



ALTUS AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

The Breakfast Club of the Altus Area Amateur Association journeyed to the Tiger's Den at Tipton. NO- we were not ate up but enjoyed a good breakfast about 9:00 am on 26 Mar Six people were present. 88. They were W5VXU, KASYWY, N5CIJ, N5FJK, WA5CBF and KA5TFJ. We had hoped that more of the Tipton hams would be out - but well understood. The meeting broke up about 10:30am

One of our Altus Hams was accorded a great honor on the 26th of March. Beau Jayroe, KA5VYG, a 14 year old 9th grader from Southeast Junior High School won first place in the electronics catagory. contest held was at the Southwestern Interscholastic Meet (S.W.I.M.) on Saturday at Southwestern State University, Weathorford. Beau is a 2nd year electronics student of Mr. Loren Simms, WA5CBF, the gifted and talented instructor at Southeast Junior High. This makes twice in two years where Southeast captured 1st place in the electronics catagory.

Congratulations to George and Mary Stevens. George is KA5TFJ. They are the proud parents of a new bouncing baby boy!

A couple of Altus hams, Mike, W5VXU and Ann, KA5YWY, journeyed south to that foreign country south of Altus called Texas. Mike and Ann do a lot of liaison work for us with the Vernon Ham Club. The Vernon hams meet the last Saturday of the month at the Vernon E.O.C.

Joe McDonald, W5CCV comes up with a good idea for a meeting site for breakfast, maybe in July. Quartz Mtn. State Park Lodge would be a choice location as the bridge over the North Fork of the Red River is now open for traffic. It was opened up Saturday 2 Apr 88.

Frank, KA5HUX, has to continue playing with PACKET radio on VHF FM. He has been down on luck with both HF rigs for the time being awaiting parts. Understand things got a little HOT around the old ham shack for a while.

Bobby Henry, WB5VUM, member of the Altus Fire Department, has been promoting fire safety at the Southwest Oklahoma Skills Center recently. The Altus Times, our local newspaper, ran a picture and story The Fire Safety Program is a continuing project of the Altus Fire Department.

Our roving two-some, W5VXU and KA5YWY, have been out again. This time to the Mooreland Hamfest- 9 Apr 88. "Have Van, Will Travel." Understand they had quite a few "eyeballs" and saw lots of equipment.

Dwight Dennis, WB5KRH, our local Civil Defense Director has a new \$16,000 toy for his Emergency Operations Center. It is a ALDEN Electronics Radar Display Unit with a Sony Trinitron. It is tied by telephone lines to the National Weather Service Radar. uninterupted power supply rounds out the rest of the setup. Dwight is particularly interestedf in the weather to the southwest of Altus.

We have four new Novices. here in Altus. They have not received their call signs just as yet, but their names are Aaron Rathman, Candis Pike, Kawasaki Clint and Robert Campbell. They are the prod-WA5CBF's ucts of efforts teaching a Gifted and Talented class at Southeast Science Junior High School 87-88. Congratulations to all. Each is interested in acquiring chea good Ham equipment. "The cheaper the better" for these "honest but broke" junior high students 13 to 14 age bracket. Any equipment donations will be greatly appreciated. WA5CBF is the class sponsor.

The April meeting of the Altus Area Amateur Radio Association started promptly at 7:30 pm on the 14th. We meet at the Emergency Operations Center of the North Main Fire Station an the 2nd

Thursday of the month. We had 13 members in attendance. They were: WA5CBF, KB5LS, W5VXU, KA5YWY, N5FQR, W5CCV, KB5FLG, N4CIJ, W5ZDI, KA5WDY, KA5TFJ, K9PNT and KA5HUX.

A shortened version of the March club meeting minutes was read by Loren, WA5CBF, club secretary. The financial report was given. We have \$386.79 in the bank as of 14 April 88.

Jim Mullendal, KB5LS, gave a report on the Lawton Hamfest to be held on 16 April 88. It will be located at the Comanche County Fair Grounds starting early in the morning on Saturday. It will last to who knows when! Lawton has two good repeaters— 146.91 -600kc and 147.39 +600 kc.

Our breakfast meeting on the 30th of April was discussed Originally scheduled next. at 9:00 am at Western Sizzling Saturday Sirloin on30 April. Since Western Sizzling no longer opens for breakfast, the President found the Corner Cafe "formerly Gate City Dairy Bar", corner of West Broadway and Hudson to be a choice meeting place for our next Breakfast meeting. Mike Schenkel, W5VXU, heartily recomends this fine eating establishment.

Mike and Jean Schenkle, W5VXU and KA5YWY, ventured the idea of a joint breakfast meeting with the Vernon Ham Club sometime. Mike was chosen to explore the possibilities of such a joint meeting. He will give us a report on this subject at the next club meeting.

A question was raised as to who is the Ham who lives in Martha OK, south of the school building. Rumor comes out that he is in the Air Force and fresh from the island of Guam.

Welcome to the new Ham in Mangum. N5IIV Jim Hooler, is the new preacher at the Baptist Church. We understand he is very active on Packet Radio.

Mike, W5VXU, reported he has acquired a PE-75, 2 KW generator which runs good.

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FC ARF

met on April 12 at the Norman Red Cross. Thirty-five folks attended the meeting. There was one guest present, Jim Nation, WI5Y, from Moore. Andi, WUSW, was out of town. The meeting was chaired by Dave, K5PL. Treasurer Monte, WB5RZX, reported a balance of \$1327 plus a stack of dues checks.

Please check ur C&E. If you are receiving more than one copy, contact Monte ASAP. Ken, KA5EFJ, passed out ARES membership cards.

The Novice-Tech class is more than half over(and will be over when you read this). Everyone is progressing well. The two teen agers in the class were the first to pass the code tests and both copied all 5 minutes without a mistake. Watch out WSMCJ-here comes competition?

Ken, N5KUK,

technical committee chair, reported on some changes made in the NWS packet system which had been getting into the two meter radio. Feedlines were replaced and a cavity added.

Jerry, WSMCJ, reported on prices he had received for a local firm to create a SCARS cloth patch which could be sewn on jackets, shirts, BVD's, etc. The setup and production of 100 patches would cost \$2.75 per patch.

VE Exams Will be given on Wednesday, May 4, at the Norman Red Cross. All levels will be given. Walk-ins OK but call Andi, WUSW, at 799-5150 or Marshall, WUSP, at 360-3205 to give them some warning if you can. You must bring your old license and positive ID, such as drivers license with a photo, with you. There isone small charge for taking any exam. It was \$4.35 but may have increased.

Volunteers were solicited to help with the airshow to be held in Oklahoma City this summer - Aerospace America 88. Mark, N5HZR, is organizing the amateurs for communications at the event which will be held

on June 17-20, 1988.

The club voted to purchase a cavity for the intown receiver at a cost up to \$150 supporting a motion made by Dave, K5PL.

Ding-Dong

will go the wedding bells this summer for David, N5KUJ, and Sharlene, KB5EZA, both of whom got their tickets from the SCARS Novice classes(Another first?). David completed last Spring and Sharlene this past Fall. Hope they don't pick Field Day to tie the knot!

George, N5KFE,

has resigned as Norman CD director. George had gone through a SCARS Novice-Tech class so he could interact with us and others in carrying out his duties. He did a great job and will be missed.

Did you know?

that SCARS members and anyone interested in amateur radio are welcome to meet at the Red Cross in Norman every Saturday morning at 9:30 am. There is always a pot of coffee and several boxes of donuts. The next business meeting will be held on Saturday May 14, at 9:30 am or 1530Z.

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NAVY MARS

I received a nice letter Tierney, WB5SZQ, Ann concerning membership in Navy She is interested in MARS. southeast and southwest OK but will take anyone. If you want to know more about Navy MARS contact her at 4774 Dartmouth Dr., Bartlesville OK 7406-8610. I used to be in Air Force MARS and it was a lot of fun so contact her - she will welcome you.

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Altus Report

Herb Haas, N5FQR, has been looking for a 24 hour talking clock, desk model.

George Stevens, KA5TFJ, is on a four hour schedule lately.

Plans were discussed on the 1st Annual Swap Meet for 1988. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th at Missile Park on Katy Drive here in Altus. If we get into conflict because of Baseball or Soccor, the alternate site is the "Good Sam's" camp ground, north of the airport located on Highway 62. Talk-in on 146.79 or 146.52 simplex.

Mike, W5VXU, has about 50 MX-300 batteries. They are 7 & a half volts at 800 ma.

Rupert, N4CIJ, has some items for sale. Call 477-0226 after 1800 daily. The items are: FT102 transceiver, Dentron 2 KW Cliperton 200,00, D-104 microphone, Mini-quad HQ-1 antenna, Phone patch, AR-22 antenna rotator and many misc. items.

WA5CBF, led Loren, his intrepid Gifted and Science class on a Field Trip to the Lawton Hamfest or 16 April 88. Only three students could make the trip as there Was conflict with the SJH band making a trip to Six-Flags in Dallas on the same day. Aaron Rathman, Candis Pike and Hindy Holmberg tagged along. We left the Southeast parking lot at 9:00 am bound for the first hamfest that these kids had ever been to. (Ed: Bring them to I'am Holiday and blow their mind.) After touring the Hamfest, we went to see the Museum of the Great Plains at the Lawton Park. The students were treated to a fine meal at Wendy's at noon. On the way back to Altus we took a side tour of Tom Steed Lake near Snyder. They arrived back at 3:05 pm, just five minutes behind schedule - tired but happy.

The next meeting of the Altus Area Amateur Radio Association is scheduled for the 12th of May at 7:30 pm. Frank, KA5HUX, is scheduled to give the program: A Packet Demonstration.

Late news: Congratulations to Phil Hunsberger, K9PNT, for upgrading to Advanced at the VE testing at the Lawton Hamfest.

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DAS STURM

Monday, March 27, 1988 removed all

doubts that Spring was upon us and stormy weather was just around the corner. Nature vented her fury again in a manner familiar to all of us. While returning from a business trip to Lawton, I began to notice a very ominous build-up directly to my north as I drove along the H. E. Bailey Turnpike. As I neared Chickasha, I could begin to see the definite outline of that tell-tale signature of thunderstorms that will make your ole ticker race just a tad faster than normal. !! WALL CLOUD !! I just couldn't believe my eyes. I thought, no, this is just scud in the inflow, but as I continued along, I realized that it was, in fact, a wall cloud. As I was not yet within range of the 82 RPTR, I made a call on the 03 RPTR and Bob, KA5ETA answered me. A quick inquiry by Bob to NWS confirmed that they were, in fact, watching this very cell and he requested I maintain visual contact as best as possible.

As I neared the Oklahoma City end of the Turnpike I made a run through the ole memory banks all of the condition status numbers and their meanings and telling myself, "Self, get it right, don't ramble, be specific, no blue-sky reports, 50 mile per hour winds will break tree limbs, just do it right, remember this is public service, not an audition for summer Follow these simple guidelines. stock."

Man, look at the speed & size of that 1. Listen, Listen, Listen. Now, thing and I'm almost in it!!! I then switched to .82 and the WX net was in session. K2GKK was NCS and I could tell this one was going to be rough! Mac tends to speed up a tad when the stuff really starts to pop. Damn, hail in that thing. Look at the 2. deep greenish blue. Better let 'em know. Hell, they know that! Pop. bang, and here it is now. Better scoot under that under-pass if I don't want this K-5 customized to the extent it would make a good prop for a Battle of the Bulge scene! That's better, no hail and I can watch the storm track from here. Should be able to help if I'm needed. Sounds like Fergy's got a good line on it. Now, here comes the good stuff.....

This is - & \$\$ and I have rain here. REPORT HAIL OF 1 INCH DIAM-ETER OR GREATER PLEASE. NET OUT.

()*#@! The wind just shifted here from the north to south. Definite rotation here.

I JUST SAID HAIL 1 INCH DIAM-GREATER. ETER OR FUNNEL ALOFT, OR TORNADO ON GROUND. PLEASE PAY ATTEN-TION. NET CONTROL OUT.

&*¬%\$. I have the sun shining out to my west now.

WELL CRAP! WHAT ARE YOU LIS-TO ANYWAY, DISNEY TENING CHANNEL? P-A-Y ATTENTION, READ MY LIPS. NET OUT.

Wheee, Mac's on a roll now! With a little literary license, you get the picture. We had far too many Grandstanders, el dumbos for a situation that in fact, did turn out to be life threatening as one lady lost her life to nature. I know, the License says AMATEUR, but I think we can at least ACT professionally.

Men, the WX net is NOT the place to show off your vocabulary or tell us that you are "monitoring" or to "join the fun". We are here to give firsthand reports of a powerful force on the loose and to make every effort possible to collect all we can about the "thing" and warn those in its way before it's too late. If YOU get in the way, our task WON'T get done! It's as simple as that! Some very dedicated people with some darn good training and experience are out there risking their "you-know-whats" to do this job and a jerk that won't listen kinda makes some folks get a teensy-weensy bit up tight. So, if you get bitten on the hand you won't die! At least not this time.

- check into the NET with the last two or three letters of your call (suffix). NET will recognize you and you then can ID with your full call and location.
- If you don't know how to spot get with someone who does. You can figure out who those are by listening, as in step 1 above.
- 3. Do what NET CONTROL says. You may not agree. You may not like it. It may not be your way, but DO IT!
- Be specific and don't ramble. A tornado is moving at 35 MPH and your mouth still in first gear. Report only on those conditions requested by NET.
- 5. If you're going to be in the NET, be in the NET. Don't leave your radio inside the house while you're outside looking straight up. You ain't in the NET if you can't hear it! If you need to sign

KAY KOUNTY AMATEUR RADIO KLUB

The April meeting was held in the EOC room of the Public Service building and was well attended. We had a demonstration of the National Weather Service computer system via packet radio. Since there was no rain in the state that night, we couldn't see any interesting live Radar maps, but I had a few stored on disk. A big thanks goes to Doc Paul N5HIC for loaning me some of his equipment to do the demonstration. We now have a good link to the weather service via packet radio to get and send information during our weather watches.

Our next meeting will be on May 19th and will be held in the Vo- Tech building again. This will be our annual election of officers, so be there or get elected to something! Also, this will be the last meeting until next fall since we voted last year not to have meetings during the summer months. We will also view a videotape from the ARRL, this one will be LOTS better than the last (I hope). Mark your now and we'll see you calendars there!

I got a call this week from N5MKU, Johnny who lives down in Pawnee. He has been listing to the .97 machine for months now just itching to get in there and talk to us. Well, he just got his ticket so listen for him soon! He's having a little trouble with his 2-meter radio or maybe his antenna, but he should have that fixed soon.

The next public service event will be the Triathlon on June 11th. need a large crew for this so plan for it now. Also in June is Field Day. This year it will be on the 25th and 26th. We'll join up with the OIDAR group out at the Kaw Lake Overlook. This should be a very good location up on the hill. Detailed plans will be made at the May meeting. Well, that's all for this month, 73 and CU at the meeting, Dave KD5FX.

clear, do so through NET. Let NET know your intentions.

If you follow these rules, you can be a great asset to your community and to the Amateur Service. If not go to the lowest level, smallest room, and put a mattress over your head. We will keep you advised!

73, Bob-Robert (WA5BQX)

CORA MINUTES

March 22 1988 Board Meeting: Directors The list of attending was not available.

Skaggs introduced Gary himself, then directors and guests introduced themselves.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved after corrections were made.

Treasurers report was N5HZR, with given by Mark, \$39.00 + being in the C&E billings with of account approximately \$1500.00 being mailed.

Joe Harding, WA5ZNF, ported on C&E. There being no problems the meeting continued.

Gary Skaggs reported that no chair has been named for Talk-In and Dealer-Prizes.

A committee reported that three Plaza rooms have been Ham Holiday. obtained for Pre-registration prices will be the same as 1987. The Aeronautical Center Club will do the Bingo with a \$100.00 budget. The banquet will be \$7.50 per plate and seating of 120. No breakfast will held.

Wheatstraw Club will chair the Dealers and Prizes.

Promotional letters will be mailed in May.

David moved that the Banquet be held at NW 48th and Independence, Marshal seconded, the motion carried.

George, K5GGL, moved that no more than \$1500.00 be spent for Pre-Registration and Door prize.

The meeting was closed with a walking vote.

Yvonne Warriner, Secretary

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THE ZANY NEWS FREQUENCY By JOE, WASZNE

There appears to be a mixup as to when the C&E is edited. Well, the publication date, (the paste up date), does have to vary when the calendar switches when the Third or Fourth Friday comes around. So I look at the calendar and set the publication date so late as will publish as possible in the month. Then is the CORA meeting which is held on the Fourth Tuesday of the month, we want to publish the minutes so that after the Fourth us Tuesday. So you see it isn't easy...

SO--It behoves every club editor to watch the calendar and prepare his copy the day after their meeting and SEND IT IN to CORA, 1020 Arthur Dr., Midwest City OK 73110. If it gets to me by the Tuesday before publication date will allow me to get it to the printer in time to assure good turn around time and thus get it to you as soon as possible.

Now about "Page 3" the one with all the club listings on it. Look your listing over and send corrections to arrive by the Tuesday before Paste Up it will be corrected, after that time it will have to wait a month.

EVERYONE can help me by getting your copy in as soon as possible. You have to write it so, do it the next day after your meeting and SEND IT It doesn't have to be typed, just rite it and send it in. We can set it for the printer.

ONE OTHER THING --Several missed sending clubs have anything, yes just anything, in. If I have messed up on someones effort, forgive me and try it again. If you need help let me know and we will try to help you.

At the bank we tellers were constantly cautioned to know the person who wanted to cash a check or to request proper identification. time a young man, who minutes before could produce no identification. returned to my window with his high school yearbook opened to his class picture. I cashed his check.

When I was a new assistant district attorney working on a case, I ran across the unusual name of FNU LNU. I tried to check Mr. Lnu on the computer for any previous record, and was presented with pages of Fnu Lnus to pick from. I told my chief prosecutor that I couldn't figure out which Fnu Lnu to pursue-there were too many to check them all. Was I embarrased when he told me that Fnu Lnu meant "First Name Unknown: Last Name Unknown."

Two maiden ladies thought that awful things would happen to them if they got near a male. They even had a female cat they wouldn't let out doors for the same reason. Finally one of them got married and went away on her honeymoon. A few days later the other received a post card. All it said was, "Let the cat out."

Uncle Elmeri Dear What do you use to copy code? Dave

I use a portable Davel hand held externally programmable non-nebordic mono-chrome manually operated graphic display generator in conjunction with matte thin fibre constructed cellulose dimensional random two display aligning graphic field. Uncle Elmer

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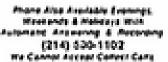
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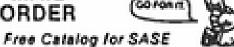


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Well it is time again to for more news about the EARS group and what has happened and will soon be happening. First off I must remind all that if you have not paid your 1988 dues-please do so asap.

Hampout time has come and gone and for those who missed it--you missed a good time and fun We went to Red Rock Canyon --and belive it or not there was not one bug to bother us. Now for those readers who failed to be there we almost had a Red Rock Canyon Masaquer. Ask Phil N5HIP better known as--Rocky, and Paul better known as the Marshmellow insigator about this I don't think that Tommy-Nodoz-Guinn even knew what was going on. Seems that Phil-N5HIP was throwing rocks at Tommy's tent trying to keep him awake this being 4 AM in the morning. Then to add to the delima Paul-W52VB tried to tell the kids that Tommy was having marshmello roast at his campsite. A fellow just can't get a good nights rest without the help of your friends. There was plenty of things to do during the campout like just walking around the park.or for those hearty one's like Jami-KB5EIC and Jason-KB5EYE who were repelling down the canyon walls. This seems to be quite a sport for a lot of people but not this cat because I plan to keep my hands off the repelling ropes. All in all we enjoyed the trip and the fresh air to boot. We will in the future be going on another campout. See you then. Just a reminder for you to put on your calendar the Field Day for 1988 will be June 25-26. This event will be held at the Arcadia Lake "Seminole" pavilion located in Central State Park. More details later about this event.

The board seat held by David-KB5DQZ was vacated due to his moving to Pawnee on temporary assignment with the Highway Patrol. David's temp-replacement to the board will be Wes-KB5BKX.

In the future if you want a

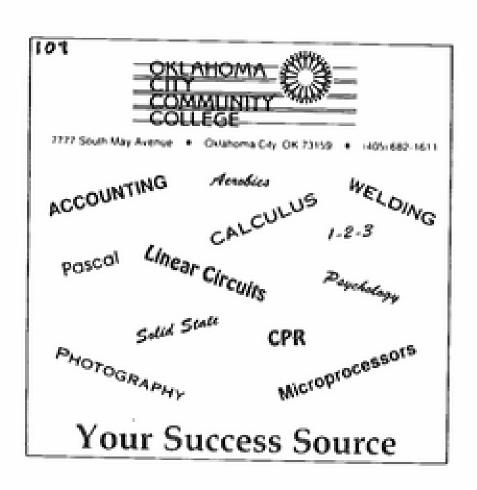
copy of the club roster there will have to be a charge of .25 cents due to increase cost of printing. New members will receive there first copy free of charge. It is getting to expensive to zerox the roster for all members(140+) so this small charge is not too much for one to pay for the roster.

EARS will be helping with the ARES special event activity on May 13-14. If you want to be a part of this contact Phil-N5HIP for the details. Also this is a good time to meet a bunch of new hams and have an opportunity to do some hamming

The scholarship committee has reported that we now have the money to offer a scholarship to some deserving highschool graduate planning to go to college. The scholarship is in the name of Bertha Watson--- W5JCY a silent key. For information about applying for the scholarship contact Donna Guinn, KA5YSF at 1009 Neptune, Edmond, Ok. 73034 or call 341-0793.

Finally EARS wants to thank all of the following members for making the 2nd annual Hampout a success--MIKE-KB5BIX, PAUL-W5ZVB, ALEEN-WD5ADV, LEE-KASWIS, EDITH-KASYPX, HAROLD-WA5ZKX, MARY-KA5WHI, HAROLD-KA5WHJ, KB5FOR-HAROLD'S XYL, CRAIG-WE5J, PHIL-N5HIP, JASON KB5EYE, MARLIN-N5LZF, GAYLE-XYL TO MARLIN, BRAD-KB5CDE, JO XYL TO BRAD, TOMMIE-KASWAV, CAL-KBOOU, LINDA-WD5FTM, GLORIA-KB5BGM, DENNIS-WB5ISN, SANDYE-KASONE, JAMI-KBSEIC DEE-WD5FHR, SHELBY-KA5YPE AND IF I MISSED PUTTING SOMEONE ON THIS LIST I WANT TO APPOLOGIZE NOW FOR THE OMMISSIONS I MADE IN THIS PARAGRAPH.

73' DEE-WD5FHR



Song of the Lazy Ham by W5SQJ

Some hams like the fall or spring,/when they can get out and do their thing./ Not me. I like the winter best/ 'cause then I get a lot of rest,/ and do not have to run and hide/when the weather is nice outside,/ afraid my wife (named Bonnie Lue)/will find some chores for me to do./ Not that I'm the lazy kind,/ it's just that working takes up all your time,/ and leaves no chance to loaf or play/when you have to work all day./ When winter winds have some snap,/ I like to take a little nap/ like Pappy did when it was cold,/ when I was young in days of old./ When the garden's all snowed under/ I can let it go to thunder./ And if the ground is covered with snow/ why 'tis a good time to radio/ or sort out the junk in my shed/and leave DX-ing to Q.R. Zedd. (If that old boy could shovel like he can blow,/ he'd make short work of all our snow!)/ So, men, work to me no need to mention,/ I'll stay home and draw my pension/ and leave the toil to braver men:/ those who do not think a sin./ At work best, to me, all work is folly,/ and that's the truth, oh, by golly.

There is one thing that all members need to do and that is renew your Ears membership for 1988. Send your 1988 dues to our Treas. Edith Vaughn-KA5YPX so she can mark your name as paid for 1988.

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Minutes of April Meeting

Meeting was called to order at the Bricks restaurant at 12:15 p.m. by President Jim, K5VRL, with six members and guests present. Some of the regulars were attending the Lawton Hamfest.

We learned that Jim, K5VRL, has been appointed "Man of the Year" by the Warr Acres Senior Citizen's Center (sponsored by the Salvation Army). Congratulations, Jim! In case some of you would like to help Jim celebrate his appointment, you can join him at a dinner planned for May 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge (between Yukon and Oklahoma City). The dinner is catered by End of Main in Watonga and cost is \$6.00 per person.

Don't forget the radio operation being planned in connection with National Salvation Army Week celebration May 13 and 14 at Quail Springs Mall parking lot. The special events station will be operating under Frank, N5FM's call. Check with Frank if you don't find the details elsewhere in the C&E.

Fred, W5NL, had an idea that we ought to get a supply of Postal Cards. tribute to the C&E it can be scribbled K5JB on a card and dropped in the mail. What do you think? I like the idea.

After deciding to have the May meeting at the Bricks May 21 at noontime. the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. Joe, K5JB, Sec'y

Timonium Hamfest

vention "dry-run" last month at Ti- mailing. In this issue, Larry wrote monium, MD. I combined a business about the Wilson, KS (WLN) Net/ROM trip to Richmond, VA with a visit to being on the bench and being re-Hoss, WA5ZAI's, Mount Vernon, VA, placed by a KaNode. By the time the home for the weekend. On Saturday NODE was printed the Net/ROM morning, we rounded up our talkies, equipment was fixed and back on the bags, hats and name tags and headed air. On the outside of the envelope out. It was rainy but a large part of was the handwritten note that WLN the hamfest was inside the fair- Net/ROM was restored. Good work grounds buildings at Timonium. The Guys! rain slackened about noon so we rounded out our browsing by doing a If you want to find out what is going fine tooth comb job in the parking lot on and you can't copy much with your that afternoon.

I saw Norm, W2JUP, the Long Island packetero who has more TNCs on the air than I, and who happens to be the writer of the AEA documentation for the PK-232. I always enjoy visiting with Norm. In addition to having more TNCs than I, he is even more opinionated that I, grin! While we were chatting, Phil Karn, KA9Q, author of most of the TCP/IP suite, walked up and I got to meet him. I missed Tom Clark, W3IWI, because I don't think he showed until the next day. Phil and Tom were on the agenda to present programs on TCP/IP and Digital Signal Processing but Hoss and I didn't stick around for any of the programs. There was just so much flea market and so little time!

One really strange item we found was a couple of circuit boards for Apple computers that permit them to run MS-DOS programs. There is such an animal currently available but it costs as much as a stand-alone computer. I had heard of the company who made the boards we found (PCPI), but never heard of the boards. They were made about 1982 and came with version 1.25 of MS-DOS. All the rudimentary development tools were there, MASM, LINK, DEBUG, and ugh, ED-LIN. I have been exploring it a bit. Oh yeah, we only paid \$30 apiece for them. If any of you know of anybody who has one of these things, called "88Card", let me know. Maybe we can put our programming noodles together.

By the time you read this, I will have provide them to the members, and hopefully survived Dayton Hamvention address them to the Secretary so again. I am starting to get hyped up when someone has something to con- and counting the talkie batteries. Joe,

Packet News

I got the third issue of the NODE in the mail the other day and Larry, WA7UIB, and Doug, N5DUB, are doing a dandy job of putting together the area Net/ROM news. It is tough to publish a newsletter and keep the news really up to date because of the I got an opportunity to do a Ham-lead time for writing, printing, and

packet setup, or if you leave "mon off", check with one of these guys I did manage to pick up a couple of to get on the mailing list. Oh yeah, odd items (and some even ones too!) it is free but chip in a little for pos-

tage to help out. Let's see what is lying around here from the last month's news clippings. Joe, K5JB

KD5IS on Packet

I was surprised when I found the following on my bulletin board one morning:

CONNECTED to KD51S-1 02/10/88 21:15:21

Hi Joe; Well Here I are on packet radio, from henceforth I'll be known as ole Nimble Fingers Jerry. The stuff here is the AEA PK-64 (Packratt) into the venerable Commodore 64. All that is squeezed thru a 5 pin cable into the trusty ole Icom-211 and up to a KLM 13 element beam with 10 watts spewing forth, (well maybe 8 watts?). There must be 48 parameters to select from the menu that I haven't fooled with yet; they default to a pre-programmed value and I've just left them there. Boy, you sure can get a lot more stuff on the screen with the 64 than with the old VIC-20; the length of each line is doubled. I am using the ole tv for a monitor and it's not the best. Look for ya Sat the 19th at the club meeting. 73, Jerry, KD5IS-1

*** DISCONNECTED 03/10/88 21:34:41

Jerry had an interesting experience while he was exploring my PBBS late one night (morning). He had just gotten the packet setup running and was experimenting with the new mode on the PBBS. The PBBS is an excellent gadget to practice on since it won't tell you when you are acting like a twit and nobody is going see all the mistakes you are probably going to make.

I have to explain one of the commands so you can appreciate the rest of the story. "/K5JB" is a command that makes the computer go "BEE-BOO-BEE-BOO-BEE-BOOP!" or something like that. It was put in there to summon me if someont wanted to chat. Now, to continue with the story.

Guess what. You got it! I awoke to all the noise and looked at the clock..."Hmm, wonder who wants to chat at 3 am?", I mulled. "We'll find out in the morning." concludes I as I turn over and go back to sleep.

"BEE-BOO-BEE-BOO-BEE-BOOP!"

"What time is it? Hmm, 3:30...Maybe someone is having an emergency, or something", I groan as I crawl out of bed and stumble to the radio room and light the picture on the CRT screen. There was Jerry.

While figuring out how to leave a message from his PK-64's buffer he

PBBS commands. In his text, he had the circuitry compares. 73, Jack started a line with the phrase, "/K5JB...". He was dumping the text and the PBBS was not saving it in a posted message. It was trying to interpret and respond to the commands in the text. It did prove that the BBS is pretty tolerant to abuse. Jerry was frustrated and solved the problem by pulling the plug! I assured him the next morning that no harm was done and since then he has become a packet pro. He since left the following for the C&E:

Just a bit of I heard stuff you might want for the C&E:

Plans are underway to put a 220 Mhz open repeater on the air in Oklahoma City. Since Novice Class folks are now authorized to use voice on the 220 Mhz band, interest has increased on this previously underutilized band. If all works as planned, the 220 Mhz repeater will even be cross linked with the 146.07/67 machine to encourage Novice folks to join the Night Owl Net at 10:30 p.m. local time. The new repeater input frequency will be 222.5 input with a output of 224.1Mhz. If you are interested in seeing this project on the air, please contact the president of MORI, Mid- Oklahoma Repeater Inc. KASETA, Bob Moore at 799-1765...Jerry, KD5IS

Pretty good at leaving those newsy messages, eh? Glad to have you on packet, Jerry! Jee, K5JB

New Pocket Sized TNC

Heath has announced a bunch of new Amateur radio gear, including a new pocket sized TNC, called the HK-21. See page 157 of May QST for a picture. It is 2 1/2 in. wide, 1 in. high, and 4 1/2 in. long. All the advertisement says is that it is TNC-2 compatible and has an exclusive built in mini board. (Just what we wanted, more bulletin boards, sigh!)

I scanned back through the Compuserve Hamnet stuff to see what the scoop was on it. Here is what I found:

#: 73739 S9/Packet Radio 11-Apr-88 23:41:27

Sb: #73692-#Heathkit Pocket TNC Fm: Jack Davis - WA4EJR 72356,441 To: Tom Clark W3IWI 71260,3640

I compared the Heathkit picture to the one in the Nov. '87 CQ HAM RADIO from Japan and they are the same except color scheme. The ad was by TASCO ELECTRONIC CO., LTD. TELEREADER Division. It is interesting to note in the ad their registered TM is "Tereleader" is that is a typo? The model designation by them is TNC-u21 and the He-

got out of synchronization with the athkit is HK-21. I have no idea how

#: 73853 S9/Packet Radio 14-Apr-88 21:36:11

Sb: #73739-#Heathkit Pocket TNC Fm: Tom Clark W3IWI 71260,3640 To: Jack Davis - WA4EJR 72356,441

Just an anecdote on 'TereLeader' -when I got my first u21 I thought it said TeleReader. Tak Okamoto (JA2PKI) was visiting and I pointed out the name to him; he broke out laughing and allowed as how TASCO was the firm that had made the TeleReader RTTY hardware. We chuckled about the Japanese problem with the letters R/L and speculated that it was a massive typo.

Later I talked to another Japanese who informed me that TereLeader was correct and that TASCO had gotten embroiled in some sort of trade mark dispute over the TeleReader name and apparently had decided to have some fun by intentionally transposing the L/R. Perhaps one of JA-land folks can offer additional comments.

I have two of the TASCO u21's here and the Heath unit appears to be identical except for the color. 73, Tom

#: 74017 S9/Packet Radio 17-Apr-88 22:25:42

Sb: #73866-#Heathkit Pocket TNC

Fm: Tom Clark W3IWI 71260,3640 To: Mike Busch W6IXU 76337,727

Mike -- some detective work indicates that AOR and TASCO are aliases for the same operation. An examination of the same as the TASCO TereLeader u21 (like the ones we showed at the Tucson meeting). Tom

Now you know as much about it as I do. Nope, I don't know the price, but I bet I do before the week is over because I should see the things at Dayton, Joe, K5JB

Packet in IBM PCs

The following product announcement information from Digital Radio Systems, Inc. on a new product called PC*Packet Adapter card was copied off the Compuserve HamNet Data Library.

Dear Fellow Ham:

Here's the information you've been waiting for !

DRSI is introducing its PC*Packet Adapter for the PC/XT/AT and clones. The PCPA card gives you TWO PACKET TNCs on one short plug-in card. It has an on-board modem for 1200 baud VHF

to DRSI's 300 baud HF*Modem. The HF*Modem has an integral tuning indicator to make HF packet simple and easy. It uses the RS-232 standard to connect with the PCPA, which means you can separate the HF radio from your PC, which means less mutual interference.

DRSI's AX.25 packet software runs on the PC's cpu, totally replacing the external TNC. Our software features simultaneous, dual-port, multi-connect packet operation. A station equipped with the PCPA and HF*Modem can monitor and QSO with stations on VHF and HF simultaneously.

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The PC*Packet Adapter's Introductory Price is \$119.95, which will go up to \$139.95 on July 1. We have a special deal for Dayton Hamvention attendees, too. The "Hamfest Special" price will be \$99. This is only for purchases at our booth at the Hamvention. All other orders will be shipped starting May 1st.

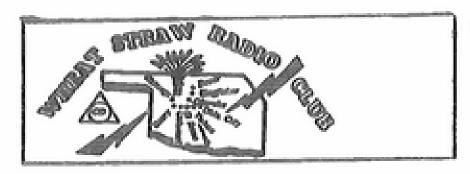
If you have any questions or would like to place an order, give us a call from 9am to 5p.m. Eastern time. 73,

Andy Demartini KC2FF, President Digital Radio Systems, Inc., 2065 Range Road, Clearwater, 34625, FL (813)-461-0204

There was some background information included with the announcement. It discussed other plug-in circuit Heath/AOR unit does show it to be the board TNC designs. If there is any interest, I will put it on the K5JB Packet Bulletin Board. I should get a chance to look at the circuit board at the Dayton Hamvention. Dave, WD5G, really perked up when he heard about it and I bet he comes home with one, (if he gets to go...he said last Saturday that his trip was in peril).

> My only concern about these things is the software support they will receive. Many really elegant designs are languishing for the lack of software support. There just aren't that many inspired amateur radio programmers out there and if a project doesn't pique their interests, it is dead in the silicon. Look at what happened to the PacComm DR-200 switch. For all the exposure it has had, the TAPR TNC-2 design (and all it's copies) has only been four programmers write code for it: N2WX, WA8DED, someone in RATS, and someone in Germany (who wrote a Net/ROM workslike).

Regardless, I should be able to pick up some grist at Dayton and I am ready... Hoo Boy! Now where are tones and a second port that connects those Talkie batteries? Joe, K5JB



Wheatstraw Club met for March in Calumet. Hosting the Johnny-K5GBN, were meeting Margaret-WA5RLP, Joe-WA5FLT and James.

The meeting was called to order by Neal-N5KCO, the minutes were read by Joe.

Roll count was set at 26

people in attendance.

discussed One topic travel to Ham meet. meet in Watonga at 8:00 am. and Tom-N5IKN will Neal-N5KCO controllers for be net April.

Field Day on the hill is June 30th. For the past couple of years we haven't been able to attend, because our kids had prior sports activities that we were obligated to go ACCEPTED. so watch out guys because SESSION, we're coming out to camp out FOLLOWING: with the rest of you this Field Day is lots of year. fun, food, and sun burn.

Virginia-KB5ENZ, upgraded her license from Novice to GOOD WORK Technician. VIRGINIA!

Betty-N5JDN, also upgraded. She had her Tech license and her Advanced theory already, so now she has passed her 13 word code. Now is that con- IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A fusing!? Leave it to Betty to ONE WILL BE PROVIDED. BEST FRIEND BETTY.

ed, so we are gaining.

With this the meeting was TEST SESSIONS). adjourned and refreshments were served. Betty and Goldie HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT TEST also pitched in to help Harg- SESSION. aret out.

I was stuck at home working and didn't get to attend the meeting, so I'd like to thank Margaret for the huge plate of goodles that she sent home with Leroy fgor me. It was delicious,

Well we should know by Karey-KB5LQZ and Kris-KB5LQA upgraded. They're studying every night with Ed-WO5B. Karey's working on 13 and 20 WPM code and Kris is working on his General theory. Ed, Betty and the kids seem to

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73 DE JERRY--WR5G

really be having a lot of fun studying. Kris and Karey would like to say "THANKS" to them for spending time helping them. I'm very proud of my kids for dedicating time to studying to upgrade.

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Zedd More Q.R.

Asked how he felt, Homer told the assembled world press: 10-4 and over, good buddy! I are thrilled outta my shazam! britches! Wow and golly, I are going on a PX-pedition with my hero, Q! How do you copy, over and out?"

Zedd confided to this reporter that he hoped the expedition would do

Homer a world of good.

"It might be the making of him," said the great man. "And after all, how much damage can one man do at the North Pole?"

We wondered if the ozone layer was in danger.

Meanwhile, we worried, too, about Badenov and the Russians.

Clearly this was going to be a serious expedition.

By the luck of the draw, and a large bribe to certain persons in power, this reporter won the right to accompany the expedition right to the the Pole, and record events for history.

Thus it was, that on a cold day last week, our little party boarded the special arctic-design jet, trundled onto the runway, and rocketed into the chill dawn sky.

We were on our way!

-KU5B

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Q. R. Zedd

A5A WINGS TO NORTH POLE!

(Special to C&E)

CALGARY -- Moving with dazzling speed, Q. R. Zedd, A5A, the greatest DXer of all time, flew out of Calgary this week on the way to the North Pole, site of his latest DX feat.

Zedd, who lives just a hoot and a holler south of town, announced his plans recently in a press conference at his home, Honor Roll Ranch. Official announcement was delayed by government censors.

Both the Defense Department and the CIA explained that Zedd's DXpedition would use new equipment of his own design, and cited national security reasons for delaying announcement of his expedition until it was under way.

What a thrill it was for those of us lucky enough to be invited to Honor Roll for Zedd's press conference!

There was the great man himself, perched in his rocking chair at the No. 1 operating position, Colorado Kool-Aid in one hand and mike in the other, the smoke from his Oom-Paul curling his head like a There was the darling wreath. Tondelayo, his blond, nubile bride, holding tiny son Zepp and working CW to Afghanistan. There was Momma Zedd, who had just blown in from Mena, Ark., her home, on her brand new Honda Interceptor, the red one with the after-burners. And there, even, was Homer Klott, the nerd

whose insurmountable stupidity has thwarted the great man's attempts to Elmer him into the greatest hobby of them all.

"My new feat of greatness," Zedd announced, refiring his pipe, "will be a 24-hour DXpedition to the North Pole."

There was a brief delay while both the Associated Press and Reuters fought over a telephone in order to call in bulletins. Your humble reporter attempted a "Stop the Presses!" call to WA5ZNF on two meters. FBI agents stopped all three attempted calls by beating up on the press, then issuing handouts explaining that everything was under news embargo until the DXpedition was actually under way.

The president, the FBI added, had suspended all constitutional guarantees in order to preserve the American Way of Life.

While we pondered that one, Zedd got his pipe going real nicely, filling the hamshack at Honor Roll with the redolent aroma of his prized latakia tobacco, which, as aficianados know, is roasted over camel dung in Arabian tents.

"We are going to try to work 100 K in our 24-hour stay at the North Pole," Zedd told us. "Momma will work CW, and so will Tondelayo. I will work mostly 20-meter phone, in order to give more people the thrill of hearing my voice.

"We will work with minimum

"We're taking young Zepp (age
1) along for his experience. We are
also taking Homer, who ought to be a
real help setting up tents, digging a

At this point, Homer Klott, wearing his 10-4 Good Buddy tee shirt and nifty cap with the rotating

propellor, started young something about "Home's Law." An FBI man knocked him down and beat him severely.

"We figure," Zedd added, "that nobody has ever made so many contacts from the North Pole, with the possible exception of Santy Claus, and nobody else on the globe is qualified to do it. So like some of my other exploits, I owe it to the little people of the world to do this."

Everybody was thrilled, and there were a lot of questions, but most of it remains classified.

Two days later, while Zedd was out in the hangar tuning up a special small jet aircraft of his own design for the journey northward, an old DX rival dropped a veritable bombshell halfway around the world.

In Moscow, Tass announced that Boris Badenov, ace Soviet DXer, would also mount a North Pole DXpedition. Badenov is to be accompanied by his QSL secretary from Box 88, Natasha Bullwinkle, and a "small team of experts from the Russian Army station in Stalingrad," the announcement said.

It was unclear then — and is unclear at this writing — if Badenov's challenge is a relatively friendly attempt to compete with Zedd, head-to-head. If Badenov's party attempts to take the North Pole site away from Zedd's party, it may be dirty pool.

Zedd flew his team to Calgary only days ago. The trip and outfitting in Calgary were routine except that Homer fell out of the airplane once while it was taxiing, fell down in the motel, fell in the bathtub and destroyed his rubber duck, and got run over by a truck on one of the city's busier streets.

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