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NEWS/VIEWS/RAMBLINGS

I was sitting around the other day, contemplating what to put in this section this month. Having a difficult time of it, I decided to analyze what was important to me in this wonderful hobby of ours. This caused some reflection back over the past 30 plus years. It couldn't be EQUIPMENT (Gad, how many rigs have I had over this span...all of which are no more, the memories of that much sought new rig long since slipping into cerebral oblivion). Was it the CONTACTS made over the years? No, those too fade in time. How about DX and that new and rare country bagged after countless hours spent in DX pileups? Was it CONSTRUCTION of a new transmitter, with all the soldering iron burns and the frustration of a not-quite-right circuit and then the triumph of conquering the problem? Perhaps it was the fulfillment of aiding in EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS and helping someone in need...or simply running PHONE PATCH traffic for our military, far away from home, who were appreciative beyond belief when you ran that phone patch so they could speak to their wives, children, or parents.

Or maybe it was the thrill of beginning operation on a new band, or maybe a new mode of operation such as RTTY, ATV, OSCAR, or some other exotic aspect of this hobby. Shucks, it could even be ham radio clubs and meetings and the social aspect!

By this time, my head was swimming with all the possibilities of what Ham Radio was...and is... all about. ALL of the aspects are important I concluded, but one not mentioned thus far, and perhaps the most important of all...being neither temporal or exotic...are the FRIENDS that you make over the years that can mean so much! For without friends, all of the other aspects are meaningless and without direction, ham radio then becoming an end in itself instead of a means to an end of furthering one's sphere of meaningful interaction with their fellow beings.

It was at the Greenville Hamfest not long ago that I was poignantly reminded of the friends you can gain through our hobby. While attending my table, a fellow approached whom I THOUGHT was familiar but I couldn't quite connect a name with the face. To my embarrassment, he finally had to remind me who he was (he didn't forget me!). Sure, he had changed...as I suspect I had. But it was still the same old Ted Tutterow, K4UFT, a member of a very close VHF group I was involved with when I first made the 'plunge to try that aspect of operating. Time had separated us and the years had rolled by, our families and jobs changed, and the children grew up. But here we were...backslapping and recalling our VHF memories. It was exciting and rewarding and our

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friendship was renewed, addresses exchanged, and now...after contacting some other members of that long-ago VHF group, we are planning a reunion of our "members" at the next Greenville Hamfest.

No, I do not particularly dwell in the past, even though the comraderie that existed then seems to be a long-lost trait of the hobby. And I am not forgetting present friends whom I have not lost contact with over the years, the ones I see and talk to regularly on a day-to-day or weekly basis. But finding a lost friend is much akin to the Bible's widow finding the lost "mite".

Sometimes we lose sight of what ham radio is all about when we listen in on the bands and hear the backbiting, stagnant and non-progressive viewpoints, foul language, or even the "cliques" that can and do form in a QSO or club which can be its' death-knell. The present and the future is where it is at though. And the friendships we make today...are those relationships that become meaningful tomorrow. Let's get more COMRADERIE back into our unique and wonderful hobby!!

---Jim, N4EUX

HAPPENINGS/TIDBITS

It is unfortunate that the Western Piedmont ARC was unable to secure their regular Field Day site at the Shadowline Mfg. Park in Morganton. At this printing, no new site had been selected and it is not known at this time if the WPARC will participate in Field Day this year (June 28,29 weekend). Listen to their net on Wednesdays, 147.15, for any further or late-breaking details.

Last month (5-31-86), Mike McCoy spearheaded a convoy to Valdese for elibible novices in the Lenoir area to upgrade their licenses. Of the five novices to attend the examinations, ALL upgraded! The new calls aren't in yet, but here is a list of those upgrading last month:

James Bradshaw, N4NIN.....to Advanced
Susan Bradshaw, KB4SFY.....to Technician
Mark Bradshaw, N4NJE.....to Advanced
George Fuderer, KB4SFX.....to Technician
Jean Ayers, KB4SFW.....to Technician

Congrats to those upgrading! Will report on any new calls received next month. Also, Mike McCoy's mother went to Valdese a day or two later, taking the Novice exam, so she too is anxiously awaiting her new novice call!! Congratulations Mrs. McCoy! And Mike has received his brand new Extra class call. It has been a long/short haul up through the ranks, eh Mike? First, he was KB4PSZ, then N4NNT, then KJ4TM, and now...AA4TW. Well done Mike!!!!

We would like to extend a cordial welcome to a new full-member to the LARC. He is Tom Land, KA4HKK. Welcome aboard Tom!

Another person has joined the world-wide ham fraternity and she resides in Lenoir. She is Mary Jones, KB4TMS. Mary also received her call as a result of VEC examinations last month at Valdese through the auspices of Arvin Fowler, K4RP. Congrats and a hearty welcome to the ham bands Mary!

NOTICES/COMING EVENTS

I am planning to publish a complete member roster of the Lenoir Amateur Radio Club in the next issue of the newsletter. This roster will have phone numbers, addresses, class of license held, and type of club membership (Full member, family member, or associate member). If you desire that any of this information not be made public, please let me know either at the July meeting or by calling me on the landline. Thanks.

Don't forget! The next regular meeting of LARC is July 7th, Monday, 7:30 PM, at Blackwelder Memorial Hospital (2nd floor). We will be conducting the second reading of the proposed Constitution & Bylaws of the Lenoir Amateur Radio Club. This will be the last reading & discussion of the draft. Voting to accept the draft, or revised draft, will take place at the July meeting by those present. Note: Each full and/or associate member were sent changes by the club secretary which were made to the drafted Constitution and Bylaws at the first reading at last month's meeting. These changes should be incorporated into your proposed draft. It is this revised draft that will be voted upon for final acceptance or changed at the meeting and then accepted by those present. Please re-read your draft with the pertinent changes made to be up-to-date.

Also, right before the July 7th club meeting will be the Breakfast Club (BC) meeting the first Saturday in July (the 5th). The new SHONEY'S RESTUARANT will be open by then, if not already, so let's meet there and check it out! Their 'all you can eat' breakfasts are usually superior to other eating establishments, so let's see if that holds true in Lenoir! Attendance was down, down, down at the last BC meeting...I know it is difficult to make plans on a Saturday to "go eat with the guys and gals" instead of getting honey-do's done around the house and other things you plan to do on your day-off (??) but you will enjoy the fellowship and we'd be glad to have you. See you there!

Members! If you have an item of interest you'd like to see printed within these pages, feel free to bring to my attention. I can't read everything or hear everything, so I am dependent on your input. News, gossip, technical stuff, guest editorial, etc., concerning ham radio, computers, repeaters or (???)...let's hear

from you! (Note: This appeared in the last newsletter...but it still stands. I need your input to make the newsletter more interesting and better balanced. No item is too small. Contact me!)

The next major hamfests within 75 miles of Lenoir for the months of July and August are:

July 26, 27.....Asheville, N.C.

August 30, 31.....Shelby, N. C.

Note: The Asheville Hamfest is not being held at same location as years past. In fact, it isn't even in Asheville! My skimpy info is that it will be somewhere about half-way between Asheville and Hendersonville just off Hwy I-26. Sorry my info is incomplete at this time.

ATTENTION: It's now official...Caldwell Community College will be offering a new NOVICE class beginning July 8th at 6:00 PM, Room B-108. The class will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays for approximately 11 weeks except for regularly scheduled holidays and/or school breaks. If you know of someone who desires to get their Novice ticket, direct them to me or to Steve Lockhart (Continuing Education Dept., Caldwell Community College, Phone 728-4323). Yours truly will be the instructor for both the Morse code and theory portions of the course. Please note...this will be the LAST novice course offered at CCC & TI until next summer, so please tell your friends/prospects this.

CLASSIFIED

WANTED: Fifty foot (or taller) antenna tower; Kenwood HF station monitor; Kenwood phone patch; late model 2-Meter base station; 20 amp (or heavier) power supply. James Bradshaw, N4NIN, 754-6119. (2)

WANTED: Johnson Viking Ranger or Globe King Transmitter in good condition. Reasonable. Mike McCoy, AA4TW, 758-4170. (2)

WANTED: Ads to be placed in this section. Whatcha got to sell or want to buy?? It's free and the only requirement is that it must be electronic in nature... Ed. (2)

FOR SALE: Atari 800XL 64K computer with built-in basic language. This unit is brand new and still in box. Originally listed for \$299. but I bought it as a "close-out" from an out-of-town store. Can be yours for only \$75. Jim Rogers, N4EUX, 758-5320. (1)

Note: To place ads in this section, please be sure I have the ad copy in hand no later than the 20th of each month since the

Newsletter will be produced and distributed just prior to the monthly club meeting on the first day of each month. Place your ad on a 3 X 5 index card and either give to me at a club meeting, mail to me at Route 7, Box 481, Lenoir, N.C. 28645, or call me at home, 758-5320.

An ad placed in this section will automatically run for two months unless ad is cancelled earlier by person placing the ad. Thanks -
Jim