



LENOIR HAM RADIO NEWSLETTER



JIM ROGERS, N4EUX
ROUTE 7, BOX 481, LENOIR, N.C.

Volume 1. NR 2

FEBRUARY 1986

NEWS AND VIEWS

We were sorry to hear the news that Max Cowick, father of Mike (N4FAX) and Mark (N4NJC), was hospitalized just before Christmas Day and we know it put a damper on the festivities in and around that household. But I am pleased to report that Max is home and is doing well. Take care Max - We're thinking of you!

The Novice class at CCC is progressing satisfactorily and everyone seems to be on target (except, of course, the few who dropped the class due to various reasons). The class will end on February 27th (this month). It is not known at the time of this mailing whether a General/Technician Class will be offered starting in March as a continuation of the soon-to-graduate Novice class or if a new Novice class will be offered. Or if, in fact, any amateur classes will be offered for the Spring quarter. Will keep you posted on this...

On November 8th, 1985, the FCC changed the rules regarding the waiting period to retake a failed exam. Heretofore, there was a 30 day waiting period before you could retake a failed exam. That is now changed and there is no waiting period. If you fail an exam somewhere one day, you can retake it somewhere else the next day. But...there is a Catch-22: If you passed, the VEC's require a copy of your most recent license which includes the exam you may have taken the day before. So...they will hold up processing the exam you took, say today, until you receive your license from the exam you may have passed yesterday. This creates an excessive waiting period and could get you very close to the expiration of your 90 day interim permit of the exam you passed today. I expect it won't be long until this glitch is caught and corrected.

Until next month, 73

--Jim, N4EUX

HAPPENINGS/TIDBITS

As you have noticed by now, several of the guys and gals have received their new calls as a result of the General exam held at CCC back on December 4th and the exam at the Greensboro Hamfest. Here they are:

SUPPORT AMATEUR RADIO!

GOD CW AM EM GCTV DTTV

James Bradshaw, Ex-KB4PSX.....now N4NIN
Mark Bradshaw, Ex-KB4PSY.....now N4NJE
Jewel Cowick, Ex-KB4PSW.....now N4NJD
Mark Cowick, Ex-KB4PSV.....now N4NJC
Michelle Hedspeth, Ex-KB4PSU.....now N4NJB

Mike McCoy, KB4PSZ, is still waiting for his new call at time of this printing (Catch-22 mentioned earlier!). Incidentally, Mike ordered and has now received his Kenwood TR-2400 handheld, so you can catch him mobile now too!

Oh, I now have David Milsaps call (not known at time of last newsletter). It is WA4JPT. (Tnx to Barbara Walker, Novice class, for that info).

Ray Suddreth, KB4QCX, finally surfaced last month on the Lenoir machine (147.33-93). He is sporting a Santec handheld. Welcome to the band Ray!

Lamar Wakefield, KB4PYZ, who recently moved to Marion, didn't forget us either...he now has a 7-element Cushcraft beam which he points to Hibriten occasionally. He feeds the antenna with his recently acquired Icom 290 portable. (Sure beats sitting in the car hamming on those cold winter nights, eh Lamar?)

Mike and Jewel, N4FAX and N4NJD, now have digital communications capabilities, using a C-64 computer linked with a homebrew CW interface to their Kenwood (or is it now JEWEL'S Kenwood? Hi). All this feeding Mike's recently-erected log periodic antenna and/or dipole.

The same goes for James and Mark, N4NIN and N4NJE, who are using practically the same setup with the exception of the log periodic. Also, Mike, KB4PSZ, is using a Vic-20 (but he also has a C-64), a Kantronics interface, and HamText software linked to his Yaesu FT-101EE. John Tye, KB4NQS, is using a C-64, Kantronics II Interface, HamText, and a TS-940S (Wow! That is some transceiver John has there!).

I myself am using a VIC-20, Kantronics Interface, HamText, and a Drake TR7. So that makes three of us who have full CW-RTTY capabilities now. I am sure that more will be added to this growing list as time goes on. What's next? Amtor or Packet Radio anyone?

Speaking of Packet Radio, I overheard on the Morganton machine (147.15-75) recently an informative QSO on this subject. Sounds like some of the fellows (Mike, WB4PML for one) have it up and running over there. As most of you know, Packet Radio on VHF is similar to Amtor on the HF frequencies. Sounds interesting!

In case anyone is interested, this newsletter (the master copy) is being produced on an Atari 800, A Percom AT-88 disk drive, and

AtariWriter software sending the info thru an Atari 850 interface to a Star Gemini 10X high speed dot-matrix printer. The system is also equipped with a Novation J-Cat telephone modem. So if you prefer, and if you have a computer and modem, you can upload any news, classifieds, etc. to me via the phone by calling me at 758-5320. (I have considered operating a BBS-a bulletin board service. If that ever materializes, you can download the whole newsletter each month...saving me 22 cents. Hi. The finished copy you have in your hand has further gone through a Xerox (TM) and mimeograph process. It is the mimeograph process that is the weak link and gives you the traditional "muddy print". Sorry about that!

NOTICES/COMING EVENTS

Don't forget the Elkin N.C. Hamfest February 16th if you're planning to attend. That date is a Sunday, so it is a "one-day-only" affair. See attached flyer.

Where were YOU at the first Breakfast Club meeting? You were missed! Those attending the first meeting February 1st were:

Mike McCoy, KB4PSZ
Lamar Wakefield, KB4PYZ
Mark Bradshaw, N4NJE
Susan Bradshaw (Novice Class)
James Bradshaw, N4NIN
Jewel Cowick, N4NJD
Matthew Cowick
Jim Rogers, N4EUX
George Fuderer (Novice Class)

All had a good time judging from the comments and the conversation (all ham radio, natch!). We hope to see our little "crowd" expand in the future.

Note: It was decided by those attending that the next meeting on March 1st (Saturday) will be held at TASTEE FREEZ at 9 AM. This is located across from Lenoir Mall. Plan to be there!!!

CLASSIFIEDS

Help! I need help in getting news/gossip etc. to put in the newsletter! I need a few of you to act as reporters and news gatherers to funnel in items of interest to help keep the newsletter rolling and keep the information fresh and interesting. If you hear of anything you think should be in the newsletter, let me know!

Wanted: Anyone out there have any old gear for sale? Several (at least two!) are interested in old AM gear, both HF & VHF. Whatcha got? Contact me, or Mike, KB4PSZ. Of course, other more modern gear is welcome to be put in this section and...you can't beat the advertising prices (free!).

For Sale: Microwave Modules MMT-432 receiver converter (432 Mhz to 28 Mhz. \$35.00 Scott Hedsbeth, WB4YZA, Telephone 728-4409.

Wanted: Heath 6809 Trainer. Nestor M. Calderon, KA4JRD, Telephone (704)-433-0128.