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## NEWS/VIEWS/RAMBLINGS

Last weekend, the XYL and I went on an overnight trip to visit one of her cousins out of state. I was really depressed at the thought of this trip, since I had tons of homework to do, not to mention some much needed yardwork I had been putting off. And, after all, this was one of the XYL's "lesser" cousins, a person she only saw every few years or so. The timing was rotten. But, we took off anyway. The couple-hundred mile trip passed fairly fast enough, but thoughts of sitting around making small talk at the cousin's house was not particularly intriguing to me.

We arrived at our destination and, after all the usual greetings, went into the small but comfortable livingroom where I located what looked like the most comfortable easy chair...may as well make the most of it and at least be comfortable, thought I. Well, as suspected, the small talk began and I started getting bored right away. Looking around for something to read, I spotted one of those "area" newspapers...not a regular newspaper but one more like a tabloid that comes out maybe once a month. As I started paging through it, there, on page 19, was about a fourth page ad announcing a tri-county hamfest. Hey! Maybe this trip wasn't such a bad idea afterall! A quick check confirmed it...it was this weekend at the county fairgrounds!

I thought our visit would never end at the cousin's, but we finally bid our ado and, getting in the car, I quickly told the XYL about the hamfest and, even though she was tired, agreed we could run by for a few minutes. The fairgrounds wasn't but about 4 miles north of the city just off the interstate. We arrived just a little past 2 o'clock, but there was still a good sized crowd judging by the number of cars parked. We parked and went to the ticket gate and purchased our tickets and was told the drawings would be at 3 PM.

As the way I do at all hamfests, I took a quick turn around the dealer's and tailgater's booths and then made a more leisure and detailed circuit to make my purchases. Don't know how I missed it on the first round, but there it was...a Globe King 500C transmitter, a true relic of days gone by. But this particular one was in mint condition. Cautiously asking the price, the ham said "\$45.00. I could get more, but I don't want to take it home with me. It came from an estate that I bought in New York and my XYL flat refuses to let me set it up in our den/living room. I also have a National HRO receiver that goes with it for \$50. more. It is in the same condition." He lifted a plastic cover, and there was the beautiful HRO! I turned and cast a forlorn eye at the XYL.

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AT OCTOBER 1ST MEETING!



She had seen the gleam before and simply shrugged her shoulders. Quickly I paid the man for the 500C and the HRO before he changed his mind. Man, am I glad we came up in the pickup, cause that 500C must weigh that many pounds! Guess that is how they arrived at the model number. Hi. I parked the truck back out in the parking lot (no one could possibly steal the 500C...it was safe).

We got back inside the fest just about the time of the main and second prize drawings. The man with the microphone said, "The winner of the Handie-Talkie by Kenwood is number....1..4..9..4..9! Congratulations!" I heard the XYL scream, "That's my number!". I grabbed the ticket to confirm it. Sure nuff, she won the H.T. Wow! We were ecstatic! The XYL came back sporting the nice shiny new H.T. and we were admiring it when the number for the main prize, a Kenwood TS-9040S was drawn. The same man, taking the ticket from the little girl that had drawn it, blared into the mike, "The main prize has been won by ticket number. ....1..4..9..4..9!". I could hardly believe it! That was my number!!! We had won the first and second prize!. Man alive!

On the trip back home, sporting the brand new Kenwood TS-9040S and the H.T. (we had never won anything above an ARRL book before), not to mention the 500C Globe King and HRO receiver in the back of the pickup, we were amazed at our good fortune! The odds against something like this occurring were fantastic. I was amazed, dazed, and just plain overjoyed! In fact, I turned toward the XYL and said "I'm going to pinch myself to see if I'm sleeping and this is all just a dream!". Well... I did, I was, and it was. (sigh).

Oh, on the more serious side, and as a sequel to last month's "yard sale" affair, you may be interested to know that the suspect was arrested, tried (he plead guilty), and sentenced to six months on the county prison, suspended upon 6 months probation, plus \$15. fine, plus court costs, plus full restitution to us for our damaged merchandise and table. So justice has been served!

---Jim, N4EUX

#### HAPPENINGS/TIDBITS

We note with sadness the passing of Mike (N4FAX) Cowick's grandmother. Our thoughts go out to that family in this time of bereavement.

Thanks to those of you that brought errors in the LARC membership roster to my attention. Attached is a new and revised roster. As you can see, there are still some missing bits of information as noted by the XXX's in the various columns. Maybe one day, it will be complete. Hi.



Caldwell county is still on the move with new hams popping up regularly. During the month of September, two were added to the ranks. They are:

Benny Walker.....KB4UWR

Max Cowick.....KB4UVI

Max is the father of Mike, N4FAX, and Mark, N4NJC. Benny has been in radio for a number of years and is a relatively close neighbor of mine. We welcome both to the hambands. Nice going!

On the "upgrading" bandwagon, Wayne Parlier, KB4TAF, upgraded to General and James Bradshaw, N4NIN, upgraded to Extra. Congratulations fellas!

Thanks to Mike, N4FAX, for last month's program on the National Traffic Service (NTS). Many of us looked bewildered due to the heretofore unknown complexity of the NTS and its hierarchy. It is nice to know that someone is on top of it all. Traffic handling is a complete hobby unto itself within the realm of ham radio. And the NTS has proved its mettle in times of emergencies many times in the past. If you would like to know more about the NTS, see Mike for the ARRL pamphlet on the subject.

The LARC is happy to welcome a new person to our membership fold. She is Alice McCoy, N4QJD, mother of Mike, AA4TW, and a holder of a Technician class license. She was accepted into membership at the September meeting of the LARC. Welcome Alice, and we hope to see you at the meetings and on the air!

Sybil, N4BCV, states that about 40 hams showed up for their annual get-together. That was a respectable turnout and I was sorry that my family was unable to attend due to some extenuating circumstances. I hope to make it next year. Sybil and Jerry's get-togethers are really junior hamfests and I know all that did attend had a good time.

#### NOTICES/COMING EVENTS

The next regular scheduled meeting of the LARC is Wednesday, October 1st, 7:30 PM, at Blackwelder Memorial Hospital (2nd floor). There will be no program on that night since we will be conducting nominations for election of officers for the LARC for the coming year. Nominations will be made during the October meeting... with membership voting and installation of the newly elected officers at the November meeting. These officers will serve from January 1st thru December 31, 1987. So be thinking about who you would like to see as your club officers for next year...and then COME TO THE MEETING!!!! Nominations will be accepted from the floor for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor.



The next major hamfests within 125 miles of Lenoir for the months of October and November are:

October 5.....Rock Hill, SC

November 22,23.....Greensboro, NC

Note: The Rock Hill hamfest date is a tentative date and will need to be checked closer to the time for the hamfest

The Greensboro Hamfest in November is about your last chance to go to a good fest before the year is out. Hamfests arent scheduled in December...and the next one close to us after the first of the year is Elkin in February.

#### CLASSIFIED

WANTED: Tri-band beam for 10,15, & 20. Lamar Wakefield, KJ4RF, (704) 652-4250. (1)

FOR SALE: Hygain 14 element 2 meter beam (15' boom). Ray Suddreth, KB4QCX, 758-2577. (1)

FOR SALE: Drake R4A receiver with MS4 speaker, \$195.; Dentron 80-10AT 400 watt antenna tuner, \$40.; B&W Samsung 12" TV set (works good), \$10.; Homebrew 1000 watt antenna tuner, \$30.; Magnum-6 speech processor, \$15.; Bearcat Model 3 scanner, 8 xtals installed, \$75. Mike, AA4TW, 758-4170. (1)

FOR SALE: Computer-RTTY system which includes a Commodore VIC-20 computer, a 24K expander, Write Now! word processor by Timeworks, Kantronics Hamtext RTTY software program, and a quantity of mixed cassette programs (free) for the the VIC-20. All for the package price of \$160! Jim, 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