

Somebody call 911!
This month's meeting is at
the Johnston County Backup
911 Center

Presidential Picnic

The Annual Presidential Picnic is scheduled for this Thursday, May 26th. It will be held at the Johnston County Back-up 911 Center which is located behind Clayton Fire Station Number 2 on NC 42 East on the right side as you are coming from US 70 Business.. **DO NOT TURN IN TO THE FIRE STATION DRIVE!**

The entrance is just past the fire station, follow the drive to the gravel drive and follow that. That will take you to the center.

This month's menu is consisting of tube steaks (hot dogs) and round steaks(hamburgers). You need to let "Chef-Boy-R-Tommy" know how many of what you want so he will know how many cattle to have processed. Tommy can be reached at: n4cbi@yahoo.com.

Visit Rescheduled

For the longest time, we have always had a very honored guest attending the Annual Presidential Picnic. He has been one that

many junior members have always got a "real charge" out of shaking hands with. Some have even said that he has a real "electrifying" personality. Some have even said that he even put a "light" in their fire. Due to time constraints and other unforeseen circumstances, our Pres. Robbie, KD4WIY, has informed me that our annual visit by "Ole Sparky" will be done at some time in the not too distant future. There will be a special invitation sent to those that have not had the chance to be introduced to Sparky so they will be sure not to miss out on the honor.

In this month's Official Organ

Some of the Usual Monthly Reports

"Repeater Etiquette"

The LOM Report

"A good habit is easier to learn than a bad habit is to break"

The Lid Report

It is myself, WA4...AZL, who was unjustly given the LID last month who writes this. There I was last month after eating a heaping plate of Tommy's Sketty and cresting off of a sugar rush from some of Miss Linda's Nanner Puddin and a piece of chocolate cheese cake. I had just finished humming "Strawberry Fields" and was coming into "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds" when I hear myself being called out as recipient of the LID...total buzz kill. What was Caitlyn (not) thinking?

Ah, well. Going forward let it be known I have been monitoring continuously, aided by a nice little script I have on my computer and the Also recording application (Its all Linux, all the time here at the AZL QTH) There have been many instances of lid-like activity and one can always pick out Sam (The Bone Head), K4OC or Stevo (The Krispy Kreme Kid), KI4VBA out of the static in the aether on the '27. But what's the fun in that?

On the upside I have been enjoying the active use of a very comfortable, and custom etched toilet seat all this month. Soon, it will be time for me to remove it, sanitize it, and re-assemble the beloved butt gasket award for the next victim. Who will it be? Well, come to the next JARS meeting and find out. You might be surprised...or dismayed.

73

Neil, WA4AZL...The LID
UnJUSTLY!!@#

Net Whip Report

Net Sessions:	17
Members participating	23
Visitors participating	42
Total Check ins(QNI)	262

Net Control Operators Listing:

KI4YXO	G	4
KJ4AEO	G	4
KI4VBA	M	3
AJ4NX	G	3
KJ4ZKG	M	2
KJ4EJO	M	1

Top QNI Listing:

16	KJ4QNW	(Guest)
16	KD4KII	
15	KJ4OPH	
14	AJ4NX	(Guest)
12	WA4YBM	
12	KI4WAI	(Guest)
11	KM4TC	
9	KI4GNC	
9	KB4RZ	(Guest)

Secretary Report

Either lost in cyberspace or on the launch pad awaiting permission to launch. Either way, it ain't here.

Repeater Etiquette

Recently there have been some activities on the "Mighty 27" that are having negative effects on the repeater and the club in general. Several of our members have stopped using the repeater, some prospective members have said that at one time they were considering joining JARS but after listening to some of the less than desirable activities that have been going on recently,

they have decided that they do not want to be a part of it. Some of the activities have been committed by operators that have been licensed for a number years and some of the newer hams have been doing the same thing because they feel that if an experienced ham does it, then it must be ok for them to do the same. I am not pointing fingers or naming anybody's call, I am not a repeater owner, trustee or control op but if you are guilty, you know who are. As a result, I am posting an article that was copied the ARRL web site.

Repeater Etiquette by David Pifer N9YNF

One of the first things we are told about learning to use amateur radio is to get a radio and listen to others on the air. However this assumes that the people we are listening to have good operating habits. Bad habits are the hardest to correct, so if you did learn your operating habits over the air you might be in for surprise. Or maybe you new this stuff all along. We are all guilty of one thing or another when we really look at this. The most common mode of communications in our area is the 2 meter repeater. Lets look at some recommended techniques.

The Basics.

- When using phone mode, speak in plain English.
- Use the correct official phonetic alphabet when identifying. The cute stuff is nice to remember a call but not for id purposes.
- Listen to see if the frequency is in use before you call. If in doubt, ask "**Is the frequency/repeater in use your call**"
- Don't call CQ, just "**your call Listening**"
- Use "**Break**" only in emergencies.

- To interrupt, give your call sign between the other stations transmissions.
- Acknowledge a station interrupting and turn it over to them as soon as possible. It just might be an emergency.
- Have you ever heard the squelch tail? Don't be trigger happy. Let up on the PTT switch to let someone else in. PTT vs. RTL (Release to listen).
- Brevity, be short and concise with your conversations. If you want to catch up on someone or something go simplex if possible.
- If several hams are talking, pass it off by saying the person's name or call to pass it off to.
- If you wonder if you can hit the repeater, don't kerchunk it. Give "**your call testing**".
- If someone is weak into the repeater, tell them after they un-key. ***DO not key up and start talking over them!*** That is rude and not fair to the weak station. After all, he just might have an emergency he is trying to get help for!
- Speak clearly, don't un-key your rig the instant you start and stop speaking. It takes a few seconds for the system to come up and down.
- Ignore jammers, but take lots of notes; the reason they jam is for the attention.
- Basic repeater traffic priorities:
 1. Emergency and Priority Traffic.
 2. System test or maintenance.
 3. Public Service.
 4. Fixed stations should ensure that mobiles and portable stations have priority (especially if you can go simplex)
 5. Fixed stations.

- Follow FCC identification rules. You have to do it every 10 minutes but not necessary to start a conversation with a local station.

- Remember that nothing is private on the air. If you have something private to talk about use the telephone (on both ends).

- Don't think out loud, your mind may be in idle but the repeater could be used during that time.

- No need for “**no contact**” or “**nothing heard**” or “**clear**” after making a failed call. All the other stations heard you not make your contact.

- Use extreme caution and it is even better not to repeat what you hear on police frequencies over the repeater. There are laws concerning the public dissemination of information from scanners.

Nets

- The Net Control is called that because that is what they are supposed to be, in control.

- Call when called upon unless you are declaring an emergency.

- If someone is weak or having difficulty making it into the repeater, **DO NOT** key up and start talking over them! It is the net control's responsibility to inform them that they have a weak station. If you are told you have a weak signal, increase your power if possible or move to a better location.

Common Sense

- Do not advertise on the repeater that you are going on vacation. You may just find that when you return, your prized possessions have been taken.

- Do not tell on the repeater that you have just bought a new TV, Stereo, Weapon or

anything of value, somebody may decide they want it more than you do.

What is an Emergency-Immediate danger to human life or property.

- Auto Accidents
- Fires
- Airplane crashes
- Floods/Hurricanes
- Tornadoes/Funnel Clouds

Auto-Patch and 911

- Know exactly where you are before you call.

- When you call use the following example “**I am an amateur radio operator, my call is your call, I am calling from my car and would like to report a _____ at _____.**

- Know what an emergency is- any life threatening situation. A flat tire or boil over is not an emergency. Even though the person with these conditions will need assistance.

- Don't use police signal/10 codes. They are coded messages, which are against amateur regulations, and each police department may not use the same codes. Use plain English “**auto with injiries**”.

- Remember that probably every other car around you has a cell phone and probably has already beaten you to the draw...Remote areas or late hours are a definite time to make the call, downtown Raleigh during rush your...probably not.

Like I said, not all of us are guilty of the bad things, but all of us can use a refresher on the good things.

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That does it for this edition of the “**Official Organ**”. I am still asking for stories, pictures, letters or anything else that you want to submit to the newsletter. Just send them to jarsmember@yahoo.com

Hope do see all at the meeting this Thursday. Until then: 73 de KD4UJC, your newsletter editor.