



# LENOIR AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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## NEWS/VIEWS/RAMBLINGS

Well, 'tis that time of year again when the witches, spooks, and goblins will reign supreme...at least for one night. It wasn't terribly long ago (I can still remember it!) when I looked forward to Halloween with much anticipation. Not for the devilment some seem to conjure up that special night of the year but rather to the goodies that were there just for the asking. But my trick-or-treating days were over when a kindly old lady answered my ring on her doorbell. As she opened the door and gazed upon my countenance (she was terribly short and I was terribly tall for a 12 year old) she finally broke her silence and with a steely cold stare asked "Aren't you sorta old to be trick-or-treating?" I stammered something in reply, she gave me her offering to insure I leave her home unmolested, and I trudged off into the night. With big tears in my eyes, I finally realized I was getting too old (and apparently too big) for certain things in life. I never rang another doorbell with trick-or-treat on my mind. But even now, I enjoy seeing the "little goblins" and whatnot come to the door and bet their treats. Halloween is for the little ones and I hope we all keep this in mind when we are out driving that night. A lot of the little spooks have things like candy, etc., on their mind and not watching out for motorists. So please, motorist, watch out for the little spooks so that they can live long enough for a little old lady to someday say to them, "Aren't you sorta old to be trick-or-treating?"

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A couple of weeks ago I ran across a little article in the News-Topic concerning ham radio. The article was datelined The New York Times and it was concerned that private users of the communications spectrum didn't "pay" for the privilege of using the frequencies that are allotted to us. Their main argument seemed to be built around the fact that energy companies pay for oil and coal from federal land, and restaurants pay for the right to serve crowds in the national parks. They went on to suggest that, instead of "giving away" licenses, the government should "auction" off very limited class of licenses. The writer further stated that the plan was a politically realistic experiment—an experiment that could generate hundreds of millions for the Treasury. In response, I can only say that I hope the proponents of this plan doesn't discover that we are also absconding with free light and air (water has long since stopped being "free"). Just think of the billions that could be generated there!

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## HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN !

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There are many unsung "heroes" in this world...those that do things above and beyond the call of duty with not much thanks or thoughts to those doing the deed. It appeared that was the case a week or so ago when little Adam was the focal point of a massive search in Morganton. Lost (and probably bewildered in the night), the story had a happy ending. There was much joy over finding Adam safe and sound. After learning of this situation, and a short time later hearing of the happy conclusion, I listened for news of a mention of the ham radio operators that helped out in this search, manning a radio center and mobiles for the duration of the search. I listened and watched on all three major TV channels and I did not hear or see one mention of the ham radio operators tireless efforts in this situation while the TV reporters were interviewing rescue teams, dog handlers, ambulance drivers, etc. Perhaps I missed it. I don't know. But one thing is certain, we don't ask for money, or for praise, or anything except a successful mission. It is nice, however, when we, as ham radio operators, get recognized for our efforts. So Western Piedmont Amateur Radio Club, we, the members of Lenoir Amateur Radio Club salute you for a job well done!! Net control was handled in a professional manner and I'm positive that your efforts helped, in many ways, to see that Adam was returned to his parents safely. Unsung heroes...again.

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The old calendar has flipped its pages pretty fast this year and it is now time to vote for your new officers of the club for the coming year. I hope that those of you who aren't or can't come to the meeting in person have submitted your absentee ballot for your choice in electing new officers.

We have accomplished a lot this past year just getting the LARC established and functioning. We could have done more and I'm sure we will in the coming year. With progressive leaders in the club, there is no limit what we can do! So members, it is up to us to see that we get progressive and responsible leaders to take us to new heights so the club can prosper and grow, thereby becoming not only a diversion for our personal enjoyment but as an asset to the community as well.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the honor of allowing me to be LARC's first president! Please support the new officers of the club as they take office on January 1st.

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Last month, I "reported" on our little trip to one of the XYL's "lesser" cousins and stopping by a local hamfest while upstate. Well, you would be surprised at some of the comments I've received over that little tidbit. Some chuckled, some commented they

didn't see how I got away with calling the XYL's cousin a "lesser" cousin, some congratulated me on winning the prizes at the hamfest, some have asked if I've had any more dreams, and one gentlemen got so miffed when he found out it was a joke, he tore up his newsletter (but he had to ask me for another one, since he collects them all. Hi). Interesting reactions all. Sorry if it "got away" with some of you but it was all in fun.

---Jim, N4EUX

#### HAPPENINGS/TIDBITS

Lamar Wakefield, KJ4RF, upgraded to Extra recently and has now received his brand new call...AA4WI (AA4 Wild Indian?). I overheard him on the repeater a couple of days after he got the new call and he stated he liked the call and it would be easy to remember...but when signing, he almost forgot it! Hi.

Wonder why Max, KB4UVI, has lost interest in all his CB gear recently? I understand he has been disposing of some of it in deference to ham gear. Hi. Better, ain't it Max?

#### NOTICES/COMING EVENTS

Since the first day of the month is on a weekend for November, the next regular scheduled meeting of the LARC is Monday, November 3rd, 7:30 PM, at Blackwelder Memorial Hospital (2nd floor). There will be no program on that night since we will be conducting elections for officers for the LARC for the coming year. Nominations were made during the October meeting. The newly elected 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 the coming year and then come to the meeting and vote for them! (Note: For those that were not at the October meeting, you will have received a blank ballot by mail to indicate your choice for the various offices since our constitution and by-laws allows for signed absentee voting on election of officers). Since you will be receiving this newsletter after the deadline to get the ballots returned to the secretary, I hope you didn't forget! If you did forget, then come to the meeting Nov. 3rd and vote in person.

Nominees are:

President.....James Bradshaw  
Duane Ayers  
Jerry Hedspeth  
Jim Rogers

Vice-President.....Sybil Hedspeth  
Mike Cowick  
Mike McCoy

Secretary-Treasurer.....Jewel Cowick  
Jean Ayers  
Susan Bradshaw  
Tom Land  
Ruby Rogers

Newsletter Editor.....George Fuderer  
Charlie Eaker  
Jim Rogers

Note: All officers...past, present, and future...are limited to no more than two consecutive terms (with the exception of the Newsletter Editor). Please consider your choices carefully. Newly elected or re-elected officers should be progressive, open-minded, willing to work for the club, and...take the time to do it!!

The next major hamfests within 100 miles of Lenoir for the months of November and December are:

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

December.....None

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, AA4WI, (704) 652-4250. (2)

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

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. (2)

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. (2)

FOR SALE: HeathKit SB-200 1200- watt linear amplifier, \$350; Kenwood TS-520S HF Transceiver, \$350. Jerry, N4BDI, 728-4409. (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