



The Greensboro Amateur Radio Association

Feed Line

Providing Amateur Radio news for the Triad



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Remembering Al Allred, K4ZKQ

By Tom Forrest, N4GVK

Long-time GARA Charter member William Daryl "Al" Allred became a silent key July 17, 2012. Al, as he was known by all the Ham radio community, was the Financial Officer for GARA. He served in that capacity until his death. He was 91.

Al served in the US Navy for 11 years combined active and reserve duty, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander. Al retired from Burlington Industries in 1986 after a 48-year career. Al was part of their Corporate Controller's staff with key responsibilities in the area of cost accounting.

In 1958, Al received his first Ham license receiving the call of KN4ZKQ back when the FCC granted Novice privileges for only a year. He later upgraded and received his call K4ZKQ, which he never changed.

Many times someone would call their home and Marion would answer. The person would ask for "Al" – there was a pause and she'd say, "You must be a Ham operator." With a chuckle she'd call for Al.

Al had a funny wit and a quick mind, making conversations with him very entertaining. Each new calendar year Al would have plastic wallet calendars made with his name, call and Marion's name as his XYL. He would pass these out at club meetings and events. Club members and friends would tease him that his calendars only had a year warranty. That always gave him a laugh.

He was very active in many roles of Ham radio. One of his favorite nets was the 75 meter 3.938 North Carolina SSB net. He called that net on a regular basis up until his last few months. He was also active in SkyWarn activities occasionally calling the weekly SkyWarn net. He was also instrumental assisting with the inception of the Greensboro Urban Ministries via Ham radio.

In a 2006 interview, Al considered himself as occasional DX operator – with WAC (20-meter SSB) and WAS designations to his credit that he says he "got way back yonder." He enjoyed his 75 meter friends, activities in SkyWarn and ARES. His favorite GARA activities were he said, "Chatting among members, meeting and eating."

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marion, his daughters, Tricia Elliott and husband Bruce, and Emily Black and husband Jeff. Also surviving are five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Al's wonderful sense of humor and fun-facts will be missed.

[Editor's Note: *An article about Al that originally ran in The Feed Line in Oct, 2001, is reprinted on page 9.]*



NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 23

The next meeting of the Greensboro Amateur Radio Association will be Monday, July 23rd, at Captain Bill's Seafood & Steakhouse, 6108 West Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27409, between Guilford College Road and Swing Road. This month's meeting will be a presentation for Patrick Moore, K2CPR, regarding his testing and evaluation of the new Wouxun mobile dual band radio.

GARA Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes June 25, 2011

The Greensboro Amateur Radio Association held its monthly meeting on June 25th, 2012, at Captain Bill's Seafood & Steakhouse located at 6108 West Market Street in Greensboro. GARA president Donna Ferguson KD4WIK called the meeting to order at 19:15.

Donna asked every one to identify themselves.

Officer reports

Todd Smith, AK4TS, thanked the members that gave rides to some of our older members who don't drive at night.

Todd also thanked Bob Mays, KE4MOW, for the work he did in organizing the picnic.

Todd said that we should use the K4NSC station at the Natural Science Center. Todd is also working on program topics for the rest of the year.

David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF, gave the Engineering Report stating that everything is good. We are experiencing some interference from distant repeaters that share our frequency assignments due to good propagation.

David said that the hum on the auto patch should be fixed as soon as we can get BellSouth aka AT&T out to the repeater site to service the phone lines.

Craig Bondy, N8STA, gave the treasury report stating that we are up to 119 members. Craig also said that Al Allred, K4ZKQ, is still not feeling well enough to get out.

Greg Spencer said that the Field Day event went well.

Other Business

Donna introduced Arch, KT4AT, who was GARA's engineer for many years. Arch gave some history on his contributions to



GARA. Arch then spoke about his development of the D-Controller for D-Star which has many features not found on the Icom D-Star controller. Arch gave some incite on where he thinks D-Star is headed.

Arch said that he is donating the D-Controller that GARA has been using to GARA at no cost as a thank you to GARA for letting him use our repeater site for his development of the D-Controller. Arch also gave GARA an unlimited license to use the D-Controller software. Donna presented a plaque to Arch to thank him for his contributions.

Patrick Moore, K2CPR, said that he was recently using other D-Star repeaters while traveling in the north east and he noted how they were lacking in features compared to the D-Controller he was used to.

Donna introduced Mike Atkins, N4VE, who is the owner of Triad Electronics of Winston Salem. Mike gave an excellent program on what to look for when purchasing a used radio.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Spencer, KG4UQV, GARA Secretary.

The Greensboro Amateur Radio Association

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Brian Wilson, NX4U

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Board Meeting Minutes July 9, 2012

The GARA Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on July 9, 2012, at the Katherine Clay Edwards Branch of the library.

Attending board members were; Donna Ferguson, KD4WIK; Fred Lomax, KK4BAW; Roy Smith, N4BYU; Craig Bondy, N8STA; David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF; Todd Smith, AK4TS; and Greg Spencer, KG4UQV.

Bob Mays, KE4MOW, was visiting with us. He had asked to address the board.

Bob said that a question he repeatedly hears is about the club investing some of their resources. Bob said that he has discussed this topic briefly with his banker who is willing to meet with the board and discuss investment possibilities if the board so chooses. After a good bit of discussion Roy made a motion to table the issue until the August meeting, Craig seconded and the motion carried. David made a motion to schedule the presentation for the September board meeting, Roy seconded and the motion carried.

Roy said we need to get back to work on updating the GARA brochures, and Greg said that we had not gotten the new logo done, yet.

Todd said that he is working on website updates with Brian Wilson, NX4U. The board discussed some update ideas for the website.

Roy made a motion to have Brian attach a roster with the next feed line which shows call sign, name, city and state only. Fred seconded and the motion carried.

Greg said that the field day logs did not show any entries from one of the two stations for most of the event and that we are looking into what happened.

Roy said that we need to be thinking about the Open House. Roy made a motion to ask John Strandberg, W4DX, to organize the Open House, David seconded and the motion carried.

Donna said we also need to be thinking about a nominating committee.

Roy suggested using the Hemphill Branch of the library for board meeting as it would be closer for some members.

David said the D-Star log rotate function is now working and this should limit the file sizes in the D-Star system.

David said he is willing to run the N4G special event station again if the club wants him to. He will bring it to the club at the July meeting.

Todd said that he is working on a program for the next meeting.

Todd said that he is also concerned about Gara's finances and thinks we should look at fundraising opportunities and cost saving measures.

Todd said we should ask GARA members to submit ideas for a new club logo.

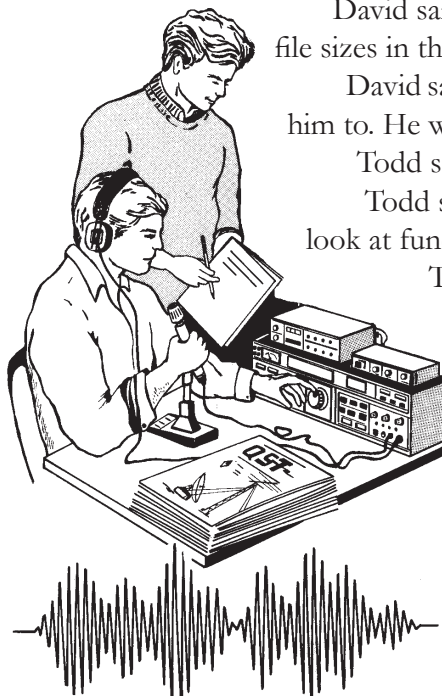
David said he will work with Donna to create N4G certificates.

Todd said that the K4NSC station at the Natural Science Center needs more GARA involvement. Todd also thinks it may be a good place for the Open House.

Roy made a motion to have Todd look into requirements for GARA to become a non-profit organization. Greg seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Roy made a motion to adjourn, Fred seconded, the motion carried and the meeting ended at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Spencer, KG4UQV, GARA Secretary.



From the President's Shack

From Donna Ferguson, KD4WIK

WOW! It is July already. Where has the year gone? Now is the time we have to start thinking, "What is next on the list?"

Coming up in the near future to a club near you is Open House, officer elections and a Christmas party. All in that order with lots to do in such little time.

Open House is off to a good start. John, W4DX, has the Open House plans well in hand. The next item on the list is officer elections. I still need volunteers for the nomination committee. Before we know it, November will be here. If you have served on the nominating committee in the past, please consider doing it again. If you have not had the opportunity to be involved in any club activities, serving on the nomination committee is a good way to give something back to the club and help shape the future of GARA. If you are interested, please let Todd or myself know of your interest.

The Christmas party is not in the planning stages yet, but I can assure you, it will come together and be great!

I know that recently several of you have been busy DXing. Have you considered doing some DXing from the Natural Science Center? If your resources are limited, the NSC is a great place to go to do some DXing and help get others interested in Ham radio by answering simple questions from passing youngsters and parents. I had the opportunity recently to spend a little time at the NSC and even though the bands weren't open due to solar activity, it was great talking to the youngsters and helping to spark an interest in amateur radio. It was a simple as opening the window and sitting in front of the radio. Since Robert and I went together, we were able to work as a team. While he was listening, I was talking. Then I did a little listening and he did some talking. Consider taking a friend and that way you can tag team with each other.

I know that there are contests coming up. For those that are participating, "GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY DXING!!!!"

That's all for now! Tune in next month. Same newsletter frequency. No tone required.

73s to all!

Donna



This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will include the regular time of eating good food at Captain Bill's, meeting and greeting folks that we have talked to during the past month but may not have seen, and I am sure seeing folks that we haven't seen in a month or longer.

There will be the regular business meeting and announcements, and then Patrick Moore, K2CPR, will

provide us with a demonstration and review of the new Wouxun mobile dual band radio. He has been testing his new radio for a while now and is planning on sharing the results of his efforts.

Come on out and join us for a good time of food, fellowship and hopefully something educational.



Engineering Update for July, 2012

From David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF

VHF Repeater:

Not much to report this month. Propagation is continuing to allow us to receive the K4USC repeater in South Carolina (which is on the same frequency pair as ours) but overall everything seems to be running well... with the exception of the telephone line to the site. You may have noticed, if you use the autopatch or listen to the Sunday night information net, that the phone line has had a significant 60 Hz hum on it. This is not a new problem, it is a known problem with the provider (Southern Bell aka AT&T). They are working on it.

There have been several significant solar flares in the past few weeks. In my professional life (real job) we have seen some possible evidence of a large system that was affected by solar activity a few weeks ago. We're coming up on the 11 year solar maximum, so expect some interesting things going on with RF propagation... and listen for some band openings on 2 meters and other bands.

D-Star Repeater:

Last month I wrote about the D-Star Linux gateway machine and how its logs were filling up the disk drive. After some testing, I have implemented the program called "logrotate" for the largest D-Star log files. This runs once a week and 'rotates' the logs so that it throws out any log data that is more than 5 weeks old. This occurs at 4am every Sunday, and during this rotation, the D-Star gateway will go off the air for a few seconds. I doubt this is going to cause any issues, how many of you are using the D-Star repeater at 4am on Sunday morning?

There is a new Charlotte, North Carolina based D-Star Reflector on the air, it is REF054 (Reflector 54, where are you?) REF054C is the general link port for NC based repeaters. I have linked our repeater to it a few times, and although it's not very busy, if you are looking for a reflector to link up to, let's support this one. Here is the July 7th announcement from the Charlotte D-Star group:

"The Carolinas now has it's claim to fame with its own Dstar reflector!! Yep, we have ref054 courtesy of Mark, W4BOG who resides in Charlotte. He was kind enough to build up a computer in his data center and let us enjoy some of his bandwidth for the project. A big THANKS to Mark for hosting it for us!!!

Here is the plan for the reflector layout:

REF054A - Carolinas General Use

REF054B - EMCOMM/ARES/Skywarn etc

REF054C - Carolinas Repeaters / PermaLink"

Lastly, as I mentioned before, the phone line to the repeater site is not working 100%. Because the internet service to the site comes in on the same line (DSL) we have been experiencing intermittent dropouts of the data service. For normal usage, like you would do at home, you might not even notice this, but it is very noticeable when we are streaming voice traffic to and from other D-Star repeaters and reflectors. By watching the logs on the repeater, I got an idea when the dropouts have been occurring, and forwarded this information on to Roy, N4BYU, so that he could share it with the AT&T service department.

As of today (Friday July 20th) the dropouts are still occurring, but we're working on it. This should not prevent you from trying to link up and use the D-Star repeater, however, it usually will stay connected for quite a while. And, if it does drop a link, Arch's D-Controller system will attempt to reconnect it up to 10 times.

So, use the D-Star repeater, you can command it however you like! Just be courteous and announce your intentions before linking or unlinking.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your club repeaters, either VHF or D-Star, or any other technical topic, please contact me at aj4tf@arrl.net

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Silent Keys

Jack E. Snead, WD4JES



Published in News Record on July 6, 2012

GREENSBORO — Jack Snead, age 62, died Monday, July 2, 2012, at his home.

A native of Greensboro, N.C., he is survived by his wife of 21 years Susan (Sue) Snead, son Kevin Snead, both of Jamestown, and son Christopher Llorente and his wife Stephanie and grandson Carter of Apex. He was a very loving, devoted husband and father, which meant so much to his sons. A graduate of Grimsley High School, Jack worked for SimplexGrinnell for 39 years.

Jack and brothers Dennis, Jr. and Charlie, with their parents, Boots and Dennis, Sr. were avid Roller Skaters in both Dance and Speed. In 1962, the family was recognized for their "Family Affair" of skating. They were, as far as we know, the first family that qualified at state and regional levels to compete at the national event. Jack won multiple speed skating meets, entered into refereeing, and helped his parents in their officiating roles for another 15+ years.

Jack, always the thrill seeker, discovered hang-gliding, then learned to skydive and found he enjoyed it so much that he took up videography while skydiving. His videos featured the first-time jumpers' voices, and it made their experiences much more rewarding.

Motorcycles were another passion for Jack. He enjoyed riding and owned several bikes throughout his life, the last being a beautiful blue 2005 Honda Goldwing. With his safety jacket and safety helmet he became known as "Captain Highlighter." Both Sue and Kevin enjoyed riding with him. He taught Motorcycle classes at GTCC Jamestown for several years and became a Medic First Aid Instructor. Motorcycle safety was something Jack preached about, again another passion.

The very simple act of volunteering with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Central NC as a motorcycle escort ballooned into a passion for the Tour to Tanglewood. He participated in the event each September for 12 years. He devoted many long and loving hours to ensure cyclists were safe and on good roads. He was great at coordinating what needed to take place for a successful and safe route.

He then found the Red Cross of High Point, escorted one time for The Tour de Triad, and took over route improvement and safety for more than five years. Cyclists enjoyed what he was able to accomplish.

As a family, we couldn't have asked for a greater man. The blessing of the love he had in his heart for his family was shown in his honesty and expectations of perfection. All who knew him appreciated his clarity and understood that there were no hidden agendas. He did not have to tell us he loved us. We knew.

Other survivors include brothers, Charlie and Dennis Snead, Jr. and wife Joy of Jamestown as well as nine nieces and nephews and his aunt Ruth Roberts of Greensboro. Jack was preceded in death by his parents Dennis Snead, Sr. and Buelah (Boots) Snead as well as nephew Avery Snead.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the following charitable organizations for which Jack held such passion:

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Central NC, 2211 W. Meadowview Rd., Suite 30, Greensboro, NC 27407, Or American Red Cross, 815 Phillips Ave., High Point, NC 27262

We will be accepting family and friends at Forbis and Dick N. Elm Friday July 6 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. and a memorial reception Saturday July 7 at Jamestown Baptist church, Guilford Rd Jamestown 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Online condolences may be made to www.forbisanddick.com

James William "Jim" Peeden, KA4PKF



Published in News Record on July 8, 2012

GREENSBORO — James "Jim" William Peeden, 77, died Saturday morning at Moses Cone Hospital. Jim was born on October 2, 1934, in Summerfield to Charlie Joseph and Ona Elizabeth Ellis Peeden.

The Christian Mass will be held at St Benedict's Catholic Church on Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. The interment will follow at Lakeview Memorial Park.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his son John Steven Peeden; two sisters, Mary Elizabeth Peeden Cox, and Charlie Jewel Peeden Goins; a brother, B.R. Peeden. He is survived by his loving wife, Joan Brame Peeden; son, James W. (Susan) Peeden Jr.; daughter, Debra Peeden Reynolds; grandson, Evan Thomas (Janelle Hurley) Reynolds; granddaughter, Diana Kristin Reynolds; two sisters, Cynthia Marie Peeden (Wilton) Scott, Ruth Naomi Allen; and a brother, Glenn Larry (Ruth) Peeden.

A Marine for life is true with Jim who spent 26 1/2 years in the Marine Corp. He was a veteran of Korea and Vietnam wars and a drill instructor at Parris Island. After his military career he retired with 22 years as an insurance adjuster for Grain Dealers. After retiring twice Jim became a Private Investigator. He was a member of St. Benedict's Catholic Church for 25 years. He was a member of the American Legion and David Cumming Golf Group.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Lambeth-Troxler Funeral Home.

Online condolences and the obituary may be viewed at lambethtroxler.com

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.

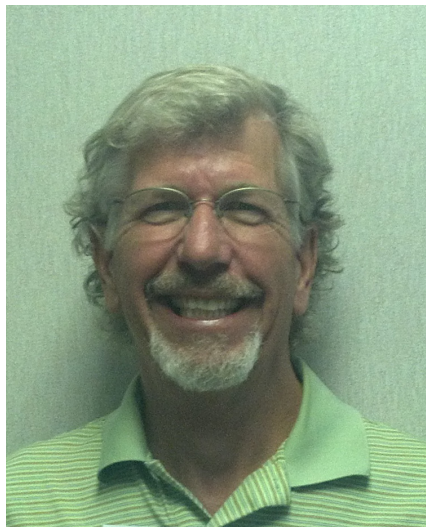
In July, we had two (2) individuals who passed their test(s) and earned either their Technician, General or Extra class license.

Next month's testing session will be on August 11th 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

All Photos Courtesy of David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF



***Kenneth V Worland - KK4GSM -
Upgraded to General***



***Robert A Erdin Jr. - N4ADQ -
Upgraded to Extra***

During the testing session the Volunteer Examiners watch while the participants work to answer the questions correctly. After the examinees are finished the test are graded and checked by at least 3 VEs. If a passing grade is achieved then the participants is handed a copy of their Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE). The paperwork is then sent to the FCC. The FCC then issues a callsign or a new class of license, or both!



Vanity Call Sign Fee

On July 20, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 80 cents, from \$14.20 to \$15. The fee will increase 30 days after notice of the increase is published in the Federal Register; no date has yet been set for publication. Earlier this year, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM), seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 Report and Order). In FY 2012, the FCC expects to grant 14,300 vanity call signs, bringing in \$214,500 from the vanity call sign program, and looks to recover a total of \$339,844,000 in fees from all the Services that it regulates.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal six years ago.

Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1993 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, as Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1996. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

For Sale

HEXX BEAM 5-band Mark 2 antenna package manufactured by DX Engineering. The antenna is in various stages of assembly, so it's never been used. Asking: \$400. I paid \$599.95 for it. Will consider all reasonable offers. Contact Gerald, N4PAX, @ gdonnelly@triad.rr.com (email preferred).

My husband, W4SIX, recently passed away and I still have some of his radio equipment. I have a **Texas tilt tower** for \$1000. Also, **KG-UVD1P** hand held which I am selling for \$90. **One antenna** is left and it is a combination 6 meter and **Mosley three element trap master antenna, Model TA - 33 Jr.** which would sell for \$60. I have other items such as amplifiers and tuners plus several wire antennae. **One rotor** is left that's on the tower for \$30 with the rotor cable.

Please send any inquiries my way. I would appreciate any HAM's getting good use from this equipment. W4SIX was a HAM for over 40 years! Rebecca Scott, wscott30@triad.rr.com

Annual Doggett BBQ

September 29, 2012, Save the date for the annual Doggett Picnic.

The Doggett's have been hosting a picnic for many years and started inviting the local Hams. I spoke with John and he gave me the date. The time is usually 6pm. You need a chair and appetite. Some of the best BBQ around.

The Doggett family includes the following hams: Clark, KG4HOM; Jane, KG4ZQK(Wife); John, AJ4DV(son); Mary, KJ4ZQL(Daughter); and Lexie, KI4QNC(Granddaughter)

If you have never attended, you don't want to miss this event. Go ahead and mark your calendars and plan to attend. Even though this is several months away, calendars have a way of filling up. This is a great time of food and fun.



Photo Courtesy of Tom Forrest, N4GVK

DX Contact Spawns Urban Ministry In Greensboro



Al in a present day photo in his attic shack. (GARA Photo | N4GVK)

by "Al" Allred, K4ZKQ

Early one morning, in 1961, while tuning across the twenty-meter band, K4ZKQ, "Al," heard a strong radio signal – later identified as VK9NT in New Guinea. The first complete sentence was "We think the Methodists ought to be in charge of it." That aroused his curiosity.

The "it" being discussed was a school being built by a U. S. aviator (Lt. Fred Hargesheimer) as a gift to a native village in appreciation for having saved his life in 1943. "Al" was told that of all the non-native residents in New Guinea, the Reverend Wesley Lutton, Superintendent of the Methodist Mission, was held in the highest esteem. Later, "Al" had numerous QSOs with Norm, VK9NT, whose station was being used for contacts back to the states. Al also began corresponding with the Reverend Wesley Lutton. Wes wrote that he was from Ireland, and had sisters in St. Catherine's just across from Niagara Falls. He hoped to visit them in the near future. "Al" responded to the effect that if you get that close, come on down to visit us.

In late 1962 after arriving in Brisbane for his next ministerial appointment, Wes sent "Al" the book *We Offer Christ*, the story of the West End Methodist Mission. "Al" shared with the Reverend Charles E. Shannon, pastor at Grace UMC, the book *We Offer Christ*. When returning the book, Pastor Shannon remarked "Grace Church needs to do something like that in Greensboro." He appointed an ad hoc committee to study Greensboro's demographics, analyze local needs, and compare Grace Church's resources for meeting those needs."

In 1967, on a combination of faith and hope that other congregations would eventually join to support this effort, Grace UMC pledged \$15,000 for the first year's operations. The Conference appointed the Reverend O. Ray Moss the initial Director, with his Conference connection through Grace UMC.

Until "Al" recently gave an expanded version of this account to the current director, Reverend Mike Aiken, those minutes were the earliest record that Greensboro Urban Ministry had regarding its founding.

As far as the Urban Ministry is concerned, the rest is history. The account of Fred's parachuting into the



Al in his 1971 shack. (Photo courtesy, K4ZKQ)

Fast forward - Minutes in the files at Greensboro Urban Ministries report a meeting at Grace Church on July 27, 1967.

jungle and his rescue by a U. S. submarine about six months later is an intriguing story for another time.



Greensboro Urban Ministry Today

(GARA Photo | N4GVK)



Field Day, 2012

All Photos Courtesy Terrell Brown, K4TLB



Area Happenings

FOURTH MONDAY – at 6:30pm, the Greensboro Amateur Radio Association have their regular monthly meeting at Captain Bill's Seafood & Steakhouse, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409. 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 to Dec 2012

August 11, 2012

September 8, 2012

October 13, 2012

November 10, 2012

December 8, 2012

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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