



# LENOIR HAM RADIO NEWSLETTER



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## NEWS AND VIEWS

OUCH!!! It had to happen sooner or later...my personal funds to keep the newsletter going have just about dried up. As most of you know, on January 6th of this year I changed jobs to facilitate my going to ASU full-time. As a result, I accepted a part-time job with the Data Processing Department of Grace Hospital (Morganton) with a substantial drop in discretionary income (pin money, Hi.) Also, due to the number of copies of the newsletter (at 4 to 5 pages each) presently being sent out, it has become necessary to duplicate it commercially. This does not include the 22 cent stamp each requires (Sorry, I don't enjoy 2nd class rates at the P.O. ...yet). Therefore - the touch - If you would like to see the newsletter survive and continue coming to your mailbox, then I must recover the monthly expenses. After checking with a local copying service, I found they will duplicate the newsletter (minimum-30) for 33 cents each. This, plus the stamp, comes to 55 cents per month to break even. So...if you think the newsletter is worth 55 cents per month, see a "subscription" form at end of newsletter. If not, and if there are many of you that feel that way, then the newsletter will fold and skulk off in the dark (me too!). Personally, the newsletter was started to keep the Lenoir area hams together and informed. I hope that each of you feel that way also and back the newsletter by helping me to break even on it. Thanks.

Effective with the April issue, QST will once again be available on local newstands! I remember as a budding Novice that I eagerly waited for QST to hit the newstands to "read up" on amateur radio. There just weren't many ham magazines at that time. Then, for some unknown reason (I assume to boost ARRL membership!), QST was discontinued from newstand sales and the only way to get QST magazine was to join ARRL at 25 bucks a throw and they "gave" you the magazine. I am glad they have redressed this situation and are putting them back on the newstand where, as they state, "By spreading the word of the wonders of Amateur Radio to a greater public audience, we're helping to ensure Amateur Radio's health and vitality for years to come." (QST, March 86, League Lines, Pg 14). Nuff said!

FLASH!!! I have just returned home after attending the Breakfast Club at Taste Freez. As a result of those gathered there this morning, it was decided almost unanimously that we pursue establishing a ham radio club here in the Lenoir area. To facilitate this action, those meeting this morning will meet again in two weeks (Monday, March 17th) at a location to be announced at

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a later date via 2 meters (N4NIN is checking into a suitable meeting place). Any other interested parties are welcome to attend and become charter members. This first meeting will be concerned with naming the club, electing officers, establishing goals, and other items of a timely nature. This is GREAT news!!! Lenoir has been lacking in good old fashioned ham radio fellowship and direction of purpose recently and I am glad to see our Breakfast Club become the nucleus of this revitalized effort! Listening to the comments made this morning, we will have plenty to keep us all interested...both now and in the future. So come on everyone! Attend the meeting and let your interests be known.

Until next month, 73

--Jim, N4EUX

#### HAPPENINGS/TIDBITS

Well, it has happened again! Another Novice class has graduated and the following guys and gals are now waiting for their new novice calls:

George Fuderer  
Charlie Eaker  
Susan Bradshaw  
Jean Ayers  
Grant Joyce

Due to Mark Hedspeth being out of town at the time of the written exam, he will take his theory test in the next week or so.

Congratulations gang and welcome to the hambands! Note: Susan Bradshaw exemplified herself with her 100 percent attendance. Nice going!

Mike McCoy, ex-KB4P9Z, can breath again! He received his brand new general call on the very day his temporary permit was to expire! His new call is N4NNT (not a bad call. Not a bad poker hand either...3 of a kind). Also, Lamar, ex-KB4PY2, received his new Advanced call the same day. He is now KJ4RF.

The Charlotte Hamfest is March 22 and 23. If any plan to upgrade there, the cutoff date for VEC examination is March 15th. No walk-ins will be allowed to sit for any exam. So send your FCC Form 610 \$4.00 fee, and photocopy of your present license to arrive in Charlotte no later than the cutoff date. (Address available. I also have a small quantity of FCC Form 610's if you need one). The Charlotte Hamfest is a big one...plan to see lots of ham radios and computers and get thoroughly tired. Hi. See you there.



Mike, WB4UVY, appeared on the .33-.93 machine out of nowhere last month. Come to find out, he is an old crony-friend of Duane, N4AVU, and Mike hasn't been on 2 meters much lately (I know I had never heard him before during the 4 years I have been in Lenoir!). Anyway, it was good to make his acquaintance and we hope to hear him on often now that he has the cobwebs burned out of his rig. Hi. How many other hams are out there in the "inactive tree" that would fall out if we only took the time to shake the branches? Try the buddy system - call up someone you know that is inactive and encourage him/her to join us on the hambands!!

Mark, N4NJC, got a nice new toy at the Elkin Hamfest. He is enjoying the use of his new Santec 200ET handheld. Wonder how he gets away with hamming in the classroom...must have something on the teacher. Hi.

#### NOTICES/COMING EVENTS

Charlotte Hamfest - March 22 and 23rd, Charlotte Convention Center (Trade Street, Downtown). Take lots of money cause the "goodies" are all there!

The second Breakfast Club meeting was held at TASTEE FREEZ on Saturday morning, March 1st. The following attended:

Mike McCoy, N4NNT  
Lamar Wakefield, KJ4RF  
Mark Bradshaw, N4NJE  
Susan Bradshaw (Novice Class)  
James Bradshaw, N4NIN  
Jewel Cowick, N4NJD  
Matthew Cowick  
Jim Rogers, N4EUX  
George Fuderer (Novice Class)  
Duane Ayers, N4AVU  
Jean Ayers (Novice Class)  
D.H. "Dave" Harris, WA4NDF

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: The next Breakfast Club meeting will be on April 5th (1st Saturday in April) at TASTEE FREEZ at 9 AM. This is located across from Lenoir Mall. The fellowship is good and the food "aint" bad either. Come join us!

## 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, KB4PSJ. 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 Hedspeth, WB4YZA, Telephone 728-4409.

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

Wanted: Commodore C-64 computer and any peripherals. Must be in good condition and reasonably priced. 754-7447 (Ask for Charlie Eaker)

For Sale: 1981 Yamaha 400cc motorcycle. 21,000 miles. Has new tires, drivechain, battery. Manual and mechanical records available. Price includes two helmets (one with face shield). \$500 but can haggle a wee bit. Jim Rogers, N4EUX, Telephone 758-5720.

WANTED: Viking Ranger II transmitter. Must be in good condition. Mike, N4NNT, 758-4170.

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( ) Yes! I want to continue to receive the Newsletter each month and to help defray expenses. I am enclosing a check for \$3.30 for a six month subscription (\$.55 per month) starting with the April 1986 issue.

( ) No! I do not wish to participate in the newsletter and request my name be stricken from the mailing list. Thanks anyway.

NOTE: Failure to respond to either choice will be taken as choice number two. (A minimum of 20 paid subscribers is necessary to make this thing fly due to the effort involved. If that number is not received, those paying will have their subscription fee cheerfully (?) and promptly refunded.)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_