

**JARS-In
Our 35th Year**

The Official Organ

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Monthly JARS meeting this Thursday,
July
21st at Panther Branch Community
Building
on State Road Ten-Ten
In this months Official Organ
Our Usual Reports
Letters from our members

The mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work unless it's open.

It's that time of month again. Our next meeting is coming up this Thursday, July 21st at the Panther Branch Community Building. Chef Boy-R-Tommy will be fixing some of his world famous "Barnyard Buzzard". That's chicken in case you didn't know. You need to let Tommy know as soon as possible how many eaters you will be bringing with you so he can make sure that he has enough birds. His e-mail address is n4cbi@yahoo.com.

JARS LAND

Earlier this month my wife and I done something that we have not done in quite a number of years. No, it wasn't that! We took a trip to Indiana to visit some of my family that I hadn't seen in over thirty years. Prior to leaving, I made sure that I had every two meter and 440 repeater between here and there programmed in the radio. I don't know why it is, but whenever we go anywhere, no matter how long it is, she always packs like we are moving. Anyway back to the story. We made plenty of contacts on the radio as long as we were within earshot of the "mighty 27". However, once we got out of earshot of the 27, we might as well been speaking Chinese for all the good it did. I think of all the times I threw my call on all the repeaters that we had programmed, there were only three people that came back and talked with us. When nobody came back after several attempts I check all the usual things that you would think of. I made sure the radio was actually turned on(it was) I made sure I was on the desired frequency(I was), I made sure the antenna was connected to the radio(it was), I even checked to

make sure I did not have bad breath by putting a fresh piece of gum in my mouth and still no contacts. I knew there were people out there because I heard them talking prior to throwing my call sign. I guess the story of the moral that I am trying to make is this: If you hear a call sign that is not local to here, be kind enough and answer them even if it is only to let them know they are being heard. It really says a lot about local hospitality.

Net Report

Net sessions	23
Members anticipating	28
Visitors participating	48
Total check-ins	315

Net control operators listing:

AJ4NX	M	5
KI4YXO	G	4
KJ4AEO	G	4
KI4VBA	M	3
KK4BVU	G	3
KJ4ZKG	M	2
KI4WAI	G	1

Top QNI listing:

23	KK4BVU	(Guest)
23	WA4YBM	
21	KJ4QNW	
18	WA4AZL	
12	KJ4OPH	
17	KM4TC	

15	AJ4NC	
13	KJ4ZJK	
12	K0BLS	
11	KE4VNX	
11	KE4RUN	(Guest)
10	KJ4ZJK	(Guest)
9	KI4YXO	(Guest)
9	KI4WAI	(Guest)
8	KG4GRB	(Guest)
8	KB4RZ	Guest)
7	N4AED	
6	KJ4AEO	(Guest)
6	KD4KII	
6	KI4GNC	
6	WB4EBG	
5	KK4CHX	(Guest)
5	AK4JU	
3	KJ4EJO	
3	KJ4OVO	(Guest)
3	KK4ATD	(Guest)
3	KK4BVT	(Guest)
3	N4DXA	(Guest)
3	KF4PSG	(Guest)
3	AB4PP	
2	NC4BJ	
2	KI4HFY	(Guest)
2	KD4BJD	
2	AK4MX	(Guest)
2	KK4BVM	(Guest)
2	AF4NM	(Guest)
2	KI4VBA	
2	KK4ASY	(Guest)
2	KI4YII	(Guest)
2	NC4XX	(Guest)
2	W4AWB	
2	KJ4QNX	(Guest)

2 KF4VXJ (Guest)
2 KK4ATC (Guest)

1 KJ4CVK (Guest)
1 K4ZXY
1 N4USS
1 KJ4AHI (Guest)
1 N1CWC (Guest)
1 KJ4UXD (Guest)
1 KJ4UXC (Guest)
1 WA6GXQ (Guest)
1 KE5VMO (Guest)
1 KU4ZH (Guest)
1 KB4RGC (Guest)
1 W4VCF (Guest)
1 AJ4ZKJ (Guest)
1 KJ4CXX
1 KC4AHF (Guest)
1 KI4NGO (Guest)
1 KF4FXJ (Guest)
1 KJ4ZKL (Guest)
1 K4WXG
1 KD5REY (Guest)
1 KD4UJC
1 KI4PMI
1 KJ4WDH (Guest)
1 KC4WCD
1 KJ4WDH Guest
1 KI4TNX (Guest)
1 KF4VJV (Guest)
1 KJ4YVZ (Guest)
1 KJ4WLG (Guest)
1 KX4AJ (Guest)
1 KJ4OUT (Guest)
1 KC4PHJ

1 WB4IUY (Guest)

LOM Report

Hey all, this is your friendly neighborhood Lid.

There has been a lot of lid activity on the repeater this month, including the repeater being timed out a LOT. But I won't reveal any of the candidates here, you'll just have to come to the meeting to find out.

73 de
Stephen KI4VBA/LOM

Secretary's Report

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[Listen up! - Something to think about.](#)

A comment was made on one of the

local repeaters but probably was not meant to be a put down on certain Hams. But it sure sounded like it.

If this sounds familiar, it is. It was comments made about some Hams (me included) about not being able to hear some times what is being said. Those that have perfect hearing, Congratulations. We hope you never experience it. But then again you will be at the stage of life where it might happen to you.

So therefore, please give your call sign slowly. If you are a fast talker, please slow down so that you can be understood. Especially if it contains the sound alike letters. B's V's D's S's F's etc. Please don't run them together so they sound like one spoken slurred word. Try it. Say it out loud. Have some pity (?) on us hard of hearing Hams. There are several of us around, I know you do not want to be mean but, even in jest, when some one answers back saying WHAT, or turn up your hearing aid, worse yet, holler at us, or it's not the least bit funny. We do eventually acquire a thick skin, but still.....

When talking one on one, please

face us, it sure does help.

If you like to be heard, and understood, as we all do, please be considerate. Think before you speak. Every body will say
THANK YOU

Jack WA2YBM

Letter to the editor

I just want to go on record as stating that the nets that take place on 147.270 are running people away from the club. I can say that I have no plans to renew my dues and I can think of several others that feel the same way. It is unfortunate that 147.270 has gotten away from the heritage that once made me a proud member. I no longer look forward to listening to 27 nor do I find myself leaving the volume turned up on 27 anymore. I can say that I know many more people who feel the same way but I would like to think that since I am a current member that my voice has some kind of meaning here.

I used to say with pride that yes I am a JARS member and that I listen all the time. Unfortunately I cannot

say that anymore and quite frankly I am very embarrassed to associate with members who think that sitting down in front of a radio and purposely drawing out a net for hours on end begging for rechecks is not something that I can agree with. The JARS club is the talk of other repeaters now usually followed by a statement like, "I cannot listen to that crap." The stigmatism that used to exist years ago about 27 being a bunch of cb'ers did not bother me because most people were simply jealous of how the club worked together and without as so much as a flinch was able to participate in Emergency situations all the while being able to cut up and carry on with some unique form comradery.

Now a days most of the members cannot even secure a pl-259 to a piece of coaxial cable, much less be able to figure out the length in inches of a $\frac{1}{4}$ wave antenna for 2 meters. I have had my run ins with people on the air over the years BUT I HAVE ALWAYS been able to prove my abilities when it comes to Amateur Radio. I cannot say that about club members today. If you think that by being able to talk for hours on end will somehow validate your credentials as to

being a ham radio operator then it is my belief that you are sadly mistaken...at least with the bunch that I hang around with.

I do not know if this will get published in July's Organ but if it does then I appreciate the opportunity given here to express how Sam Cederas feels about the direction of JARS. It really bothers me to see something I took pride in years ago going down the drain. If you folks do not believe the club is headed in that direction then please examine the events that have happened over the years and see if you can see a pattern that typifies the end of an entity as we know it.

I hope I am wrong but with the writing on the wall, I have strong evidence to the contrary. I liken it to a vehicle traveling West on I-40. The drivers says, "I am not going to California..."...but what he does not realize is that if he keeps on driving West on I-40 he will get to California whether he wants to or not.

Take care all,

Sam Cederas K4OC

A little background on a new member

I worked as Chief Engineer at WSHB in South Carolina for a couple of years in the late 80's.

At the time WSHB was the largest privately owned US shortwave broadcaster. Besides the 2x500kW site in SC we had a 1x500kW site in Maine and a 2x100kW site on the island of Saipan. This network was owned by the Christian Science Network in Boston which nowadays is better known for their news paper.

After that I became Project Director for EWTN, a religious organization in Birmingham AL and my task was to design and build WEWN, a 4x500 kW transmitter site and get it done in 2 years which is almost impossible. With a staff of 11 people we did it and went on the air (with 1 transmitter <grin>) exactly 2 years after the project started

After the station was on the air I got bored and went to work for George Jacobs & Assoc. which

some of you may have heard of. George Jacobs used to be the propagation editor for CQ and as ex Technical Director at the VOA is an icon in the industry.

After he retired he opened a consulting firm that did frequency management for US based International Shortwave Broadcasters. Besides doing frequency management the old fashioned way I developed several software system that automated frequency management. I also developed a remote controlled monitoring system that was used worldwide for real time monitoring of shortwave broadcasts. Back then there was no Internet so the system used dial-up phone lines and DTMF to control the rx and shoot back the audio from the rx on the phone line.

Around 2000 shortwave broadcasting really declined and I had to look for something else to do. I continued with software development which I did until last year when we retired and moved from MD to NC.

Below are some photos from the WEWN transmitter site.



4x500kW Tx Hall



Control Room



4x500kW Tx Front Panel



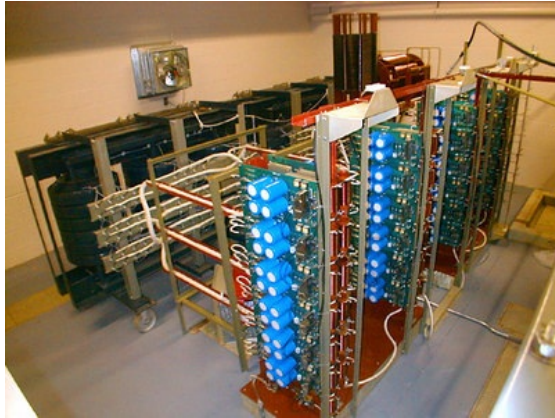
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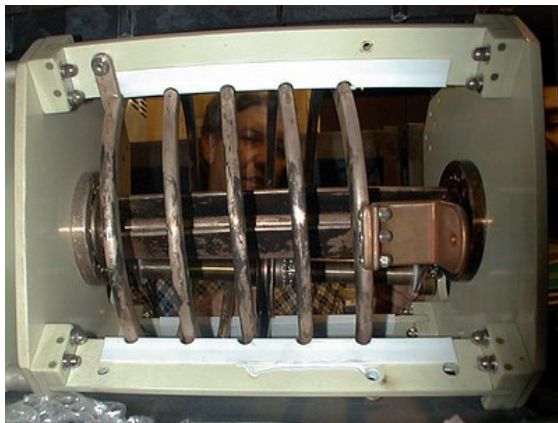
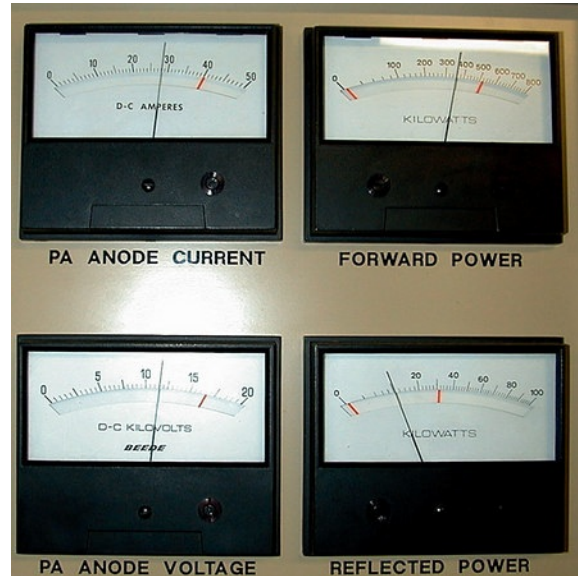
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