



The Greensboro Amateur Radio Association

Feed Line

Providing Amateur Radio news for the Triad



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GARA to Host a Post-Field Day Picnic

On Monday, June 28th, instead of the regular GARA meeting, GARA will host a Post-Field Day Picnic at Hagen Stone Park, Shelter # 5.

The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixin's. The event is FREE to all hams and their guests.

If anyone would like to bring a desert, they may feel free to do so, but it is NOT required.

We will plan to eat at 6pm, and I am sure there will be much talk about the Field Day activities.

Invitations will be sent to all GARA members, GAS members and ARES members.

It is important for planning purposes to make your intentions known. If you are planning to attend, will you please contact, Roy

Smith, N4BYU, at n4byu@arrl.net, and let him know you are coming and how many will be attending with you. This is essential so they can plan for the right amount of food and fixin's.

Your next opportunity for an



NEXT MEETING Monday, June 28

The next meeting of the Greensboro Amateur Radio Association will be Monday, June 28th, at Hagen Stone Park in Pleasant Garden, Shelter #5. This month's meeting will be a cook out. We will certainly have many discussion about the recent Field Day activities, and we may also be treated to some information and stories from Weldon Fields, W4AJT. Weldon will celebrate 80 years as a ham this year. Come as listen as he talks about the "old days."

event like this won't be until the Doggett BBQ on October 9th so come on out. But go ahead and mark your calendars for the Doggett BBQ as well!!

Meet the GARA Board

In a continuing effort to make our board members more well-known, we continue this month with W. D. Allred. Who is W. D. you might ask? Well, that is none other than our Financial Officer, Al Allred, K4ZKQ.

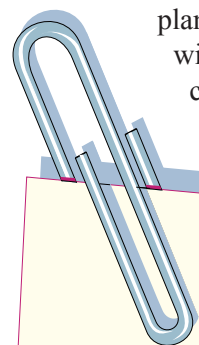
Al is originally from

Randolph County and attended high school in Trinity and was a member of the Class of 1937. He then graduated from High Point College in 1942. He lived in

the Archdale community until he went on active duty with the Naval Reserve in November of 1942. Al relocated in Greensboro in 1946 to rejoin Burlington Industries after leaving active duty during World War II. Al and his wife, Marion, were married in September 1948. Eventually returning to Greensboro and has lived in Greensboro since 1953.

Teen-age curiosity; enjoyment from Philmore crystal set with cannonball headphones and the fascination of being able to extract from the atmosphere all of those various sounds and, after

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GARA Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes May 24, 2010

The Greensboro Amateur Radio Association held its monthly meeting on May 24th 2010 at the Golden Corral restaurant located near Wendover Avenue and I-40. The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Roy Smith, N4BYU, who was taking the place of Will Ravenell, AI4VE, who could not be there. Roy welcomed the visitors and new members. Roy then asked everyone to identify themselves.

Roy asked for approval of the minutes from last months meetings. Chan White, KJ4ADX, made a motion to approve and Vashti Forrest, W4DXJ, seconded, and the motion was carried.

Ernie Wall, NC4EW, was not there so Roy gave the treasury report and explained to the new members about some of the equipment the club owns and maintains.

Al Allred, K4ZKQ, gave the financial report stating that we have four more members than forecast and

a little more money in the bank than forecast.

Bob Mays, KE4MOW, spoke about the less than favorable response that was received about the trip to West Virginia. Bob said he would like some feed back about what did or did not interest members about the trip such as cost, travel time, date, destination etc. Bob said that this will help the board to know what direction to go in the future. Bob said the board is looking at some other possibilities for a trip and further details will be coming.

Roy announced that next month's meeting will be held on June 28, 2010, at Hagan-Stone Park, Shelter number five. The talk in frequency will be 145.150. The meeting will be a summer picnic sponsored by GARA and is free to all amateurs and there guests. We plan to start serving around 6:30pm. Anyone that would like to bring a dessert can feel free to do so. Please let Roy know if you would like to attend and how many will be in your group. You can reach Roy at n4byu@arrl.net

Alan Bradley, KD4IUN, spoke about the soccer tournament coming up next weekend and asked that anyone wishing to use the repeater go through net control during the event.

Roger Stout, N4RWS, spoke about the Randolph county club will be operating a special event station on June 6th at the Asheboro air show.

Roy spoke about the websites that Tom Forrest, N4GVK, maintains for both GARA (w4gso.org) and ARES (guilfordares.org).

Roy discussed the power pole connectors that are used by many hams, and Tom Forrest said that he has them for sale if anyone needs them.

The GARA website has installation details for the connectors.

Roy said that we should all keep the Doggett

family in our thoughts after the loss of Clark Doggett's, KG4HOM, father last week.

Jesse Lindley, N4BFD, gave the engineering report about the weather radio problems which should be repaired this week.

Roy spoke about field day coming up on the forth weekend of June on the 25-27th at Summerfield Park. Setup will start at 2:00pm on Friday the 25th and many volunteers will be needed. The "test" starts at 2pm on Saturday, June 26th.

Roy spoke about the station at the Natural Science Center and invited hams to use it.

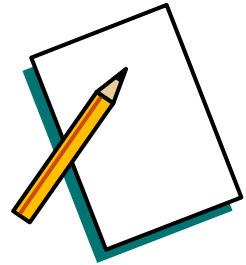
Roy also spoke about a video of hams from the past made by Don Harris, W4BUZ, which has been converted to DVD by Roy and Tom. Contact Roy if you would like a copy.

Weldon Fields, W4AJT, was scheduled to give the presentation this month but had to cancel because he has been in the hospital this past week and is now recovering at home.

Dan McMillin, W4DGE, gave the presentation on the old days of ham radio as he experienced them

Doug Johnson, K4OJP, made a motion to adjourn and Brian Michael Wilson, KJ4UBW, seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Spencer, KG4UQV, GARA Secretary.



The Greensboro Amateur Radio Association

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Board Meeting Minutes June 14, 2010

The GARA board of directors held their June meeting on June 14, 2010, at the Benjamin Branch of the Greensboro Public Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm with Will Ravenell, AI4VE; Roy Smith, N4BYU; Betty Williams, KC2BFN; Al Allred, K4ZKQ; Ernie Wall, NC4EW; Bob Mays, KE4MOW; Jesse Lindley, N4BFD and Greg Spencer, KG4UQV; in attendance.

We discussed the final plans for the club cookout coming up on June 28th at Hagen-Stone Park Shelter number five.

Ernie gave the treasury

report stating that all bills are paid. We discussed the cost to run the club for one year and the need for more income.

Al gave the financial report and detailed the income and expenses that the club has.

Jesse gave the engineering report. Arch wants to go out to the repeater site and make some adjustments to the UHF repeater. We also discussed the need to look at doing a checkup on the 145.150 machine. Someone has been jamming the 145.150 repeater, so

if anyone can pinpoint the source please let the board know.

We discussed the J-pole antenna build that will be held at the Field Day site.

We discussed the soccer tournaments and the possibility that Alan and Madeline Bradley, KD4IUN and KE4SVJ, may want

to retire from scoring all of the tournaments.

We discussed the possibility of cosponsoring Field Day with ARES for insurance reasons.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Spencer, KG4UQV, GARA Secretary.



Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest

The Forsyth Amateur Radio Club hosted the Annual Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest on Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 8am to 12 noon at the Home and Garden Building of the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds in Winston-Salem, NC.

The Forsyth



ARC has held this hamfest for many years and seems to do a great job. They also sponsor the Pfafftown

Swapfest on October 9, 2010 and FirstFest which is scheduled for the second Saturday in January.

Many of the area hams attended and Tom Forrest, N4GVK, was kind enough to take a few pictures.

Thank you, Tom.

From the President's Shack

By the time you read this Field Day will be upon us and I'm looking forward to it. This annual event means different things to different Hams. For the Guilford County ARES group it's a chance to practice emergency station set-up and operation. For QRP clubs, it's the challenge of making contacts from remote locations using very little power and home built rigs. For many ham clubs, it's a chance to spend a weekend as a group focused on Amateur Radio. And for others its an opportunity to demonstrate our hobby to the public.



For me, Field Day is a time to practice my CW operating skills. It's the closest I've come to working pileups. Then there's always some new toy or technique to try out. Last year I worked a little QRP with the FT-817 on batteries and a 20 m vertical wire hung from a 33 foot telescoping fiberglass pole. This wasn't an official Field Day station, but it fit the theme and was a lot of fun. This year I'll be helping out with the GARA sponsored copper J-Pole build on Saturday. I also spent some time last weekend making coaxial stub filters

to test out as a means of cutting down on the interference between the primary Field Day rigs. I plan to stay late Saturday and work CW through the night.

If you haven't participated in Field Day in recent years (or ever) I suggest you drop by. There's plenty to do even if you don't feel like operating. There's a need for loggers, people to answer questions and explain things to non-ham visitors. If you do want to operate some there's plenty of opportunity to give someone a break. Whatever your view of this event, one thing is certain. Field Day is a lot of fun. I hope to see you there.

Have fun and 73,
- Will, AI4VE

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appropriate licensing, the privilege of joining in the conversations spurred the interest in amateur radio. Al was first licensed in 1958. Initially he had the call, KN4ZKQ, with Novice band privileges valid for only one year. He also had K4ZKQ, Technician privileges, but renewable. After three trips to the FCC examination, he passed the 13 WPM code test and upgraded to General. Then about two years ago, he upgraded to Extra Class.

When asked about his radio equipment, Al states, "I operate an Icom 765 on the HF bands. I had a Standard twin Band in the car for VHF/UHF. I also have an Icom 706 Mk II G as a back up rig for all bands. It is the base station

for VHF/UHF. I am still trying to learn my way around my D-Star rig. It or the 706, or a handheld may eventually be the mobile equipment. My all-time favorite antenna has been two element mono-band mini-beams for 15 and 20 meters. I had both of them on the chimney at our former house, but I haven't space for them at this QTH. The Icom 765 has an antenna tuner that enables me to use the 75 meter dipole on the higher bands."

Al's ham activities include participating in the North Carolina Single Sideband Net on 75 meters, Triad Sky Warn, and ARES. He uses his spreadsheet capabilities to

report the club's financial forecasts and actual cash transactions.

Al is listed as a USNR



Retired Lieutenant-Commander and has about eleven years active and reserve duty. The active duty was during WW II. This included shipboard duty participating in the invasions of Bougainville and Saipan-Tinian, and occupation of Tinian for about six months.

Al states that his family now includes a generation of two daughters, and another generation of three granddaughters (plus one grandson-in-law) and two grandsons.

Congratulations! You Passed!

Every month on the second Saturday, except in March when it is the third Saturday, W4VEC holds a testing session for those who live in the area. This provides an opportunity for individuals to be able to test for their amateur radio license or upgrade. Thanks to Glenda Nicholson, AG4NC, and a group of volunteers, each month there are new or upgraded hams in our area.

In June, we had 7 individuals who passed their test(s) and earn either their Technician, General or Extra class license.

Next month's testing session will be on July 10 at #3 Centerview Dr, Hickory Building, Greensboro, NC 27407 at 9:00am. While walk-ins are welcome contacting the lead VE is preferred. Please contact Glenda Nicholson at (336) 674-3810 or by email at ag4nc@bellsouth.net



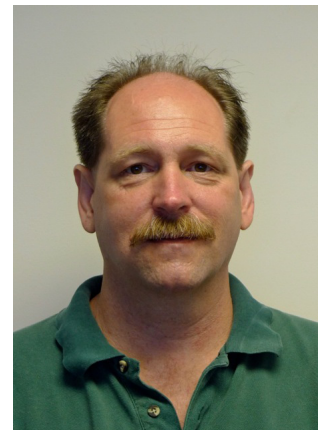
*Eric W. Aydelette - KJ4VSJ,
Passed Technician*



*Mark S. Siepak - KJ4VSM,
Passed General*



*Robert F. Steele - KI4OTJ,
Passed General*



*Ronald R. Leonard -
KJ4VSL, Passed Technician*



*Roy A. Grant - KJ4VSK,
Passed Technician*



*Scott G. Suter - AJ4ZV,
Passed Extra*



*Terrell L. Brown - K4TLB,
Passed General*

Area Happenings

FOURTH MONDAY – at 6:30pm, the Greensboro Amateur Radio Association have their regular monthly meeting at the Golden Corral, 4404 Landview Dr, Greensboro, NC 27407, off Wendover Ave, near Sam's Club. Please plan to gather at 6:30pm for dinner. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:15pm

CLUB NETS:

SUNDAYS – at 7:30pm, the **Technical Forum** on the 145.150;

- at 9pm, the **GARA News and Information Net**. This net features *NewsLine* and is on the 145.150, W4GSO repeater. Roy Smith, N4BYU is always looking for net controls. Contact him if you would like to help.

TUESDAYS – at 8:30pm **The Triad SkyWarn Net** meets on the 147.225, K4ITL repeater, no tone required.

TUESDAYS – at 9pm, the **D-STAR Net** meets on 442.8625 (W4GSO B and Reflector 17C)

WEDNESDAYS – at 8:30pm, **The Guilford Amateur Society Rag Chew Net** holds their weekly net on the 145.250, W4GG repeater with an 88.5 Hz. tone. Jim Hightower, W4JLH is the net control.

THURSDAYS – at 9pm, The **Guilford County ARES Net** meets on the 145.150 repeater (100 Hz. tone).

OTHER ACTIVITIES :

FIRST MONDAY – The **Guilford County A.R.E.S.** monthly meeting is held at 1002 Meadowood St. off W. Wendover Ave, in the EMS building, beginning at 7pm.

THIRD MONDAY – at 6:15pm **The Guilford Amateur Society** holds their monthly meeting at Tex & Shirley's Restaurant in Friendly Shopping Center. Eat at 6:15pm and the business meeting begins at 7pm.

THURSDAY – at 11:15am, Greensboro Hams get together for lunch. Thursday lunch group is meeting at the K&W Cafeteria, 300 Forum VI Mall at Friendly Shopping Center. Talk-in is on the 145.150, W4GSO repeater with a 100 Hz. tone.

EVERY FRIDAY – at 8pm (approximately) Greensboro Hams get together for coffee at Starbucks at Edney Ridge Rd.

The W4VEC Testing Schedule

July, 2010 to Oct. 2010

July 10, 2010

August 14, 2010

September 11, 2010

October 9, 2010

Location: #3 Centerview Dr,
Hickory Building,
Greensboro, NC 27407

Time: 9:00am

Contact: Glenda Nicholson

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GARA REPEATERS

145.150 Mhz - offset, 100 Hz. tone

442.8625 Mhz. + offset, Digital D-Star



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