracted his

complaint when it was discovered the net doesn't exist. Finally, a Ham in the I-77 corridor who had been cited for ongoing malicious interference on 75 meter phone got a phone call from FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Laura Smith who told him to cease or face action. Such cases are rare but North Carolina's conscientious OO team and other concerned Hams helped to root out perpetrators and remind them of their compliance with Part 97. By the way, did you know that OOs also send out notices for good operating skills? When exemplary on-air skills are heard, OOs will send out a "Good Operator Report".

Special Recognition :

John Paul, AB4PP, has been a MARS radio operator for 25 years. Recently, he was nominated for and awarded the MARS Communicator of the Quarter. Congratulations JP

JARS Goes World Wide:

Tom Kressly, KK4BVU has recently started streaming the JARS nets on the Internet. It is directly accessible at: <http://www.radioreference.com/apps/audio/?feedId+11256> Or you can visit KiDUG's website (www.dougware.net) and click "Scanner Audio" and then "The Mighty 27".

You can also listen to it through several smart phone apps, such as 5-0 Radio Pro on the iPhone.

There are several advantages to having the stream online:

- It promotes JARS visibility to people who wouldn't have heard about us.
- It makes the repeater audio available to those outside its coverage area who want to catch the net when they are away.
- The audio is archived for a couple of weeks and downloadable as MP3s should the duck pop back up, or other interference creep it's way in. It's not to keep JARS honest or catch us breaking the rules, but it's available should we need it during ongoing issues.

Secretary's Report

April 19th 2012 Meeting

Dinner for the meeting was Chef Tommy's (N4CBI) famous BBQ chicken with all the trimmings. Nobody does chicken like Tommy does.

Pres. Robbie Wheeler (KD4WIY) called the meeting to order

There were no new announcements.

Upcoming Events:

Dayton Hamvention 2012: Will be held May 18th – 20th in Dayton Ohio. Since we don't have a significant number of JARS members attending this year, our Presidential Picnic will be held at our regular meeting place (Panther Branch Community Building) at the regular time. Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:00pm

Wonder is "Sparky" will be there?

JARS Field Day will be held the weekend of June 23rd – 24th. The daughter of Billy (WB4EBG) and Linda Massengill, Gail Adams, has graciously allowed us to use her property for Field Day once again. Everyone needs to talk it up and announce in on some of the other club nets.

Robbie Wheeler suggested hat we chip in to buy a 100-pound pig to cook for our big meal. Several of us agreed to pitch in \$20- \$30 to help with the cost. If anyone else would care to donate, see Robbie Wheeler at the next meeting.

Doug Williams (KS4TI) volunteered as net control for a "Preppers Net", which is geared for discussion, information, and tips on emergency preparedness. It is held every Tuesday night after the regular net has concluded. So far, I've really enjoyed it and have gained some valuable information. Good job Doug.

Treasurers Report: Still have money in the bank.

Repeater Report: It's still working.

Program:

We were honored to have Sheriff Steve Bizzell as speaker for our April meeting. He covered a variety of subjects, stressing the importance of communication in crisis situations. He also gave great information regarding what to do in the event you find yourself in an emergency situation. I thoroughly enjoyed his presentation and look forward to hearing him again.

Membership:

The following applicants were voted in as members of JARS:
Anthony Norris, KG4DPQ
Bill Grizzard, KJ4WLG
Greyson and Kellie Noles, KJ4OVO
Doug Williams, KS4TI
Welcome new members and remember to pick up your membership cards at the next meeting.

Net Whip:

Our check-in champ was Jack Donnelly (WA2YBM)
The mighty 27 averaged 25.9 check-ins per night, keep in mind he had only received 10 reports.

Lid of the Month Report:

The reigning LID, Jack Donnelly (WA2YBM) passed on the coveted LID award to Howard Harris (KU4ZH). LID-dom will henceforth never be the same again.

50/50 Drawing:

Our winner for the 50/50 drawing was Stephen Fowler (KJ4QNW). He took home a whopping \$43. Congrats Steven.

Please remember to email 'Chef' Tommy Rich (N4CB) at n4cbi@yahoo.com and let him know who's going to be eating dinner at the next meeting.

73's
Peggy Lee, KJ4OPH

ARRL News:

+ *FCC News: FCC Seeks Higher Vanity Call Sign Fee*

The FCC released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* on May 4, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$14.20 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$15 for 10 years, an increase of 80 cents. The FCC is authorized by the *Communications Act of 1934 (as amended)* to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program.

+ *End of an Era: Heathkit Educational Systems Closes Up Shop*

For the second time since 1992, Heathkit Educational Services has shuttered its doors. Rumors of the legendary kit-building company's demise were posted on QRZ.com, with several readers bringing the news to the attention of the ARRL. In August 2011, Heathkit announced it was returning to the kit building business, and in September, that it would once again be manufacturing Amateur Radio kits. The ARRL tried to reach Heathkit to confirm that the company is still in business, but their phone and fax numbers have a continuous busy signal, and e-mails to the company have gone unanswered.

+ *BSA to Offer Morse Code Interpreter Strip*

For many years, Boy Scouts and Scouters have been able to earn an interpreter strip to wear on their uniforms. This strip -- worn on the uniform above the right pocket -- denotes proficiency in a foreign language or sign language. Each language has its own strip (with the name of the language embroidered in that language), and some Scouts and Scouters wear more than one strip.

Now those hams involved with the Boy Scouts can show their proficiency in Morse code with a Morse code interpreter strip (with M-O-R-S-E spelled out in Morse code).

Preparedness: Are you ready?

Doug, KS4TI does a "Preparedness" Net on Tuesday night at nine PM. He has forwarded the following for this month's newsletter:

Things everyone should have in the trunk of their car:

These are items that are standard equipment in every police car:

1. If the trunk of your car is big enough get a small **footlocker** or plastic box to carry items.
2. **Flashlight** or lantern with extra batteries.
3. **24 inch pry bar**, can be used to bend back sheet metal or leverage to lift heavy objects.
4. **Shovel**, a small shovel can be purchased at any Army Surplus store.
5. **Axe or hatchet**, you never know when you may need to remove a tree limb from the roadway.
6. **Flares** or battery operated blinking lights to warn traffic of lane changes ahead.
7. **Fire Extinguisher**, Seeing the unthinkable, you are driving down the road and you witness a wreck, people are trapped in a burning vehicle. *I actually witnessed this. Myself and several other bystanders had fire extinguishers.*
8. **Plastic bags** (X-2 each), various sizes, from food storage bags to large trash bags.
9. **Duck tape**, has a thousand different uses.
10. **Jumper Cables** and/or **Jumpstart** battery pack. *I've used mine a hundred times helping out stranded motorist.*
11. **Maps**, (local and state), even though a lot of people now a days have GPS, everyone still needs to know how to read a map and us a compass
12. **Tool box**, have a basic toolbox or bag with small hand tools. (Pliers, Wrench, Screwdrivers, in various sizes, & a hammer, tape measure, plastic wire ties, electrical tape)
13. **Hand sanitizer, and 1 gallon of water, and paper towels** for cleaning.
14. **Work Gloves / Safety Glasses**
15. **Safety Traffic Vest**, yellow or orange traffic vest

16. **First Aid Kit**, get one and fill it with more than just the standard you would buy at the store. It's best to make your own based on what you think you may need.

17. **Blanket** can be used for keeping warm, treating first aid patients, or using as a sanitation barrier.

18. **Cooler – special for summer hot weather**, In the Summer carry a small cooler with small water bottles. It's refreshing to have cold drink on a hot day or give one to a friend in need.

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Scott Wilkinson

Wendell, North Carolina

Upcoming Hamfests:

05/26/2012 | DurHAMfest

Location: Bahama, NC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Durham FM Association

Website: <http://dfma.org>

06/09/2012 | Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest 2012

Location: Winston-Salem, NC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Forsyth Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w4nc.com/events.htm>

06/30/2012 | 22nd Annual Down East Hamfest

Location: Kinston, NC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Down East Hamfest Association

Website: <http://www.downeasthamfest.org>

Hurricanes, Tornadoes and other disasters:

Unfortunately, it is the time of the year when we have to be ready for tornadoes and hurricane season is not that far away not to mention other disasters of various types and kinds. No matter the incident, we as amateur radio operators are expected to, and want to help wherever and however we can. For many years now the United States has been using a system called the National Incident Management System. Before any of us can participate in the disaster, there is required training that we must have, as you will not be allowed to help out without this training. Below is a link to the site where the courses are: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp> We need to take all the ICS 100,200,700 and 800 courses that are listed on the site.

I have taken the courses and successfully passed all the tests, which should tell you how easy it is. The main reason that I am bringing this up is that last year when Hurricane Irene came through, I was tasked with coordinating Amateur Radio communications for both the Johnston County EOC and shelter. Fortunately and special thanks to those that helped, we were able to get the job done.

This year, I hope we can be better prepared. I am encouraging all JARS members to take the courses and complete the training and we can do the job correctly next time (which I hope there is none).
 Mike Callam, KD4UJC



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Well, that does it for this month's edition of the "Official Organ" Hope to see everyone at the "Presidential Picnic" this Thursday .

73 de KD4UJC your editor