



# HAM RADIO NEWS & VIEWS



LENOIR AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
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## WHY A TEST?

On Saturday, May 9th, the LARC participated in a simulated emergency test involving county and state agencies to determine emergency preparedness. But why have a test in the first place? On the one hand, it seems ludicrous to conduct an "emergency" test when no such emergency exists...plus the fact that doing so is like practicing for a toothache...it just ain't the same till the real thing comes along! Also, since our group knew of the test beforehand and were already set up and in-place when the test was called, it seems as if we "cheated" by being semi-prepared. On the other hand, however, a test such as the one just conducted can point out obvious discrepancies and availability of equipment, personnel, and many other factors. In short, it is a means of honing one's skills & resources in the absence of a "real" emergency.

## RESULTS

The test seemed to satisfy most of the officials present, both county and state. But at the critique that I and Ruby attended at Oak Hill Park following the test, one of the most often repeated discrepancies was with county communications! We can attest to that by looking at our (LARC) efforts. According to

the count of messages handled from the field to EOC headquarters where we were stationed, the ham effort accounted for no less than 17 different pieces of traffic compared to only five that came in on the county radio which were passed on to Dale Coffey, the Protective Services Director. Not a bad showing, especially since this was LARC's first coordinated attempt assisting in a county/state/ARES drill.

## SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks goes to the owners of the 147.33/93 repeater for allowing LARC to "commandeer" the repeater for this important function. Thanks guys!

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Each and every one of the hams that participated did a swell job. Everyone responded in due time, answered when called, and acted professional all the way. However, no one is perfect and I would like to see us take part in more tests of this nature. Distinctive uniforms of some sort, such as a "jumpsuit" or a shirt with an LARC logo would be nice for our participating members to wear during these tests or actual emergencies to afford a more "visible" presence.

73, ---Jim, Editor



### HAPPENINGS/TIDBITS:

If you took time to read the editorial, you know that the simulated emergency test (SET) came off fine. Also, we, as a club, received a meritorious comment during the critique following the test from the state evaluator that was present overseeing the SET. The amateurs taking active part in the test were: Mike, N4FAX (Section Emergency Coordinator/Blackwelder Memorial Hospital); Jewel, N4NJD (Staging area); Gary, K4HTV (Disaster Scene); George, N4OJM (Disaster Scene); Tom, KA4HKK (Caldwell Memorial Hospital), and of course, myself and the XYL, KA4CLI (both at the EOC). Those checking in and on a standby status were: James, N4NIN; Susan, N4OJN; Mark, KJ4WY; and Mike, WB4UVY. Thanks to all for giving up your Saturday morning (and part of the afternoon) to assist!

### NOTICES/COMING EVENTS:

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Lenoir ARC will be Monday, June 1st, at 7:00 PM. (Note Time Change!). The meeting will commence at the Western Sizzlin Steak House (the skinny cow) where we will have Dale Coffey, Protective Services Officer of Caldwell County, as our guest. Immediately after the meal, we will all go to the EOC (2nd floor, above the EMS) which is adjacent to the Post Office. There, we will have a short business meeting and will conclude with Dale Coffey offering a critique of our participation in the recent SET, as well as where LARC can fit into the overall picture of emergency preparedness.

Please note that Dale Coffey can be very instrumental in helping us secure a more permanent meeting place for our meetings (we are very grateful to Blackwelder Hospital for allowing us to "invade" their quiet atmosphere each month...but we are living on borrowed time there). The EOC would be the natural place for us to be in times of emergency and carrying out our amateur radio role as "emergency communicators", as well as our regular monthly meetings. So...if you only make one meeting a year, LET THIS ONE BE IT as we need to demonstrate to Mr. Coffey our personnel strength!! We need you, club members! Please attend both functions beginning at Western Sizzlin at 7 PM sharp.

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Incidentally, as discussed at the last meeting, we had planned to have a joint eatin' meetin' with the Western Piedmont ARC during our June 1st meeting and, in fact, they were invited to join us. Unfortunately however, their meeting is also June 1st this month and had to decline, since this is the meeting their members will be planning the upcoming Field Day event later in the month (21st and 22nd). Hope we can get together then WPARC!

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For those of you receiving this newsletter, it means one thing...you paid your dues! Sadly, with this issue, some members will be dropped from the membership rolls (and will not receive a



newsletter) according to the club By-Laws (Page 4). However, all is not lost for those that were/are dropped. They merely have to pay their dues that are in arrears and petition for reinstatement. If you know any of these in this category, please give them a call and encourage them to do so...after all, they were/are charter members. Thanks!

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A brand-new Novice Class is about to begin at Caldwell Community College, providing there is enough to sign up for the class to "make" (10 persons minimum who will stay at least for 20% of the course duration...3 weeks). The CCC & TI course fee in the Continuing Education Department has risen this year (\$25.00...up from \$19.00 last year) but it is still a good buy and if the person stays the entire length of the course, he/she is almost assured of receiving their Novice license. A flyer is attached with this newsletter...give it to a prospective novice!! They will thank you later for doing so.

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The next major hamfests within 100 miles of Lenoir for the months of June and July are:

June.....None

July.....None



SPECIAL NOTE: The 1987 ARRL Field Day Event will be conducted the weekend of June 21-22. The Western Piedmont ARC has officially invited all LARC members to join them in Morganton (at a site to be announced later) to participate in this fun-filled weekend. On that Saturday, there will be a cookout in the evening. What more could you ask for....ham radio and food. Hi. Please make special plans to attend. The fellowship will be good and any field day event is always in need of operators and loggers (especially on the midnight watch!). Let's do it!

#### FACT FORUM:

"Not until November 18, 1951, had anyone in the United States seen both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans 'live' and simultaneously. To demonstrate the power of television, Edward R. Murrow's 'See It Now' telecast, on that day, spanned the continent on a split screen."

(Reprinted from ISAAC ASIMOV'S BOOK OF FACTS. New York: Bell Publishing Company, 1979. p. 81).

# GET YOUR "HAM" LICENSE !!



BECOME AN FCC LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR.  
HAVE FUN. ASSIST IN EMERGENCIES. TALK TO EXOTIC  
FOREIGN LANDS...MUCH MORE !

New Novice (Beginner) class begins June 4th at  
6 PM at CALDWELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE in Room E-301  
(Bottom floor, "E" Building, next to canteen).

Length of course:	11 weeks
Nr. of sessions :	22 (2 nites per week)
Class meets :	TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
Class Time :	6 PM - 9 PM
REGISTRATION :	Night of First Class
Course Fee :	\$25.00

NO CLASSES July 4th Week (June 26 - July 6th)

## Plan to Attend

Instructor: J. E. Rogers, N4EUX

CALL DONNA HUFFSTETLER AT 728-4323 Ext. 242  
(CONTINUING EDUCATION DEPARTMENT), CALDWELL  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE, FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.



N4FAX MIDNIGHT SNACK SPECIAL  
(Don't Knock It Till You Try It)

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3 Oz Can Potted Meat Product | 3 Tablespoons Ketchup               |
| 2 Tablespoons Mayonnaise     | 3 Tablespoons Chopped Sweet Pickles |
| 3 Tablespoons Chopped Onions | 1 Teaspoon Horseradish              |
| 1 Pinch Seasoning Salt       |                                     |

(Minced onions, in a smaller amount, may be substituted for the chopped onions)

Mix all the above ingredients in a medium-sized plastic bowl. The resulting mixture can be used in the following ways:

1. As sandwich spread
2. On crackers as a fast snack with your choice of beverage
3. On potato chips as a dip
4. If you have any left over, it makes a great pet food (Just kidding!)

Additional condiments that may be added according to taste: celery salt; cheese; mustard; lemon juice; paprika; pimento; dill pickles; bacon bits; bean sprouts.

Furnished by: Mike, N4FAX

