

There was no ARES report since Bruce, **N8UTY** was not in attendance.

There are no reported problems with either repeater.

Billy, **KE4YMA**, reported on the general situation with Vito, **KB8VCZ**. A card circulated the group to be sent to Vito.

It was mentioned that Bob, **W2HVX**, maintains a schedule each Mon. AM at 9:30 on 72.18. Bob should be back in NC in time for the **MS-150** in early September.

Mac reported on listening to the ISS on Monday as it passed over eastern NC, on 145.8. He spoke of the operating comments of those on board the space station.

Mac then took over the program chores and presented his "Cold Winter Nights Projects". "You are just not a ham – unless you build it yourself – and operate CW – QRP-P" He showed his QRP 20/40/80 receivers, transmitters, keyers, opto-isolators, etc, built in sardine cans, tuna tins, and Altoid boxes. Each was beautiful in concept, construction, and all were fully functional. He displayed a QSL card and spoke in depth of a recent QSO with George Bush. (A resident of New Jersey, not Washington, DC). Dave, **K4CQV**, added to the program displaying and discussing keys and paddles he has collected and uses in his QRP operations.

Finally, the door prize drawings resulted in Dick, **K0UXZ**, beating the odds and winning two out of three of the door prizes. Mark, **NK9K**, took home the third one.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM>

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie, **K4VC**

Acting Secy.

Tommy, **WA4EME**, has been fighting invasive cancer for the last 18 months. Most of us in NBARC recall his action as our annual auctioneer. He also held various club offices, and was the trustee of the repeater license for many years.

After his retirement as Principal of New Bern High School, he became deeply involved in the financial aspect of funding the \$4 M plus, new Temple Baptist Church. He currently is Chairman of the Long Range Planning Team.

The news now is that he, his family, and his Doctor have called on the services of Hospice.

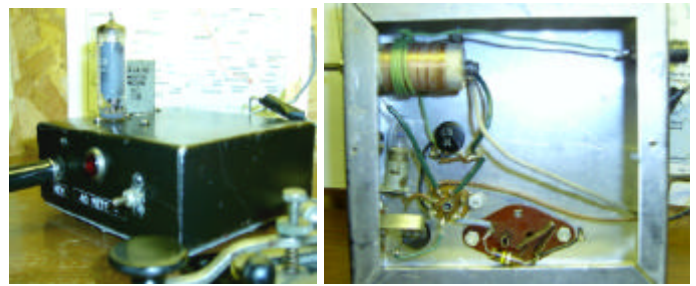
Please keep Tommy and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

President's Corner

QRP, Well I'll be...

Scanning the latest article lead-ins on the ARRL web site, I spotted **K8ZT's** article on QRP. Reading his writings with interest, I spotted an old familiar ad pictured. I had one of those when I was a Novice (**WN0ZGL**). The little TEN-TEC PM series was truly QRP, a bare bones transceiver that had an output of 2-3 watts as I recall. I had the PM2 and one other of which I do not remember the model.

That was yesterday. This morning, thinking about what I had read, things come to light a little slower these days; I was recalling my days as a Novice and my first experiences in the world of Amateur Radio.



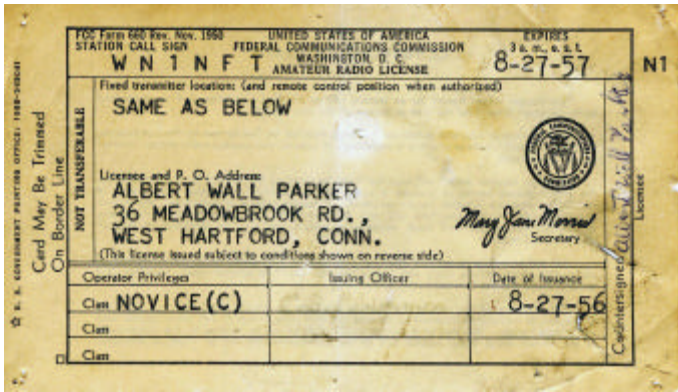
Dang, my very first transmitter was QRP! Pure homebrew, using a single 6AQ5 tube. It put out 7 watts of pure raw RF. My outboard power supply was made from junk TV parts and the receiver was an ARC-5, 7Mhz surplus, that I converted to operate off my junk TV power supply. Operating crystal controlled from my 2 surplus crystals (7.0XX and 7.120 MHz), and a dipole at 20 feet, I darn near earned a WAS (Worked All States) that first year.

Sometime later, I purchased a newer transmitter from one of the local Hams. A Heath-Kit model AT-1 putting out 12 watts was my prize! So what's my point? Well, after all these years I just realized too that I started out QRP.

Looking back on those days, I have to be completely honest. Those memories still carry a warm fuzzy feeling for me and that's not because of the RF floating around in my shack.

Hope to see all you Hams at our meeting September 7.
HAVE FUN – **WA0ZGL**

W8UT -- 50 years in ham radio



Al, **W8UT**, was licensed on Aug. 27, 1956, 50 years ago this past Sunday, as a Novice. His first transmitter, which never made a contact except to any nearby TV, was a homebrewed **6L6** single tube rig, from an **ARRL** publication. A used Hallicrafters **S-38D** 5-tube AC/DC type was the receiver. A loaner WRL **Globe Scout** transmitter was no more successful, tho' tried on the air every afternoon for weeks. Was it the transmitter, the receiver, the operator, or just the combination? A Heathkit **DX-35** was built and did the job for several months. It was hard to know if the receiver was on the transmitter's frequency, there was no RF gain control, and the overload was tremendous. But QSO's were made, and many 3 cent postage QSL cards exchanged. Novices could only operate on CW then, except for 2m AM, all crystal controlled.

A few months after an upgrade to "Conditional" license in Jan. 1957, actually a General license but the test taken by mail, **W1NFT** bought a used Viking 2, and then a new RME 4300 receiver, with parental help. The sunspot cycle was at it's peak, and world-wide communications on 10, 15 and 20 meters was an almost daily occurrence in '57-'59.

QTH and call signs changed several times, **W3CVH** in Pgh, PA in 65, **W9KZT** in Evansville, IN in 68, **W3HXX** in Pgh again in 74, **W8LZG** in Ravenswood, WV in 76. Extra class was obtained in WV in 1977, by taking the test in front of an FCC Examiner. 20WPM CW proficiency was required, both receiving and sending. One big incentive to getting the extra ticket was the recently authorized ability, only made available then to Extras, to choose your own call letters, which had to be taken from the area lived in. The FCC (or was it the ARRL?) issued a list of available calls for the purpose. **W8UT** was soon chosen for it's short CW signature, requested, and issued.

Not too long after that, the requirement to change your call if QTH changed out of the area was dropped. This operator was happy about that, as several more moves would occur -- Terre Haute, IN, Salisbury, NC, Dublin, CA, and finally New Bern, NC in 1998.

TESTING 1-2-3-

At the test session on 08-19-06, we had five applicants, all of which earned a new license or upgrade.

There were two new Techs, two new Generals, and a new Extra.

The new Generals, both of whom passed the code element, included Ethan Warwick, **K4EAW**, son of Dave, **K4DJW**.

Congratulations to all !!

K4VC

WHAT GOES AROUND --- COMES AROUND

In River Bend we have the oldest male cyclist in the **MS-150**. He has gone at least 175 miles each year for the past five years. He asks for pledges from the River Bend residents and last year was 99th out of the 1300 plus riders in collections to the MS Society. He is also a ham, albeit, inactive.

His pledges were stalled in early August and I decided to stir up a little action. I put a note on the River Bend mail reflector, asking the River Bend hams to consider a pledge.

The first response was a substantial amount from **W8ISV**, in Ohio. He is the brother of a River Bend resident, Al Kindler. When Al was building his home in River Bend, our cyclist photographed the progress and e-mailed the photos to Al who was in Ohio at the time.

What Goes Around -----

K4VC

Hamfests

Sept. 2-3, Sat.-Sun. - Shelby Hamfest "The Grand Daddy of Them All" Cleveland County Fairgrounds (1751 East Marion Street) Shelby, NC

<http://www.shelbyhamfest.com> **Talk-In:** 146.880 (-600)

For info: Email: w4jl@shelby.net

Sept. 16-17 Sat. - Sun. - Virginia Beach, VA, Roanoke Division Convention. Virginia Wesleyan College

1584 Wesleyan Drive **Talk-In:** 146.97 Email:

hamfest@exis.net for info: <http://www.vahamfest.com>

Oct. 8, Sun. - Maysville Hamfest Association, 201

8th Street, Maysville, NC email bjhighland@earthlink.net

Talk-In: 146.685 (PL 88.5)

Cast of Characters:

President: Mac Eutsler, WA0ZGL
Vice President: Pete Koonce, KA4SXX
Secretary: Robbie Rikard, KG4MBQ
Treasurer: Charlie Gould, K4VC
Communications: Bruce Arnold, N8UTY
Trustee: Billy Morton, KE4YMA
Assistant Treasurer: Ralph Bitely, N4RAB
Public Service/Photog: Bob Chamberlain, W2HVX
Emergency Communications: Bruce Arnold, N8UTY
Assistant Em. Comm.: Dave Warwick, K4DJW
Program Committee Chairman: Bill Lindquist, K2UFC

Selected Local Nets Times are local time, unless otherwise stated

Club Net Manager: position open
Craven County ARES: 146.61 MHz, 2000 before threatening
wx; monitor during ARES activations
NC ARES Net, 3.923 MHz, 19:30 daily
Waterway Radio Cruising Club: 7268 kHz, 0745 daily
Fairfield Harbor Cruising Net, 7224, 0730 M-F
NC Morning Net: 3927 kHz, 0745 daily
Carolina Slow Net (CW): 3695kHz, 8PMET (5wpm) daily
Coastal Carolina Emergency Net: 3907 kHz, 1900 daily
Carolinas Net (CW): 3573 kHz, 1900 (25 WPM), 2200 (12-15
WPM) daily
Carteret County ARS/ARES: 145.45 mHz, 1930 Tues./ Emerg
Traffic handling 1st Tues. after 4th Sat., monthly
Skywarn: 145.21 mHz, 2100 Tuesdays
Pamlico County ARES: 147.210 MHz, tone 151.4, 1930 Wed.
ENC Emergency: 146.685 mHz, 2100 Thursdays
ENC Traffic: 146.685 mHz, 2030 daily
NBARC Ragchew: 146.61 mHz, 2000 daily

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