

# The "Official Organ"

The Official Newsletter of the Johnston Amateur Radio Society

February 2020 edition

## JARS Meeting this Thursday.

Our monthly JARS meeting will be this coming Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 1273 N. Brightleaf Blvd in Smithfield in front of Wal Mart. We have a guest speaker that should be of interest to us all. Also, we will have some Constitution and By Laws proposals that will be presented. Everyone should attend, if possible.

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## Words from Our President:

Our next regular club meeting will be:

**Thursday, February 20, 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. Our waitress will take good care of us so remember to take care of her by leaving tip on the table.

Visitors with an interest in Ham Radio are always welcome.

## President's Message:

**From President Scott Wilkinson KJ4TUC**

## OBITUARY:

**Howard Harris KU4ZH**, age 58 of Clayton NC passed to his new Heavenly home on January 10, 2020. Howard was a friend to many in Johnston and surrounding counties and will be missed. He was a former member of the Johnston Amateur Radio Society and frequently attended JARS meetings. Funeral services were held on January 15 at McLaurin Funeral Home in Clayton.

## OBITUARY:

**Jerry McLamb WB4VQP**, age 79 of Benson NC passed to his Heavenly home on January 27,

2020. The Funeral was Saturday, February 1 at Oliver's Grove Baptist Church in Four Oaks where he was a member. Jerry had served as Mayor of Benson, and a member of the Benson Rescue Squad, a Benson Police Officer, and a volunteer with the Johnston County Sheriff's Office. He was also one of the original founding members of the Johnston Amateur Radio Society, and was a Board Member of the Southern Emergency Communications Network and a member of the Carolina 440 UHF Link System.

### **Educational Program, February 20**

Cybersecurity, personal safety and security when using the internet, on-line banking, social media, and ham radio. This also covers vanity license plates and bumper stickers on your car, the appearance of your house, and how you appear to others in public places. You never know when criminals might be looking and listening and why we should be careful when discussing our personal business on the ham radio. This is something we all need to hear including our teenage family members. Our guest speaker is a Cybersecurity expert consultant that has worked with FBI, DHS, and other super-secret security 3 & 4 letter organizations.

### **Membership Dues:**

Membership Dues for 2020 were due before the meeting in January 2020. According to the Constitution and Bylaws: Member dues not paid by December 31 shall be dropped from the membership, and lose all privileges attached to membership. There is a grace period of six months for payment and reinstatement; otherwise the former member would have to re-apply as a new member. If you have not paid your dues, I would suggest that you pay

them as soon as possible so that you will be back in good standing. As a visitor or guest you will always be welcome at JARS Club dinner meetings however you will NOT have voting privileges or be able to participate in the business of the club, hold an elective office or appointed position, serve on committees, or be on the CERT team, until your dues are paid and you are back in good standing.

### **SICK AND DISTRESSED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: (PRAYER LIST)**

**Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:**

Family of: Jerry B. McLamb WB4VQP/SK

Teresa Harris and family of: Howard Harris KU4ZH/SK

Carol Wenzel KA2VYH and family of: Walter Wenzel KA2RGI/SK

Lowell Sayles K4EUP and Barb

Bob "BJ" Jenkins NC4BJ

Steve Mowels KA0GMY

Stephen Fowler's Mother is sick with pneumonia

### **C. E. R. T. (Community Emergency Response Team)**

**Basic Training Class: For any JARS member that is interested in joining the JARS-CERT Team. Contact Mike Callam – JARS CERT Coordinator at 919-934-9623.**

**April 17, 18, 19, 2020 at Apex Fire Station 3**

**May 15, 16, 17, 2020 at Fayetteville Fire Station 12**

**February 20**

**Cybersecurity and social media safety**

**Presentation of proposal for amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws**

**March 19**

**Discussion and voting on amendments to Constitution & Bylaws**

**April**

**RARSFEST (Raleigh) RARS Ham Fest, April 11**

**Skywarn refresher, April 16**

**Meeting location change for April 16 only to Holt Lake BBQ & Seafood**

**May**

**JARS Family Picnic TBA**

**June**

**Summer Field Day TBA**

**July 16**

**Final reports due from all committees**

**August 20**

**Election of Officers for 2020-2021**

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**Ham Fest:**

Raleigh (RARSFEST) Saturday, April 11

NC State Fairgrounds, Jim Graham Building

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**Change of meeting location for April ONLY.**

The location of our regular stated meeting for **April 16** will be at Holt Lake BBQ & Seafood, Hwy-301 (South) of Smithfield. If you will remember, this is the same restaurant we had our Christmas party.

The **educational program** scheduled for our **April** meeting is **SKYWARN** Refresher.

The move is necessary because we expect to have a lot of visitors and Holt Lake can accommodate us with a larger room and more of a classroom type setting. Since the SKYWARN program takes over an hour, we will only have time left for a very short business meeting.

For the May meeting, we plan to be back at Grandsons in Smithfield as usual.

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**Ham Radio Testing:**

Do you know someone that wants to get their Ham Radio Technician License? How about upgrading to General or Extra? We are fortunate that within our JARS Organization to have representatives of two groups that administer VE Amateur Radio Testing. Contact Mike Callam KD4MC (919)628-9927 or Mark Gibson N4MQU (919)628-0096 for more information on locations and testing dates.

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**EMERGENCY PREPARTATION:**

It's February. So far, we have had some mild warm weather; however, the cold of winter can still sneak up upon us. We can still expect power outages and other events that will put many of us in an uncomfortable situation including dangerous driving conditions for another month. Check your car's tires and make sure your car is ready for the upcoming winter driving conditions. Always keep at least ½ tank of gas in your car. Check in and around your house for hazards and have tools and snow shovels ready. Go to the grocery store and get some extra toilet paper, paper towels, food, water, and other supplies. 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. If you have recently experienced storm related power outages or other emergency situations, we would like to hear from you and know how you survived your situation.

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Anyone need a Name/Callsign Badge?

### **The HamBadgers**

Custom badges with JARS logo. Also available are call sign decals for your car window. Contact Richard Futrell N4AED.

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### **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.

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

If anyone 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.

### **New NC Section Manager:**

We have a new NC Section Manager. Mark Hoffman, WA4NC is now the section manager for North Carolina. He lives in Boone, NC. He will take office in April, 2020.

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

#### **Minutes from January 16,2020 Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 1900 by President- Scott Wilkinson.

Van Lee led the opening prayer.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag was led by Mike Callam.

Introduction of Guest Speaker(s): JoCo EMS

Announcements:

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Frost Fest in Richmond Va.

Special recognition:

Congratulations to Mike Callam, our 2020 Ham of the year.

Old or Unfinished Business:

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JARSComm: there will be a JARSComm work day scheduled either in February or March. Paul Dunn said that he has eight public safety radios to be installed in JARSComm. When you come, bring drills, bits and a drop cord.

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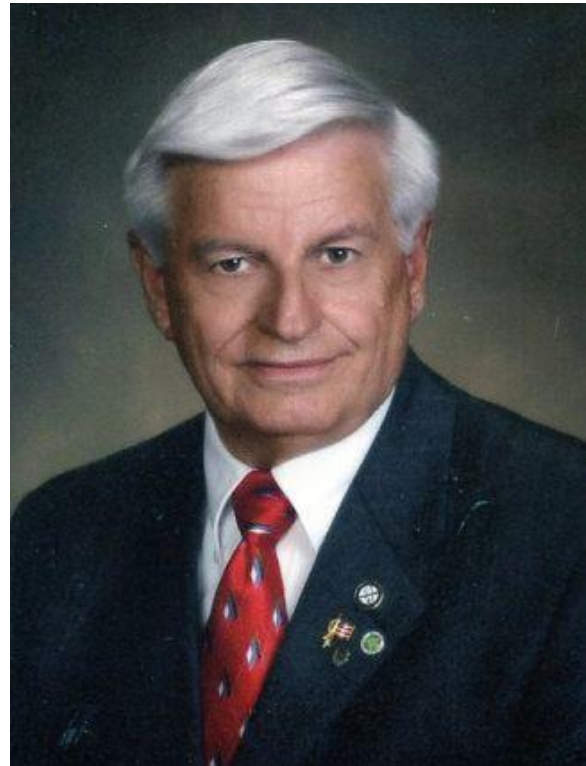
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**Loss of a Founding JARS Member:**



On January 27, 2020, Jerry McLamb, WB4VQP became a silent key. He was one of the founding members of the Johnston Amateur Radio Society. Until the last few years, he was very active in JARS and ham radio. Mr. McLamb served as the Mayor of the Town of Benson

from 2005-2007 and was a charter member of the Benson Rescue Squad. He was also a former Benson Police officer and a volunteer Johnston County Sheriff Deputy. He was married to his wife Esther for 50 years. Please keep his family in our thoughts and prayers.

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

Life here on the farm has been very busy lately. For the past eight weeks, we have been helping Velda's uncle move from Smithfield to down here on the farm. It has been seven days a week job. We get done around 4:30 pm. During the day, I have been running around like a 20-year-old full of Wheaties and during the evening, I move around like an 80-year-old drinking Geritol. The man has three generations of stuff as he is the last of his family. And not much of it is light either. He is in about as bad a shape, if not worse, than I am. I get to do most of the heavy lifting and what I can't lift with his help, se use a tractor with a boom and some chains. We have made countless numbers of trips from Smithfield to the farm. He has a BIG dog that I have ruined. Everyday, when we take a lunch break, I bring back a sausage biscuit and hand feed it to his dot. Now, when he goes to feed the dog in the morning, the dogs expects to be hand fed.

That is, it from Life on the Farm. Mike(KD4MC) aka C3PO, Velda(K4VJC), Remmington(Hairy Hound), Tabitha(Krazy Kat), Midnight(Tom Kitty and Fluff(Little Ball of Fur). And soon to be Uncle Jimmy and his dog Ruger.

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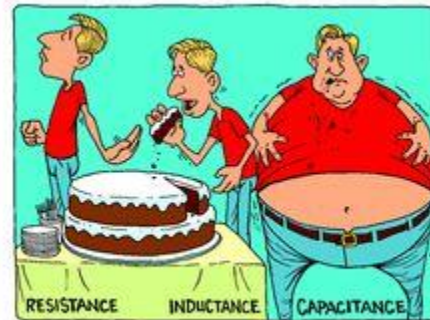
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### **Ham Humor:**



### **Johnston County ARRL VE Team:**

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That does it for another edition of the **“Official Organ:”**, I look forward to seeing everybody this Thursday evening.

JARS Officers:

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V.P.- Billy Newton, KJ4ZKG

Secretary- Velda Callam, K4VJC

Treasurer- Paul Dunn, KD4BJC

Membership- Dianne Young, KE4VNX

Net Whip- Stephen Fowler, KJ4QNW

Media/Newsletter/PIO- Mike Callam, KD4MC

Parliamentarian-Mark Gibson, N4MQU

Members at Large- Mike Callam, KD4MC & Bill Blomgren, KK4QDZ

Ham of the Year: Mike Callam  
KD4MC

