

JARS - In
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Year

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Our Monthly JARS Meeting this
Thursday at the Panther Branch

That's right. It's time again for another JARS meeting. It seems just like last night that we were having our auction. Anyway, the meeting is this Thursday, March 15th at the Panther Branch Community Building located on State Road Ten-Ten just about 100 yards from NC50 behind the BP station just a little way outside of Garner.

Chef "Boy - R - Tommy" is fixing some of his world famous, mouth watering, secret recipe, lasagna. If you want to eat some of this mouth watering delicacy, make sure to let Tommy know how many people are in your party. You can let him know at n4cbi@yahoo.com. For those that haven't heard, this year, we are charging \$6 for the meal and \$1 to go towards the cost of renting the building where we have our meeting. That's a total of \$7 per person. Those that do not wish to eat (you don't know what you are missing), we ask that you contribute a dollar to go towards the building rent. This is the only fair way that everyone can contribute and we can continue to have our meetings where we do.

For the newer members that are not aware, we have had our meetings in various eating establishments in the past. We either end up

running them out of business or we were invited to leave their establishments due to fact that the amount of fun we were having was disrupting the rest of the customers. Personally, I think that they were jealous that we were having so much fun and they were not. Anyway, we ended up where we are now and have been for several years and we don't have to worry about the neighbors or other patrons complaining (well not the patrons and the neighbors have only complained once).

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Secretary Report
"How to catch a duck"

"You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance." Franklin P. Jones

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm, following a meal of pizza that Tommy picked up for us. Thank you Tommy!

Upcoming events:

RARSFest:
www.rars.org/hamfest

Jim Graham Building
NC State Fairgrounds
Raleigh, NC
Tickets: \$8 (\$7 in advance)
Free Parking
Talk in: 146.640-

Net Whip: Tom “The Butcher”
Kressly(KK4BVU) was dubbed the check-in
champ.
You’ll be happy to know that all slots for net
control have been filled.

LID Presentation:
Paul Dunn(KD4BJD) awarded Dianne
Young(KE4VNX) with the LID on the
grounds that at he last meeting that she told
Paul that “she’d never had it.” I think that
Paul might live to regret this eventually.

Membership”
Howard Whitworth(KK4EUC) of Raleigh,
NC was voted into the fold as our newest
member.
Congratulations Howard!

The JARS annual auction began at 7:15pm
and thanks to everyone who participated. If
you didn’t make it, you really missed out on
some great deals! Maybe next year.

That’s all for now folks.

Peggy Lee KJ4OPH
JARS Secretary

LID Report:
Been listening and listening. There has been
lots going on this month. Everyone who is a
member of JARS, be at the meeting and I
mean ***EVERYBODY!!!***

Madam LID
Dianne KE4VNX

How To Catch A Duck:

Over the past several weeks, the “Mighty
27” and some other not so mighty repeaters
in the area were plagued by someone trying
to cause interference at various times during
the day and primarily during net time. This
person would get on the repeater and make
“quacking” noises and try to sound like a
duck and cause general mayhem on the
repeaters.

While the first reaction we all have (even
me) is to confront this person on the
repeater. Doing so only encourages him/her
to continue because they know that they are
being disruptive. The best thing to do, no
matter how hard it is, is to ignore the person.
By doing so, we are denying them the
attention they are trying to solicit. In most
cases this works and they get tired and move
on to something else.

When ignoring them does not work, the next
best thing is organize a “hunting” party to
try to track them down. This is not
something that we should do without proper
organization and coordination by one of our
many Official Observers. There are certain
guidelines that have to be followed in order
for this to have a positive result.

If and when the person is located and
identified, we do **NOT** need to confront this
individual in any fashion. This could result
in several negative consequences. You could
get physically hurt or arrested. Also, the
person could say that we were harassing
him. All could lead to having the case
dismissed by the FCC.

This is how we, as a handled the situation:
There were two of us equipped with Doppler
Direction Finders that were calibrated and
tuned to the input of the repeater(147.870)

and one person with an HT with the antenna removed. With the DDF's, when the person keys up, the DDF indicates which direction the signal is coming from. After getting readings from several different locations and seeing which direction the signal was coming from, we kept closing in until we were able to locate the signal. The person with the HT with the antenna disconnected, had the HT tuned to the input. The only way the HT will receive a signal, is when you are basically right on top of the signal.

Doing this, we were able to locate and identify the source of interference. After this, we let the Official Observer handle the rest of it.

Long story short, the "Duck" was hunted down and shot out of the water and we have not had anymore problems from that individual.

The JARS members that were part of the "Duck" hunting party were , Doug,K1DUG, Doug,KS4TI, myself,KD4UJC and our Official Observer, BJ,NC4BJ. There were many others involved also, but I do not know who they are at his time, but thank you also. Also, the net control op for this past Monday, KK4BVU did a fantastic job of soliciting input from the "Duck", enabling us to locate him.

Below is an excerpt from the NORTH CAROLINA SECTION NEWS – February 2012

OFFICIAL OBSERVERS – With over 700,000 Hams nationwide and 19,000 in North Carolina, interference happens. Rick Lamonica, W4ZRA, is the North Carolina section Official Observer Coordinator (OOC). He oversees a team of dedicated operators who

spend dozens of hours each month listening to all types of operators on the air. In case you didn't know, one of the roles of Official Observers (OOs) is to commend operators with good operating skills as well as figure out sources of operator interference and questionable behavior. Most violations are unintentional, such as leaving a VOX open for all to hear, or a Technician or General class operator who strays into Extra class band space. Regrettably, there are cases of occasional malicious interference which the OOs monitor and report to ARRL (see related story in the QUA column below). If you get a citation from an OO, remember that his or her intent is to help you correct a deficiency before it becomes a reportable FCC violation. The only exceptions are willfully repeated violations, in which OOs work closely with ARRL and FCC to document evidence. OOs are selected based on recommendations from other Hams for their character of fairness, objectivity and integrity. OO candidates must pass an ARRL exam before being appointed. Presently there is adequate OO representation throughout eastern and central North Carolina, with some possible openings in western North Carolina. Every time you get on the air with relative ease, thank an OO for helping to make and keep our hobby enjoyable.

QUA* - As I noted above in the article on Official Observers, OOs devote many hours listening to operators across all Ham bands at all

hours day and night. Most violations are minor, but in the past month I have become involved in three incidents of bad on air behavior by North Carolina operators – two on HF and one on a VHF repeater. Details are still murky in all three cases, but evidence is pointing to bad blood between or among operators, and that they decided to share their grudges on air for us to hear. Amateur Radio airwaves are a public resource, much like a park for all to enjoy. You don't litter in a park, so why would anyone want to litter on the air and spoil the airwaves for the rest of us? Not only does this behavior make the offending operators themselves look foolish, but it casts a black eye on all Amateur Radio operators for the public listening on scanners and other receivers. If these offenders can't resolve their differences, many of which are petty, please don't use our airwaves as an outlet for their frustration. * QUA is a Net "Q" signal meaning "Do you have news for me?"

73 de Bill
Bill Morine, N2COP
ARRL North Carolina Section Manager

There will be more discussion on this at the meeting this month. So, it is very important that you attend so we will know the correct way to handle these problems in the future. We are hoping that once the word gets out that there is an organized group of interference hunters in the area that this will discourage further problems.

HELP WANTED:

I am still looking for and trying to solicit input from club members for things to put in our "Official Organ". This can be anything from a personal review of a new piece of equipment that you have recently acquired (and I know that some have recently gotten new radios/antennae). Even if it is used, it is new by you. I am looking for articles on how Amateur Radio has had an affect on you or your community. I am looking for pictures of interest to ham radio operators including ham shacks, mobile installations and such as that. If you have recently installed a mobile set up, take some pictures and send them in. It may help someone else with their installation.

These can be sent to me at:
jarsmember@hughes.net.

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That's going to do it for another edition of the **“Official Organ”**. See ya' at the meeting.

73 de KD4UJC

