

The Official Organ

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JARS Meeting This Thursday

Our first JARS meeting of 2015 is this Thursday, January 15th at the Panther Branch Community Building. This is located on Highway ten – ten, just off of NC 50 south of Garner. Since this is our first meeting of the year, there is no better way to start the year than attending the JARS meeting. Our very own “Chef – Boy – R – Tommy” will be cooking his world famous spaghetti and fixin’s. Rumor has it that the Italians are still trying to get his recipe because his spaghetti is much better than theirs. Make sure to let Tommy know how many people you are going to be bringing so everybody gets something to eat. Let Tommy know by calling him at 919-772-6302 or 919-669-4731. Cost is \$7.00 per person.

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News from the President

Since this is the first meeting of the year, I am hopeful that all JARS members will make an effort to attend. I have met with our VP Aaron, KK4KFG, and we have mapped out a plan to have a program for each meeting this year starting with our January meeting. Here is a tentative list of the programs that we are hoping to have this year: ARES/Winlink, Packet Radio, Chuck Bowman, the NC Section Manager, Nate Johnson, WRAL Meteorologist/amateur radio operator, Sheriff Bizzell, Sheriff Harrison, QRP/QSL cards, Interesting Radio Frequencies, Preparedness. Also, don’t forget our auction in February, the Presidential Picnic in May, and our annual Christmas Dinner in December. As you can see, we have quite a lot scheduled for this year and it promises to be a very active year for JARS. We also have some other activities that we would like to for JARS this year to hopefully get our members to become more active in the JARS. Together with your

help we can make this a great year for JARS.

Winter Field Day

Hey Gang! This year's WFD will be on Saturday January 24th at my QTH in Angier. The contest will start at noon on Saturday and will run throughout the night. If you are interested in setting up a station please contact me ASAP. Barry & Jim are scheduled to setup a CW station and I'll have another SSB station setup as well. Thinking of BBQing a piggy & Gino will throw some oysters on the grill and the keg will be full of cold beer.

The 2015 Winter Field Day will be held from 1700 UCT (12:00 noon EST) Saturday January 24, 2015 through 1700 UCT (12:00 noon EST) Sunday January 25, 2015. The object of the event is familiar to most Amateur Radio operators: set up emergency-style communications and make as many contacts as possible during the 24 hour period. The rules encourage as many contacts on as many bands and modes as possible, because during a real emergency, the most important factor is the ability to communicate, regardless of band, mode or

distance.

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Letter from the editor

This may be the last "*Official Organ*" for some of our members. I am attaching a copy of the current roster as a separate attachment with the newsletter. If your name is **NOT** highlighted it is because your dues have not been received. We have new officers, which will be posted at the end of the newsletter, and you need to get your dues in to the new membership person.

This month's program:

Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Winlink.

ARRL News:

League's Centennial "the Most Extraordinary Event" for ARRL President

As the ARRL's [Centennial](#) drew to a close, ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, reflected that the year-long celebration helped to rejuvenate Amateur Radio by

including as many people as possible, providing lots of on-the-air fun, and promoting learning and doing. She also believes that the spirit of the Centennial will live on going forward, as Amateur Radio enters its second century.

"The ARRL Centennial has been the most extraordinary event in my Amateur Radio life,"

President Craigie remarked.

"How fortunate I am to have been a ham in this anniversary year, let alone to have been President of the ARRL."

President Craigie said that Centennial activities, such as the [Centennial QSO Party](#) and the W1AW portable operations in all 50 US states and some territories, were aimed at giving members a chance to learn, to feel, and to do, and in the process generating positive feelings about being a part of Amateur Radio and of the ARRL.

"We wanted members to have fun participating in activities, both in person -- at the national and regional conventions -- and on the air," she recounted. "We wanted the events and experiences to be inclusive -- something all members could participate in, if they wanted to." So, every member was given a point value in the Centennial

QSO Party. And, recognizing that not everyone could come to the National Centennial Convention in Hartford, the League designated several major ham radio gatherings around the US as regional centennial conventions, so everyone would have an opportunity to participate. Convention forums as well as information and articles in *QST* and in electronic media provided something every member could learn from and enjoy, she said.

"I recall suggesting that we could move W1AW around the country," she said. "I was just thinking about the call areas, but the staff exploded that into every state and several territories."

"Because of the good work done by the ARRL Headquarters staff and a huge number of enthusiastic volunteers all over the country, the Centennial successfully achieved those goals beyond what we were able to imagine," President Craigie said.

"Thousands of ARRL members chased W1AW and worked each other across the bands and modes, having tremendous fun doing it. In QSOs and on their QSL cards, members told me how much they appreciate what the ARRL does for Amateur Radio."

President Craigie said that as the Centennial year played out, people were stopping by on her frequency just to say how much fun they'd had helping the League to celebrate its 100th anniversary. "One member said he had not been on HF for 20 years, sticking to VHF, but got back on HF for the Centennial. Another member said he thought the events have been a huge shot in the arm for Amateur Radio." "It really *is* all about the people and the fun," she observed. President Craigie reported logging more than 18,100 contacts during 2014, including 1149 on the last day of the year, most of them from calling "CQ Centennial."

"For the first time in my life I was the most popular kid in school," she quipped. "I won't forget the rush of that feeling when I'm back to being just another signal from Virginia." President Craigie said some have asked what the ARRL will do next. She said that while the League doesn't want to wear out the exuberance and goodwill the Centennial events engendered, "it's clear that operating challenges outside of the traditional menu of contests and awards have a great appeal." She

expressed the hope that, in the months and years ahead, all hams will seek out other operating challenges sponsored by all sorts of ham radio groups and keep the bands alive with signals.

"To everybody: Thanks for coming to the birthday party!" she concluded. "Happy New Year!"

ARRL Survey Underway

The ARRL has asked an independent research company specializing in survey research to conduct a survey of Amateur Radio operators in the US.

[Readex Research](#), headquartered in Stillwater, Minnesota, has conducted similar studies for ARRL in the past, including *QST* readership studies and other large national surveys.

This most recent survey is being conducted by mail and e-mail and will include representative populations of Amateur Radio operators from among ARRL members, as well as non-member FCC licensees. While not every member will receive a survey, participation from those individuals who are selected is critical for the success of this project.

Responses will be kept confidential and only used in tabulation with others; no data

about survey participants -- including contact information -- will be shared with anyone. Contact [ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R](#), if you have any questions about the survey.

Hamvention Chair: "The Show Will Go on" at Aging Hara Arena

Despite financial struggles dogging the owners of [Hara Arena](#), site of the [Dayton Hamvention](#)® since the 1960s, the 2015 Hamvention General Chairman Jim Tiderman, N8IDS, has told ARRL that he expects the world's largest Amateur Radio show to continue there -- this May and in the years ahead. Tiderman was reacting to recent media accounts detailing the fiscal woes of the aging Hara complex in Trotwood, Ohio. He said Hamvention's sponsoring Dayton Amateur Radio Association ([DARA](#)) and Hamvention officials have been in conversation with Hara's owners, the Wampler family, regarding the future of the 165,000 square foot, six-building complex.

"Both Hamvention and DARA have absolute confidence in [the Wampler family's] guiding their corporation through the steps in the plans in place to keep Hara

operating for years to come," Tiderman said. "Given the time frame they are working with right now, we simply stand by them and repeat, 'the show *will* go on.'" Last year, Dayton Hamvention attracted nearly 25,000 visitors.

Dayton TV station WDTN-TV [reported](#) last month that the 50-year-old Hara Arena was facing financial problems and had cut back on its full-time staff to save money. Karen Wampler, Hara's Director of Marketing, has told the media that it's become difficult for Hara Arena to compete with other Miami Valley venues, such as the Nutter Center at Wright State University and the downtown Dayton Convention Center. The Hara complex needs money for renovations and deferred maintenance, she said, and "the ownership model needs to be changed." Wampler [told](#) the *Dayton Daily News* in December that while the family cares about the facility, it is limited in what it can afford.

Dayton Hamvention takes place May 15-17.

Nuts and Volts Magazine Launches New Ham Radio Column by Ward Silver, N0AX
Well-known ARRL Contributing Editor Ward Silver, N0AX, has

debuted a new column for [Nuts and Volts](#) magazine -- "The Ham's Wireless Workbench." *Nuts and Volts* is written for "the hands-on hobbyist, design engineer, technician, and experimenter," which describes a lot of radio amateurs.

"The general idea is to open the door to ham radio for electronically inclined folks who either may not be aware of the hobby or who may find some of our technology interesting and/or useful," Silver said. "This is an excellent opportunity to provide outreach to the active and growing electronic 'maker' - - or do-it-yourselfer -- audience." Every other month, Silver will cover a topic that showcases some aspect of Amateur Radio technology that is not typically covered by non-ham media. Such topics, he said, would include such things as antennas, transmission lines, connectors, propagation, transmitters, and modulation -- areas not often discussed outside of *QST* and other ham radio publications. His first column in the January 2015 issue is an introduction to antennas -- specifically how to make a VHF/UHF ground plane for listening to NOAA weather stations. First, though, Silver acquainted his readers with ham

radio and pointed out that several *Nuts and Volts* editorial staffers -- including the print and digital publication's editor, Bryan Bergeron, NU1N -- as well as contributors and many readers are radio amateurs.

Silver pointed to a new [Amateur Radio Technology Portal](#) he developed for the ARRL website that offers links to some of the technical facets of Amateur Radio, without requiring visitors to be familiar with ham radio terminology or jargon. He said he's already received several e-mails through the site.

Amateur Radio Volunteers Support Communication in Wake of Southeast Asia Flooding

After several days of maintaining emergency communication links on 7.110 MHz in late December, Amateur Radio volunteers remained active for a while longer to handle local health-and-welfare traffic and any urgent communications in flood-stricken Malaysia. The monsoon flooding that hit parts of Malaysia and Thailand claimed lives and forced thousands to evacuate. The flooding has eased, but cleanup continues. Johnny Tan, 9M8DB, of the Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitters Society (MARTS)

called it the worst flooding in years in northern Malaysia. As a result of the severe flooding 2 dozen people died, and another 250,000 had to evacuate or seek higher ground. Seasonal flooding such as this is typical in Malaysia, but experts described this event as the worst since at least 2004, and badly affected telecommunication systems. -- *Thanks to Jim Linton, VK3PC, Chairman, IARU Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee*

Ham Radio Volunteers Activate Following Severe Weather in the Philippines

The Philippine Amateur Radio Association ([PARA](#))'s busy Ham Emergency Radio Operations ([HERO](#)) network activated in late 2014 for Tropical Storm Jangmi (Seniang), which made landfall on Mindanao Island on December 29, then moved inland, causing



massive floods and landslides. According to reports, at least 53 people died, nearly three times

the death toll resulting from Typhoon Hagupit in early December. BBC-Asia cited a Philippines Office of Civil Defense report that landslides in the central provinces of Samar and Leyte accounted for at least 29 of the deaths.

"With successive typhoons bringing rains, the soil got so saturated it caused landslides," explained PARA Chief Operating Officer Thelma Pascua, DU1IVT. "Regional HERO was in place in Mindanao and Visayas. It's now automatic for a lot of hams to coordinate with their local disaster risk reduction and management."

Reports of HERO activity came from the affected areas, where more than 80,000 displaced residents were taking shelter in evacuation centers. Outside of the affected areas, Pascua said, routine emergency message-handling training sessions were under way, with regular net control stations stepping aside to allow trainees to prepare for future weather emergencies.

According to BBC-Asia, weather warnings were issued, but officials said that some people may have underestimated the situation. -- *Thanks to Jim Linton, VK3PC, Chairman IARU Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee; media accounts*

ARTSAT2: DESPATCH (FO-81) Satellite Goes Dark

The [ARTSAT2: DESPATCH](#) sculpture/satellite (FO-81) has stopped transmitting. The satellite was one of two carrying Amateur Radio payloads that were launched December 3 onboard a Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency ([JAXA](#)) vehicle into an Earth-escape orbit as piggyback payloads of the [Hayabusa 2](#) asteroid sample-return mission into deep space. Crafted as a physical art object, ARTSAT2: DESPATCH transmitted a CW beacon on 437.325 MHz. The other Amateur Radio payload was [Shin'en 2](#) (Abyss 2). Ground controllers at Tama Art University, who had estimated the spacecraft's battery would last for 27 days, concluded the satellite's mission on January 3.

"DESPATCH will continue to orbit around the sun as an artificial asteroid," said Akihiro Kubota, a Tama Art University faculty member. "By examining the calculated results for the local minimum value of the distance between the Earth, DESPATCH will approach to less than 1 million km from Earth after about 350 years." The

actual sculpture was created using a 3D printer.

Kubota expressed appreciation to the many Amateur Radio operators who received and [reported](#) the "super-weak" CW signal from DESPATCH's 7 W transmitter in deep space. An algorithm running on the onboard computer drew on readings from all of the spacecraft's sensors to compose and encode poetry "reflecting not only the sensor data but the artist's subconscious personality." The ground team used a "[cooperative data reconstruction](#)" approach, piecing together the received fragments of the satellite's poetry broadcast to reconstruct the whole.

Kubota said that while the satellite has stopped transmitting, "the life of DESPATCH as a sculpture around the Sun is almost eternal." Read [more](#). -- *Thanks to AMSAT News Service via Akihiro Kubota*

ARRL Roanoke Division Assistant Director, DXpeditioner Jim Wise, W4PRO, SK

ARRL Roanoke Division Assistant Director and DXpeditioner Marion A. "Jim" Wise, W4PRO, of Virginia Beach, Virginia died December 31. He was 86. An ARRL Life Member, Wise was well-

known within the Tidewater Amateur Radio community.



Jim Wise, W4PRO.

Licensed in 1948 as W8YHV in his native Ohio, he served in the US Air Force during the Korean War, then worked for NASA until he retired in 1988. He was a part of regular special event ham operations from the museum battleship [USS Wisconsin](#) (N4WIS).

W4PRO belonged to the First-Class Operators Club, the A1 Operators Club, and the Quarter Century Wireless Association. He was involved in several DX operations from 1970s until 2004. A CW aficionado, he was on the DXCC Honor Roll and had completed 5-Band DXCC and 160 Meter DXCC.

Survivors include his wife Linda, W7PRO. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 10, at 11 AM at the West Neck Village Hall, 2580 Signature Drive, Virginia Beach.

NC Section News:

Greetings to all Hams across North Carolina from Karl W4CHX, your ARRL NC Section Manager!

HR 4969 AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT OF 2014 AND THE ARRL GRASSROOTS

CAMPAIGN – The following email communication from ARRL Chief Executive Officer Dave Sumner, K1ZZ was sent to the Section Managers on December 15th. His message is included in the Newsletter because it provides a succinct summary of the HR 4969 grassroots campaign, provides information about its future in 2015, and thanks all ARRL members for their participation in the grassroots campaign. Here is the message from Dave K1ZZ: “The members of the U.S. House of Representatives have headed home for the holidays, marking the end of the 113th Congress on that side of Capitol Hill. When the 114th Congress convenes in January a new legislative cycle will begin. We expect the Amateur Radio Parity Act to be reintroduced in the House with a new number; H.R.4969 will no

longer apply. On behalf of the ARRL Board and staff I want to thank you, and through you the field organization volunteers and members in your Section, for your help in gathering legislative support for H.R. 4969. We had hoped to gain 30 co-sponsors for the bill and ultimately ended up with 69, plus the sponsor. The overwhelming majority of these 70 supporters are returning in January, which gives us a good base on which to grow additional support. Once we know the new number of the bill we will once again be asking for your help in recruiting co-sponsors. The objective is to continue the momentum, gathering enough support to move the bill through the Energy & Commerce Committee. We have received expressions of interest from the Senate side and are hoping to have the bill introduced there as well. Thanks for all you do on behalf of Amateur Radio. Best wishes for the holidays. 73, Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, Chief Executive Officer." I, too, would like to thank you for everything you did to support the grassroots campaign for HR 4969 Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/a>

[mateur-radio-parity-act-campaign-will-resume-in-new-congress](#) and <http://www.arrl.org/hr-4969> Thanks to Dave Sumner K1ZZ, ARRL Chief Executive Officer; Steve Ewald WV1X, ARRL Field Organization Team Supervisor; and, Dan Henderson, N1ND, ARRL Regulatory Information Manager for providing this information!

RED BADGES ON THE AIR (12/31) – On December 29th, the following information was sent to the NC Section by email. Since Red Badges on the Air may still be in progress when you receive this Newsletter, it is being posted once again. In any event, it is hoped that you enjoyed participating in the ARRL Centennial QSO Party!

Here is the original email message: It is hard to believe that the ARRL Centennial QSO Party will be ending on December 31st at 2359 UTC! On New Year's Eve (UTC), there will be one last opportunity to acquire a large number of ARRL Centennial QSO Party points, because during that 24-hour period, red ARRL identification badge bearers will be on the air. ARRL officers; elected officials, eg, Director or Section Manager; ARRL Headquarters

staff and volunteers; and, other members of the ARRL family are expected to be on the air for this event. Contacts with red badge wearers are worth as much as 300 points per contact, eg, by working ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN. Please note that while the focus is to encourage ARRL red badge holders to hand out Centennial QSO Party points, all activity is welcome, regardless of point value.

CSRA (GA-SC) D-STAR UNIVERSITY, AIKEN, SC (1/17) – As reported last month, the Aiken SC D-STAR Club will hold a one-day CSRA D-STAR University on January 17, 2015 at University of South Carolina, Aiken campus, in Aiken, SC. The event will begin at 12:00 PM (noon) and run until 5 PM EST. The D-STAR workshop will provide information and training on all levels of D-STAR, the Digital Smart Technology for Amateur Radio. There is no charge to attend the D-STAR University and light refreshments will be served. For further information, see <http://aikenradio.org/> Individuals may register for the course by sending an email tokq4kk@aikenradio.org. Thank s to Dr. James Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division Vice Director,

and Kent Hufford, KQ4KK, for providing this information!
K1N NAVASSA ISLAND DXPEDITION 2015 (EARLY-FEBRUARY, 2015) – The K1N Navassa Island DXpedition 2015 is likely to begin in early-February, 2015. At this time, however, the exact dates of operation have not been posted. It is recommended that interested Hams visit the K1N Navassa Island DXpedition website frequently for update information, see <http://navassadx.com/> The website has lots of information about the DXpedition including the on-island team (which includes Lou Dietrich, N2TU of Mooresville); the pilots; the off-island team; and, the QSL management team. In addition, there is information on the island, plans, propagation, frequencies, band plan, and QSL procedures for this large-scale DXpedition. As reported previously, activation of Navassa Island (K1N) is very important news for DXers worldwide since Navassa Island is the #1 “most wanted” DXCC entity. Stay tuned!

NORTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY (3/1) – The following report was received from Marc Sullivan, W4MPS, Logs Manager,

regarding the upcoming North Carolina QSO Party: “ The North Carolina QSO Party will hold its 45th annual event on Sunday, March 1, 2015. The QSO party starts at 1500 UTC (10:00 AM Eastern local time) and runs for 10 hours through 0059 UTC (8:00 PM Eastern local time). Complete details can be found at the NCQP website: <http://rars.org/ncqsoparty/> The North Carolina QSO Party [NCQP] has consistently grown in popularity, with over 32,000 QSO’s logged in 2014. It is a favorite among County Hunters. All 100 of N.C.’s counties were activated last year. There are 21 award categories with beautiful trophies presented to the top finishers in each. You don’t have to be an avid contester to participate and have fun. Casual Ops with modest stations do very well in this event since power levels are limited to 150 watts maximum. There is also a very popular QRP category. There will be six bonus stations on the air in 2015, including the much sought after Battleship North Carolina operating as NI4BK. The website includes links to some very enjoyable videos showing operations from the Battleship as well as an interview with Bill

McDowell, K4CIA, winner of the first NCQP back in 1970. K4CIA will be a bonus station in the 2015 event. You’ll also enjoy reading the extensive Soapbox comments submitted by enthusiastic participants. We encourage you to visit the NCQP website and join the fun on March 1. The North Carolina QSO Party is sponsored by the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society: <http://rars.org>” Thanks to Marc Sullivan, W4MPS, Logs Manager, North Carolina QSO Party for providing this information!

ARRL SOLICITING
NOMINATIONS FOR 6 AWARDS
– The ARRL is soliciting nominations for 6 awards: the Hiram Percy Maxim Award, the key award honoring a young amateur radio operator (deadline, 3/31); the ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award (deadline, 3/15); the ARRL Microwave Development Award (deadline, 3/31); the ARRL Technical Service Award (deadline, 3/31); the ARRL Technical Innovation Award (deadline, 3/31); and, the Knight Distinguished Service Award (deadline, 4/30). For further information on these awards, including the nomination procedures,

see <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-solicits-nominations-for-six-awards>

PAUL JONES, K4VCF APPOINTED PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR – Paul B. Jones, K4VCF has been appointed Public Information Coordinator for the NC Section. Paul and his wife, Cheryl, live in Charlotte. He is retired from the US Department of Homeland Security where he served as Senior Adviser to the Department's Chief Medical Officer. Paul previously served in the same capacity for the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, US Department of Transportation. Paul worked on Capitol Hill for nine years serving as Communications Aide to then Congressman Jim Martin, who later became North Carolina's Governor. Paul was Director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program under Governor Martin. Paul is responsible for coining the phrase, "Click It or Ticket", which became a state and national campaign to promote seat belt safety. He later worked for the late Insurance Commissioner Jim Long serving as his Director of the NC Safe Kids Campaign. Paul has an extensive background in

media and media relations. He was a broadcast journalist in Tennessee, Charlotte, and Durham covering politics and government at the state and local levels. Paul is a late-comer to amateur radio, since work and travel schedules precluded his attempts to study and test for his license. Retirement has finally afforded him the time to pursue the hobby and earn his Extra Class license. Paul has been a ham for two years, but his passion for the hobby has existed for decades. The call sign, K4VCF, belonged to Carl Campbell, K4VCF (SK), the uncle of Paul's wife. Paul honors the ham who encouraged him the most to get his license and GOTA. In March 2013, Paul, an ARRL-trained Public Information Officer, was appointed as a Public Information Officer in the NC Section. Paul says that unless we (Hams) toot our own horn, no one will toot it for us and amateur radio will not get the exposure it deserves! Thanks for everything you have done, and are going to do, for the NC Section!

THANKS TO RAYMOND ("WOODY") WOODWARD, K3VSA, FORMER PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR – Raymond L. ("Woody")

Woodward, K3VSA, has stepped down as Public Information Coordinator for the NC Section due to increased business and personal commitments. Woody, an ARRL-trained Public Information Officer, was appointed as a Public Information Officer (PIO) in the NC Section in July, 2005. In February 2010, Woody was appointed as the Public Information Coordinator for the NC Section by Bill Morine, N2COP, NC Section Manager (2010-2014). When asked to provide input on Woody's accomplishments, Bill wrote: "Woody has always been innovative in public outreach. As an ARRL PIO, he arranged for the Orange County Radio Association (OCRA) to have its own sign on a highway where the club sponsored semi-annual road cleanups. He was among the first to place road signs on Field Day so media and the public could find FD sites easily. Woody pioneered the NC section's first PIO webpage <http://www.ncarrl-pio.org> He encouraged non-Hams to experience Morse code by offering third party on air opportunities, then awarding them his "Talk With Your Hand" certificate. He worked with the Durham County Public Library

and with the Durham Bulls minor league baseball team to demonstrate high altitude balloon launches and ATV. Woody's enthusiasm and passion for Ham Radio is unbounded."

My interactions with Woody began in Spring 2013, as we were preparing for and subsequently staffing an amateur radio booth at the 2013 and 2014 Maker Faire North Carolina in Raleigh. I quickly discovered that Woody was cheerful, helpful, and very effective in coordinating the myriad details associated with participating in Maker Faire. Later, I realized that my favorable impressions of Maker Faire were influenced greatly by Woody's contributions. I am sorry that Woody has decided to step down from his role as Public Information Coordinator, but I am very pleased (and grateful) to announce that Woody is going to continue as a Public Information Officer in the NC Section! Thanks for everything you have done, and are going to do, for the NC Section!

AMATEUR RADIO INCLUDED IN
NATIONAL EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS PLAN – The

new Department of Homeland Security *2014 National Emergency Communication Plan* includes amateur radio in its mix of media supporting disaster and emergency communications. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/homeland-security-s-2014-national-emergency-communications-plan-incorporates-amateur-radio>

SILENT KEYS – With deep regret, the passing of the following amateur radio operators is reported: Dr. Daniel Eddins Kirk, WB4RGS (SK) of New London; Ella Moore Porter, KA4PAY (SK) of Rocky Point; and, Raymond A. Stripling, Jr, K4LQO (SK) of Seven Devils. Please note it is not possible to post information about an amateur radio operator that has become a Silent Key without confirmation via a copy of an obituary or death certificate.

SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS –

January 24, 2015: Madison County Special Olympics Polar Plunge, 0700Z-1500Z, WA4TRS, Fairview, NC, sponsored by The Road Show Amateur Radio Club. 14.245 7.245. Certificate and QSL. The Road Show ARC, 57

Echo Lake Dr, Fairview, NC 28730. This is also a USI Activation – USI 036R, www.wa4trs.org Special Event Station listings in the NC Section newsletter are based on what appears on the ARRL website, see <http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations> Please consider listing your Special Event Station at least 60 days before the event, see <http://www.arrl.org/special-events-application> Also, please let me know if your club is sponsoring a Special Event Station. Thanks!

Ham Humor



UPCOMING HAMFESTS –

January 10, 2015: FirstFest, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Winston-Salem, NC, see <http://www.w4nc.com/>
March 13-14, 2015: Charlotte Hamfest/North Carolina Section Convention, Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society, Concord, NC,

see <http://www.charlottehamfest.org>

April 4, 2015: 43rd Annual RARSfest/North Carolina State Convention, Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Raleigh, NC, see <http://www.rars.org/rarsfest>

July 11, 2015: 30th Annual Firecracker Hamfest, Rowan Amateur Radio Society, Salisbury, NC, see <http://www.rowanars.org>

September 5-6, 2015: 59th Annual Shelby Hamfest/Roanoke Division Convention, Shelby Amateur Radio Club, Shelby, NC, see <http://shelbyhamfest.org> It is not too early to apply for ARRL-affiliation of your club's 2015 hamfest! For more information, see <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events>



Johnston County A.R.E.S.

Amateur Radio Emergency Service or ARES, provides emergency communications during disasters or other crises.

The Johnston County chapter provides services to Johnston County.

Johnston County ARES is comprised of FCC licensed amateurs from Johnston and surrounding counties.

Any FCC licensed amateur possessing a technician license or higher may apply for membership.

Johnston County ARES holds meetings the second Monday of each month at 7 PM at the American Red Cross office

located at 805-A South 3rd Street in Smithfield.

We also hold a monthly training

net that is open to any licensed amateur, regardless of whether you are an ARES member or not. These nets are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 PM on 444.875+ pl 100.0.

If you would like more information on Johnston County ARES, feel free to contact Michael Callam, ARES-EC at:

mcallam@centurylink.net or you can call (919)934-9623, or you can visit our website: <http://www.johnstoncountyares.com/>



That does it for the very first "Official Organ" for 2015. I look forward to seeing everybody at the meeting Thursday and don't forget, we do have a program.

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