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JARS Christmas Dinner

This Thursday, December 15th

At

Panther Branch Community Building

after. Also, this is one of the very few times that our meetings are for JARS members and their families only.

JARS Christmas Party This Thursday

That's right, this Thursday will be our Annual JARS Christmas Dinner at the Panther Branch Community Building located on Highway Ten - Ten just off NC 50 just south of Garner, NC. Hopefully, everybody was able to let Chef Boy-R-Tommy what and how they wanted their meal. Tommy will be grilling up some of his world famous steaks, cooked to your order. He will also have your choice of baked sweet potato or baked white potato. There will also be a salad and sides. We are asked to bring a side dish or desert. If you haven't already placed your order, you might be able to plead your case with our chef [at:n4cbi@yahoo.com](mailto:n4cbi@yahoo.com). Dinner will start around 6pm and the meeting will follow

In This Month's Organ:

LOM Report

Net Report

Amateur Radio Christmas

"Rejoice and be glad for the Savior has been born!"
Merry Christmas and a prosperous & fun-filled New Year!

AK4H in the hospital.

Bill Lambrt, AK4H, the repeater trustee for the "Mighty 27" has Bill has been on one kidney for quite a while. The only kidney he has is not working properly now and has

almost shut completely down and this is why. A tumor was removed from his kidney. The procedure for removing it consists of inserting a tool in the kidney directly to the tumor to freeze it. They then removed the tumor. This procedure is a shock to the system and so the kidney shuts down. While waiting for the kidney to start working again the doctors noticed a blockage to the bladder so they installed a stint between the kidney and the bladder. At this time Bill is at Rex Hospital room 4087. The phone in his room is 919-784-3729. His doctors are hoping that he will get to come home sometime this week. Keep Bill in our prayers and thoughts.

Lid Of the Month Report

There has been MUCH chop-poppin’’ this month on the Mighty 27 and I GOT IT ALL ON PAPER!!!! I have been called names, misrepresented, slimed, castigated, and I don’t know “what-all”.

I have on the other hand ,had offers of house painting, yard rakin’’, gas fill-ups, dog dipping’, and other premiums. So, it ain’t all bad.

I WILL be peeling the paint off someone’s porch on meeting night, so all should be present and accounted for.

73 and “ENJOY HAM RADIO”...I IS!! NC4BJ/LOM.

NET REPORT

Net sessions: 15
 Members Participating: 25
 Visitors Participating: 34

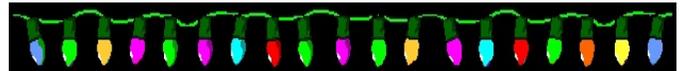
Total Check Ins (QNI) 207

Net control operators listing:

KK4BVU	G	4
KI4VBA	M	3
KI4YXO	M	3
KJ4AEO	M	3
KJ4CVK	G	2

Top QNI listing:

KK4BFU	(Guest)	15
KJ4QNW		15
K4MWE		15
WA2YBM		14
KM4TC		14
KJ4ZKJ		12
KI4OTM		8
KB4RZ		8
KI4YXO		7



A Ham Radio Operator’s Night before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas,
 And all through two-meters,
 Not a signal was keying up
 Any repeaters.

The antennas reached up,
 From the tower, quite high,
 To catch the weak signals
 That bounced from the sky.
 The children, Tech-Pluses,
 Took their HT’s to bet,
 And dreamed of the day
 They’d be Extras, instead.

Mom put on her headphones,
I plugged in the key,
And we tuned 40 meters
For that rare ZK3.

When the meter was pegged
by a signal with power.
It smoked a small diode,
and, I swear, shook the tower.

Mon yanked off her phones,
And with all she could muster
Logged a spot of the signal
On the DX Packet cluster,

While I ran to the window
And peered up at the sky,
To see what could generate
RF that high.

It was way in the distance,
But the moon made it gleam-
A flying sleigh, with an
Eight element beam,

And a little old driver
who looked slightly mean,
So I thought for a moment,
That it might be Wayne Green.

But no, it was Santa,
The Santa of Hams,
On a mission, this Christmas
To clean up the bands.

He circled the tower,
Then stopped in his track,
And he slid down the coax.
Right into the shack.

While Mon and I hid
Behind the stacks of CQ,
This Santa of hamming
Knew just what to do.

He cleared off the shack desk
Of paper and parts,
And filled out all my late QSLs
For a start.

He ran copper braid,
Took a steel rod and pounded
It into the earth, till
The station was grounded.

He tightened loose fittings,
Resoldered connections,
Cranked down modulation,
Installed lightning protection.

He neutralized tubes
In my linear amp...
(Never worked right before-
Now it works like a champ).

A new, low-pass filter
Cleaned up the TV.
He corrected the settings
In my TNC.

He repaired the computer
That would not compute,
And he backed up the hard drive
And got it to boot.

Then, he reached really deep
In the bag that he brought,
“A new rig?” I thought!

“A new Kenwood? An icon?
A Yaesu, for me?!”

Yes! The Ultimate Station!
How could I deserve this?
Could it be all those hours
that I worked Public Service?

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Ham of the Year Byron K4NGJ/SK

He hooked it all up
And in record time, quickly
Worked 100 countries,
And all down 160.

I should have been happy,
It was my call he sent,
But the cards and the postage
Will cost two month's rent!

He made final adjustments,
And left a card by the key:
"To Gary, from Santa Clause.
Seventy-Three."

Then he grabbed his HT,
Looked me straight in the eye,
Punched a code on the pad,
And was gone - no good bye.

I ran back to the station,
And the pile-up was big,
But a card from St. Nick
Would be worth my new rig.

Oh, too late, for his final
came over the air.
It was copied all over
It was heard everywhere.

The Ham's Santa exclaimed
What a ham might expect
"Merry Christmas to all,
And to all, good DX."

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Well fellow JARS members, I guess that does it for not only another month, but another year. The next newsletter you get will be next year. It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone already. For some, it has been filled with joy, for some, with sorrow. But through it all, we are thankful to still be alive and still talking on the "Mighty 27". I look forward to seeing everybody at the Christmas dinner and talking to you on the repeater.

From the Home of Mike, KD4UJC & Velda, K4VJC, Here's wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

