

# The “Official Organ”

The official newsletter of the Johnston Amateur Radio Society

November 2019 edition

## **JARS Meeting tonight!!!!!!**

I am sorry for the newsletter coming out so late. Between Velda’s and my health issues, this is the first time that I have to sit down and work on it. Our meeting will be held at Grandson’s in Smithfield in front of Wal Mart. Get there around 6:00 pm to eat and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Our program for this month will be a representative from the forestry service talking about open burning.

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### **Words from our President:**

**Our next regular club meeting will be:**

**Thursday, November 21, 6:30 pm**

**Grandsons Buffet**

**1273 (North) Brightleaf Blvd.**

**Smithfield NC 27577**

**Directly in front of Wal-Mart**

**We usually gather between 6:00-6:30 pm for dinner and social fellowship and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm**

**Be sure to tell the cashier you are with the JARS Club.**

**Visitors with an interest in Ham Radio are always welcome.**

**Our Educational Program’s Guest Speaker will be from the NC Forestry Service.**

### **President’s Message:**

**Scott Wilkinson KJ4TUC**

**JARS President**

**There will NOT be a Board of Director’s meeting and there will NOT be a regular club meeting in December. This will be replaced by our Christmas party. There will only be a few items of business discussed including the presentation of the Ham of the Year award. The rest of the evening will be full of fun and fellowship with JARS members and their invited guest. This year our Christmas party will be held at Holt Lake BBQ & Seafood, on Thursday December 19, at 6:00 PM. More**

information to be announced at the club meeting.

All regular JARS operations will resume in January.



C.E.R.T.: Our new CERT team had an organizational meeting on November 7, and is now officially registered with the North Carolina Emergency Management.

The Team's officers are:

301 Captain/Coordinator: Mike Callam KD4MC

302 Lieutenant/Team Leader: Lannie Godwin KK4QEF

303 First Sergeant/Operations (*On Scene Field Supervisor*): Richard Futrell N4AED

304 Sergeant/Planning: Walter Wenzel KA2RGI

305 Sergeant/Logistics: Paul Dunn KD4BJD

306 Sergeant/Administration-Secretary: Velda Callam K4VJC

In the near future the team will be receiving more training in preparation for any situation they might be needed for. This is a Giant step forward for the JARS Organization to help our community in time of need.

For more information on CERT check the web site: [www.jars.net](http://www.jars.net) /CERT

Our first JARS-CERT class was a great success. We will be considering asking NC Emergency Management to have another class for JARS members in early spring, maybe March or April. It will most likely be on a Friday evening, and all-day Saturday and Sunday. Anyone that is interested send an email ASAP to the JARS-CERT Captain Mike Callam: with your contact information. We must have a confirmed minimum number of 10 to have a class.

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Reminder to Committee Chairpersons:

If your committee has not had the opportunity to have a meeting before now, please have a meeting at your earliest convenience, and make a report at the next Board of Director's meeting and the next stated JARS Club meeting in January. The works of what these committees do now will determine the future of our club. A couple of these committees are necessary in developing plans for the functions of CERT, JARSCOM, and Interoperability communications with public safety. The purpose of having committees is so that all members will have input into the business of the club. If the President has to make all the decisions that would be a Dictatorship and that would not be favorable among the members. If any committee chairperson does not want the job as chairperson, just let me know and I can reorganize that committee.

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General Information:

Regular club business will be discussed at the Board of Director's meetings which are usually held the week before the regular stated club meeting. Items of business are discussed and voted on by the board and then passed on to

the regular club membership for final approval.

As President I am requiring that all Motions made at the regular stated club meetings, that involve spending the club's money, be in writing. This way there is no question or misunderstanding of what we are voting on and there is a permanent record for the Secretary. Other Motions can still usually be handled orally.

If anyone needs help in how to write a Motion, you may want to consult a book called: "Robert's Rules of Order on Parliamentary Procedure."

Below is a good link to a web site on Motions.

[http://www2.ku.edu/~oma/programs/tips/pp\\_example\\_motions.pdf](http://www2.ku.edu/~oma/programs/tips/pp_example_motions.pdf)

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#### Reminder of Upcoming Events

November

Jars-Fest, our annual Ham Fest was Sunday, November 17

By the time you receive this newsletter, Jars-Fest 2019 will be history.

We should have a full report about Jars-Fest at the meeting this week.

November

Guest speaker/Program: NC Forest Service

December

Christmas Party

Holt Lake BBQ & Seafood

Hwy-301 South of Smithfield at 6:pm

Thursday, December 19

January

All Committee progress reports due

January

Guest Speaker/Program: Jocko EMS

January

Winter Field Day

Ryan Avery's farm near Angier

February

Final proposal from Bylaws committee due.

March

Voting on amendments to Bylaws

April

May

JARS Picnic

June

Summer Field Day

July

Final reports due from all committees

August

Election of Officers for 2020-2021

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#### EMERGENCY PREPARTATION:

It's November. The winter's cold snow and ice will soon be here. We can expect power outages and other events that will put many of us in an uncomfortable situation. Now is the time to get prepared. Be sure to listen to the PREP NET every Tuesday night at 9:pm on the 147.27 repeater, hosted by Doug Williams KS4TI. Doug is our resident expert on emergency preparation and the PREP NET is

designed to give us tips on how to survive in all types of emergencies. They discuss everything from a short power outage all the way up to a major catastrophic event. So, if you have questions on what supplies you need to stock up on, use of generators, food preparation and storage without electricity, how to take cover during severe weather, personal protection/self-defense, and what to do when the lights go out, tune in on Tuesday nights.

#### JARS Logo Shirts: (T-Shirts and Golf Shirts)

If anyone still wants to order a shirt, contact Paulette Disbrow KM4RMW, or come to the next club meeting. These are really nice shirts. It will identify you as a JARS member. Nice to wear at any Ham Radio event, if deployed on JARSCOM, Jars Fest, working in the Emergency Operations Center alongside 911 dispatchers, or anytime you are representing the JARS Club. A uniformed appearance shows a high level of professionalism when in public view.

#### Magnetic car decals:

Magnetic car decals with the JARS logo will present a professional image at Ham Radio events or community events, and will identify your car as a JARS member on official business if assisting public safety or emergency management.

If you would like to place an order, contact Mike Callam KD4MC



#### The HamBadgers

Custom badges with JARS logo



[http://hambadger.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=75\\_77](http://hambadger.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=75_77)

Scott Wilkinson KJ4TUC

President

Johnston Amateur Radio Society (JARS)

#### JARSFest Summary:

I have been the JARSFest Coordinator for a number of years. That means that I am responsible for all the presales, making sure that the job list is completed and all bases are covered and making sure that our vendors are taken care of. I usually arrive at the scene around 5:00 am. My busiest time is between 6:00 and 8:00 am making all the vendors are unloaded and everyone is in their correct spot. This year, I was not able to get there until 8:30. I walked in expecting to be bombarded with questions and complaints. Thankfully, Scott, KJ4TUC volunteered to take my position until I could arrive. TO say that I was pleased at the job that he did until I arrived would be an

understatement. Everything was in order and everyone was at their positions. During the event, everything went smoothly, this is the first year that I was not constantly having to put out fires. To that, I say thank you to all that showed up and did their jobs. I want to say a special thanks to James Lee and Josh Shepherd for volunteering to be our chefs at the grill. You guys did a fantastic job at keeping those burgers and dogs going.

I only heard one complaint and that was the fault of the person doing the complaining. One person showed up as we were leaving complaining that the event was over. I didn't say anything to him, but thought that if he had read the flyer and looked at his ticket, he would see that the hours of operation were 800 am until 130 pm.

Again, thank you to those that did show up and helped make this another great JARSFeast.

#### **Life on the Farm:**

Life here on the farm has been anything but boring. For the three weeks prior to JARSFest, Velda and I have been running both day and night between meetings and VE Sessions. We had a session in Raleigh that we covered for another team. There were 16 people taking the test and only three VE's. Even Velda had to run her butt off on that one. That session lasted over three hours. But we did enjoy it and found that we can do the job with the minimal number of resources.

Last Friday, we were running around that morning making our final purchases for JARSFest and I was supposed to have an appointment in Fayetteville at 1pm. We finished our running up and we should have had an hour to rest before heading to Fayetteville. We were about one and a half miles from home and I looked over at Velda and she had tried to go

horizontal hold on me. The only thing that kept her from being a crumbled heap on the floor was her seatbelt. I tired for about a minute and a half to get a response from her before she finally came around. I literally thought that she was dead, and I am in no way ready for that. When she did finally come around, she had a weird look on her face and could not talk coherently. Then I thought that she had had a stroke. I pulled over and called 911. She was taken to Duke Raleigh Hospital, where they ran all kinds of tests and kept her overnight. They said that her heart rate was low. She has a appointment tomorrow with a cardiologist to be re evaluated and fitted with a heart monitor. Let me tell you this, that made me realize how much I appreciated her and need her in my life. Thank you to all those that have been asking how she is doing and your thoughts and prayers. This just shows that we are not just o bunch of people sharing a hobby but we are one big FAMILY! That does it for this month's Life on the Farm.

Thad is it from Life on the Farm. 73 from Mike(KD4MC) aka C3PO, Velda(K4VJC), Remmington(Hairy Hound), Tabitha(Krazy Kat), Midnight(Tom Kitty and Fluff(Little Ball of Fur).

#### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from JARS Regular Meeting. October 2019

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by President Scott Wilkinson.

Prayer was led by Adrian Peele, AJ4NX

Flag was presented by military veteran Sergeant Mike Callam, DK4MC who led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Introductions were made.

Secretary's Report: minutes from last month's meeting and board meeting were in the newsletter.

Upcoming events: JARSFest on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business: Richard Futrell has taken over the JARS website. Jars.net. Richard is looking into being able to accept dues payments online. He is also making changes to update the site.

Secretary Report: No correspondence

Treasurer Report: Paul was not present at the meeting.

Net Manager Report; All nets are being covered.

Membership Report: New applicants are Steve Shorter and wife, Wendy May and Tom Tyndall. All three stood up and told about themselves. All were voted in.

Repeater Report: It's working. Danny said that all the work should be completed by the end of the year.

JARSFest Report: All the flyers have been sent out. Starting to get replies back. JARSFest is the only fundraiser that we do. It requires the help of everyone in the club. The Church won't kick you out if you miss one Sunday. I am still looking for two people that can dedicate to cooking for JARSFest. I have the cooker and gas. JARSFest runs from 830am until 130 pm. If your name is not on the list, don't worry, we can still use you. There will be a JARSFest meeting next Thursday at the Grill on the Hill starting at 7 pm. We will have two tables set up for JARS Members to sell their stuff on. The club does not get a cut of what you are asking. Tables are \$12 and pre sales tickets are \$6. No tables are reserved. They are sold on a first come, first serve. No open display of weapons or pornographic materials.

Christmas party: the JARS Christmas party will take the place of our regular meeting. The only business will be the ham of the year and the LOM. The only members are not eligible are the current Ham of the Year, Van and the past Ham of the Year, Dianne. All prizes that are not claimed at JARSFest will be raffled off at the dinner.

JARSComm: The vehicle is currently out of service due to electrical upgrades being done. The person that is doing the upgrades does this for a living and is donating his time and equipment. So far, he has refused payment for his services. He is taking a 1994 vehicle and bringing it up to today's standards as far as electrical. A motion was made and seconded to give him \$500.00 for his time and effort. The motion was voted on and passed. Paul will give him \$500.00.

Radio Interference: When there is malicious interference, we need to check the input of the repeater frequency. For JARS it is 147.870. When you get the interference, contact Doug Williams, KS4TI, and let him know where you are when you hear the interference. If you hear interference on the radio, the best policy is to just ignore it. DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE the interference!

Constitution and By Laws: If anyone has any amendments or changes to be made, forward them to Ryan Leathers in the proper format.

CERT: Congratulations to all the graduates of the recent CERT class. A motion was made and seconded for JARS to be the supporting agency for the JARS-CERT to include financial support. Scott has temporarily appointed Mike Callam as the CERT team leader to call the first meeting to hold the elections of leaders.

Stephen made a motion and it was approved to make a \$50.00 contribution to the Benson Fire Department for allowing us to utilize their building.

Public Information Officer: If anybody is not getting the newsletter, let Mike know. Check your spam settings. If you are still not getting it. It is because I can not read your email on the application. Send information regarding a new radio or rare DX station that you have worked. Send in a picture and story of your hamshack or mobile installation. JARS YouTube page is where club presentations will be posted. The only thing there now is the CERT presentation. The presentations will also be posted on the JARS Facebook page.

Doug made a motion that membership be reduced by \$5.00 during JARSFest. Application must be filled out and turned in at JARSFest. The motion was seconded and passed.

Walter brought up that we, as a club, offer Technician classes to be taught by the club after the first of the year and the final class be the actual test for the license.

Walter has agreed to create and print flyers of JARS to be handed out at public events. He made a motion that the expenses be paid to him for reimbursement for paper and ink. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

Sick and distressed: Linda Massengill is slowly improving and is getting out of the house more.

BJ John Paul talked with BJ this morning.

50/50 drawing was \$25.00 and it was won by Tom Tyndall.

No LOM presentation because the LOM was not present.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm by Scott Wilkinson.

**JARS Monthly Board of Directors Meeting  
November 14, 2019**

**Meeting was called to order by President Scott Wilkinson at 6:57 pm**

**Educational program for our monthly meeting will be someone from the state forestry service to talk about outdoor burning. The program for January 2020 will be a representative from Johnston County EMS. Billy is also working on a Skywarn refresher.**

**Final preparations for JARSFest: JARSfest is basically in the bag right now if everyone gets everything that they said they would. At this time, we have about three or four tables left to be sold. We have sold close to 100 tickets minus the six that we gave to the VE's. The W5YI group from RARS will be doing the testing this year as they have done in the past. The American Legion has asked that we take everything with us when we leave this year as they have other plans for the room where we have been storing our tables and equipment. Mike has volunteered to store the stuff in his garage. We will need some people with pickup trucks and backs. We will need someone to help load it after the JARSFest and follow me to my house to unload it afterwards. Everything will be placed on pallets to keep it off the floor. JARSFest is looking like it will be another success. Like every JARSFest in the past and in the future, this is our only fundraiser that we do and it will require the cooperation of all JARS members to keep it a success. If your name was not on the job list that was sent out, don't worry. Show up with a radio on 147.500 simplex and I can put you to work. I am going to need some runners to help make sure that our three main vendors do not have to leave their tables to run to the kitchen. We are also going to need some floaters also because people are going to need some breaks to go to the bathroom. Most positions except the kitchen will be split up into two shifts. I have not yet figured a way to split the kitchen**

into two shifts. The kitchen can take a break, if Dianne will let them. Set up crew comes in at 2 AM Vendors start unloading at 6:00 am. We are the only hamfest in the area, if not the state, that helps the vendors unload in the morning and load back up in the afternoon. Make sure that all workers get a raffle ticket because at the end of the day, we will be giving away two Chinese HT's as worker prizes. That is the last thing that we do after everything is loaded up and we are ready to leave.

All JARS members that are working that day, need to get a yellow traffic safety vest so the people attending will be able to tell who the workers are.

Scott has heard some talk about people wanting to have a technician class in the spring of 2020, Walter is waiting for a response from the Cleveland Fire Department allowing us to use a room at their station. We should to a tech and general class back to back in the spring.

Last week we had a CERT meeting to get the team organized. Scott wants to know if there is enough interest to have another class in the spring. We had our CET meeting last week. Leadership was appointed. It took three times for me to get the roster right and that was my fault. I learned to never attempt to do anything when I am totally exhausted. Cert members should have gotten a copy of the roster and it will be posted in the newsletter. Last month at our regular meeting JARS agreed to be our supporting agency to include financial. Mike read a motion for the club to purchase our basic supplies (helmets, vests and back packs) the motion was approved by the board to be presented at the regular meeting next week. This equipment will be signed out to the individual CERT members as being property of the CERT team and will be returned at such a time they leave. When

returned, it must be in good usable condition with the exception of normal wear and tear. An option to purchase the equipment will be made available and the money will be returned to JARS.

December, there will not be a board meeting nor a regular meeting. The Christmas dinner will take the place of the regular meeting. The only business will be the ham of the year and LOM award. The JARS Christmas dinner will be held on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at Holt Lake Seafood and BBQ. We will be ordering off the menu with tip on the table. If a group wants to sit at a table and order family style, they can.

Mike has a screen and projector that can be used for club use at the meetings. The presenter has to provide their own laptop.

All nets are being called, we could still a couple of substitutes for net control.

At this time, there is only one application for membership which will likely change after JARSFest.

The repeater is still working, hopefully, the repairs will be made soon. J

JARSComm: at this time Paul has JARSComm back. All the lights and switches are now working and a new power inverter has been installed. The wiring has been brought up to 2019 standards The battery boxes are now bolted to the floor. There are two lugs in the battery compartments to use if all the power pole connections are in use. He put more ac outlets at the stations. The red lights and public safety radios will only be used when the county authorizes us to do so. There are two 220 MHz radios that will be installed in the vehicle. There is a checklist in the vehicle that must be filled out when the vehicle is checked out and then when you check it back in. This checklist must be turned back in to Paul. The short-term goal is for Scott, Paul and myself to

meet with Johnston County Emergency manager, 911 supervisor and the director of emergency management to let them see the vehicle and to let them know what our capabilities are at no cost to them.

The committees need to have a meeting between now and January so that they can give a report at the January meeting.

Mark is working on the digital communications to be put in JARS.

Condolences and congratulations were passed on to VAN on the passing of his mother and birth of his first grandson.

At last month's meeting everybody refrained from talking during the meeting which made it easier for the recorder to pick up the people that were talking when called upon. However, everybody needs to use the microphone because it is hard to hear those without the microphone.

Meeting was closed at 7:54 pm by the president Scott.

Submitted by Velda Callam, K4VJC.

Johnston County ARRL VE Team:



The Johnston County ARRL VE Teams offers testing on the fourth Monday of each month, with the exception of May and December, at the American Red Cross located at 7pm. Cost is \$15.00. You will need a valid photo ID and if licensed, a copy of your license that we can

keep. If you do not have an FRN number, you are strongly encouraged to go to: <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/systems-utilities/universal-licensing-system> and register as a new user and you will be issued an FRN. Bring that with you to the test session because you will need it. More information can be obtained by contacting Mike Callam, KD4MD by email at [mcallam@centurylink.net](mailto:mcallam@centurylink.net) or by phone at 919-628-9927.

#### Ham Radio Humor:





That does it for this month's edition of the *Official Organ*" I look forward to seeing you tonight.