

TEARA 2 METER NET CHRONICLES

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NOTE! Promote Our Nets Often NOTE!
NOTE! Promote All Amateur Radio Nets Often NOTE!

BACKGROUND

The goal of this information source is to keep interested parties abreast of the amateur radio activities and other deemed pertinent ham related topics that are discussed during the TEARA club meeting each month and the TEARA 2 meter net held each Tuesday at 8:30 pm using the 147.390,+ , 88.5, FM 2 meter repeater located in Clayton, NC. The Chronicles may also include other topics of general interest to hams. Note that the net is not held on the date of the TEARA regular monthly meeting which is normally held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

CONTRIBUTING

Any information that you may have that would be pertinent to the amateur radio participants of this club or its nets please send it to ki4fyr@bellsouth.net for inclusion in a future issue.

NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY

The TEARA 2 meter net uses the WB4IUY 147.390, +, 88.5 repeater (Dave Hockaday) that is located in Clayton, NC. So far during the month of May, 28 hams have checked into the club's 2 meter repeater. A summary of the check-ins is included as Appendix A. However, starting in June only those check-ins during the previous quarter will be indicated in the graphical distribution map that follows the check-in listing.

TEARA **(TRIANGLE EAST AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION)**

TEARA normally meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall of the Wendell Methodist Church, located in Wendell, NC. Individuals start arriving around 6:00 to 6:30 pm and may bring their dinner with them and socialize until the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. **Please give our club a visit and consider becoming a member.**

MEMBER'S QUESTIONS

If you have technical, or non-technical, questions that you would like to pose to the recipients of the TEARA 2 meter net Chronicles please send them to Larry Royster at ki4fyr@bellsouth.net. They will be included in a future issue of the Chronicles and any responses received will appear in following issues.

EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

If you would like to be put on a direct email distribution list to receive a copy of the TEARA 2 meter net Chronicles please send an email to Larry Royster at ki4fyr@bellsouth.net. You can also request to be put on the distribution listing for the TEARA 6 meter net Chronicles. This publication is somewhat more technical in content than the 2 meter net Chronicles. Please note that your email, etc. information will not be provided to any other source! It will be used solely to include you in the email distribution of each Chronicle. Presently, 18 individuals have signed up to receive the TEARA 2 Meter Net Chronicles.

SUMMERTIME AND 10-METERS

Well it's summertime and what does that mean for 10-meters? What are the possibilities for contacts on the band? Routinely, this time of year does not point to the prospect of good propagation. Also, from what I am reading, we are now at the very bottom of this solar cycle. Does that mean that 10-meters is unusable? The answer is a resounding NO! It just means that you will have to work a little harder for those contacts.

At my QTH (Idaho), summertime has always offered Sporadic-E opportunities on 10-meters. This has been my opportunity to use "short-skip" to get those close contacts. States like Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Oregon and even California and Nevada are rare DX for me. However, by watching closely for Sporadic-E openings I seem to be able to contact all of those locations each summer.

Because we are at such a low point in the current solar cycle, the Sporadic-E openings that will occur this summer are likely to be fewer and of shorter duration than in the past. However, you can expect these openings to occur. Be sure and tune your radio to the 10-meter band this summer and look for those "short-skip" opportunities.

Digital activity on 10-meters will also be available this summer. Personally, I monitor the PSK31 10-meter frequency (28.120 MHz) on a regular basis. This mode often shows activity even though SSB activity is not available. Check it out.

Another good place to check for 10-meter activity are 10-10's daily nets. These nets occur daily (except on Sundays) at 1800Z on 28.380 MHz and 28.800 MHz. A net control is always there at the prescribed hour looking for check-ins. When the 10-meter band is open, this is an excellent place to stop and make new contacts.

Remember to tune across the 10-meter band regularly this summer. After all, the primary purpose of 10-10 International is to make contacts on the 10-meter band. Contacts will be available this summer to those that are up to the challenge.

Information about 10-10?

The easiest way to obtain information about the 10-10 organization is to visit the 10-10 web site at www.ten-ten.org. Everything you would want to know about the organization, as well as 10 meters, is on the site including a membership application form available for download. Note! The above material was written by: Michael P. Elliott, K7BOI, #54625, 10-10 Vice President, 1210 East Rivers End Drive, Eagle, ID 83616-6383 or e-mail at: k7boi@cableone.net, and was first published in the June, 2006 issue of WorldRadio. Reprinted by permission from World Radio.

NEED DXING INFORMATION SOURCE

I really do need a regular source of DXing information for inclusion in the issues of the TEARA 2 Meter Net Chronicles. Several leads have not turned out as expected. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Larry Royster at ki4fyr@bellsouth.net.

TEARA MEETING MINUTES 4/25/06

Attendance

Those attending: Tom Alexander WA4OTA, Sam Johnson NC4SJ, Robert Pierpoint KG4BDX, Libby Pierpoint KI4SWZ, Ronnie Reams WA4MJF, Sherry Reams KB4EXL, Frank Lynch W4FAL, Holt Thornton AC4UD, Mike Moss, Sandy Moss, Jim McRight KB4BZ, Norman Young KA4PUV, Hank Montgomery K4HM, Selene Montgomery KG4RMT, Judy Weaver KA8CNR, Glenn Weaver K8JOI, Dianne Young KE4VNX, Jim Young AE4XQ, Jimmie Wootton K4CMH, Hal Spencer K4NKR, Julie Royster KI4OTM, Jeff Bartholomew KE4MEQ, Larry Royster KI4FYR, Lynwood Hobbs AF4XJ.

Meeting Activities

President Sherry KB4EXL called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Sam NC4SJ gave an invocation. Julie Royster KI4OTM was congratulated upon receiving her license. The March minutes were read by the Secretary Tom WA4OTA and were approved with the correction of Ken Walker's call KO4CW.

The Treasurer Lynwood AF4XJ gave the Treasurer's report. The period began with a balance of \$1,675.60. \$208 was spent on the club liability insurance

premium and \$12.00 for stickers. The raffle netted \$18.00 for the club and the ending balance was \$1,473.60.

Norman KA4PUV gave the VE report and said there were 5 candidates. Two upgraded and two passed their written exams. He also reminded the Club of Field Day, June 24-25, and announced committee assignments. These are Shelby Hendren – rules and logging, Holt Thornton – antennas, Sam Johnson – chef and fancy food preparation, Larry Royster and Frank Lynch – publicity and Ronnie Reams – equipment and logistics. The committee chairs will meet to plan further. Field Day will be conducted from the old American Legion Hut.

Sherry then made miscellaneous announcements.

Frank Lynch reported on the ARES meeting last Saturday and said that there are mandatory courses which have to be taken by October 1st in order to volunteer with Wake EOC or emergency events or drills.

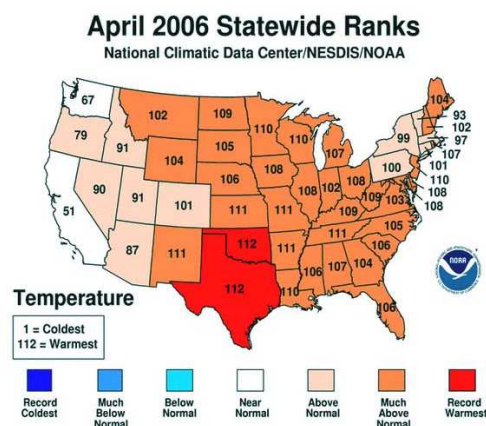
Norman introduced Mike Moss with WRAL who gave an excellent program on some aspects of his work as an Air Force weather officer in Iraq during operation Iraqi Freedom.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Alexander, Secretary

WEATHER RELATED ITEMS

This April was the warmest April on record!



REFERENCE MONTHLY CALENDAR

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
May 2006						
	1	2 2 METER NET - 8:30 PM 147.39 DUP+, 88.5	3	4 6 METER NET - 8:30 PM 53.03 -1 MHz	5	6
7	8	9 2 METER NET - 8:30 PM 147.39 DUP+, 88.5	10	11 6 METER NET - 8:30 PM 53.03 -1 MHz	12	13
14	15	16 2 METER NET - 8:30 PM 147.39 DUP+, 88.5	17	18 6 METER NET - 8:30 PM 53.03 -1 MHz	19	20
21	22	23 TEARA CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM	24	25 6 METER NET - 8:30 PM 53.03 -1 MHz	26	27
28	29	30 2 METER NET - 8:30 PM 147.39 DUP+, 88.5	31			

RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility for any discussions, data, etc. presented in all issues of the TEARA 2 meter net Chronicles rests upon the editors of each issue and does not necessary reflect the opinions of TEARA, its officers or members.

NEW NET CALLING SEQUENCE

Holt Thornton, AC4UD, the 2 meter net administrator has announced a new net calling sequence as follows:

May, 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>
2	AC4UD - Holt Thornton
9	KB4EXL - Sherry Reams
16	KA4PUV - Norman Young
23	CLUB MEETING
30	KI4OTM - Julie Royster

June, 2006

6	AC4UD - Holt Thornton
13	KB4EXL - Sherry Reams
20	KA4PUV - Norman Young
27	CLUB MEETING

July, 2006

4	KI4OTM - Julie Royster
11	AC4UD - Holt Thornton
18	KB4EXL - Sherry Reams
25	CLUB MEETING

August, 2006

1	KA4PUV - Norman Young
8	KI4OTM - Julie Royster
15	AC4UD - Holt Thornton
22	CLUB MEETING
29	KB4EXL - Sherry Reams

APPENDIX A

TABLE FOR MONTHLY CHECK INS/OUT TO THE TEARA 2meter TUESDAY NIGHT NET
MONTH MAY YEAR 2006 WEEKS (1,2,3,4, OR 5)

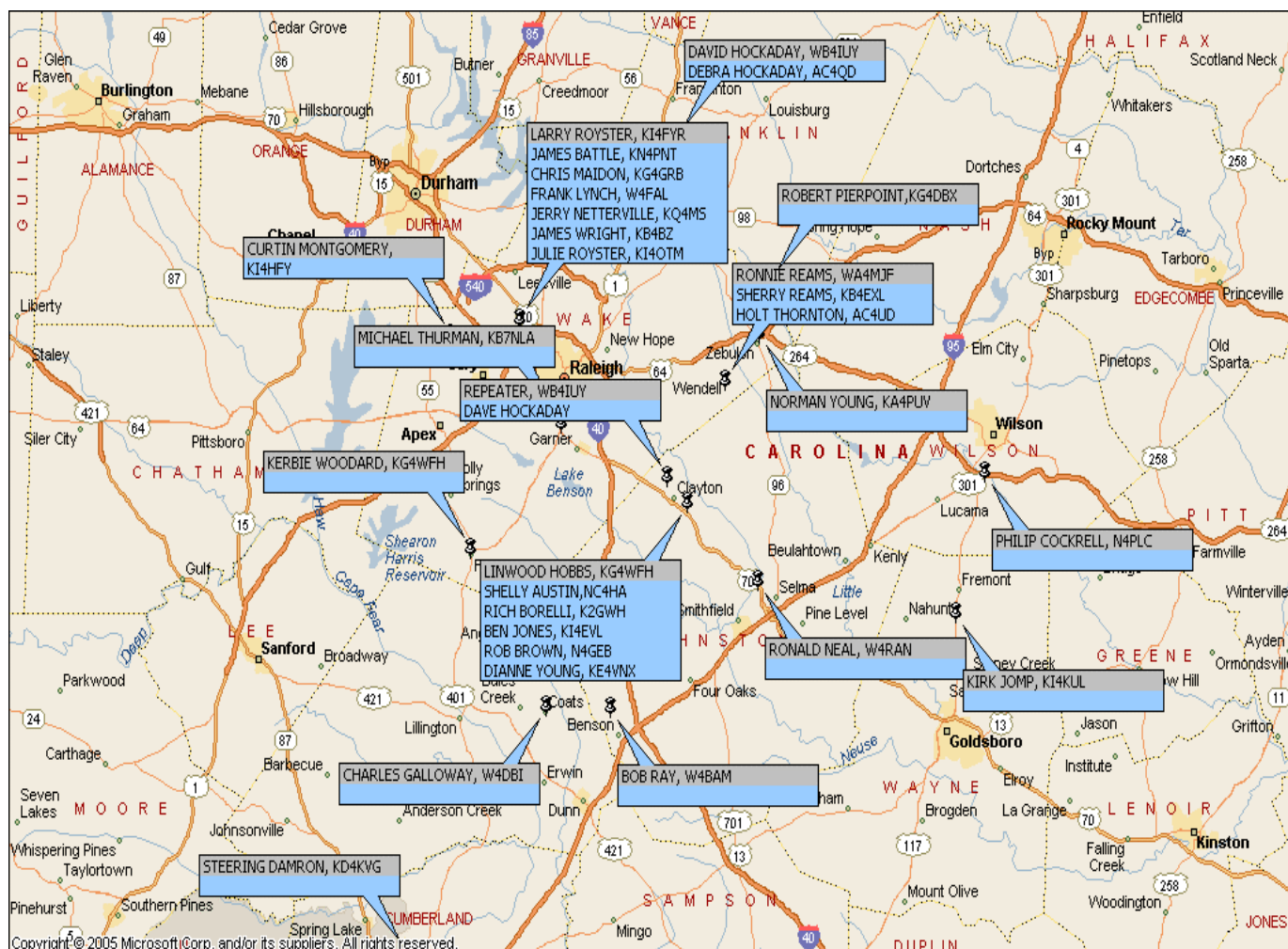
Repeater Used: 147.39, dup+ , 88.5 tone, Clayton, NC, Dave Hockaday owner.

Note! (*) Net Caller, () In / Out**

SEQ	I/O	I/O	I/O	I/O	I/O	CALL SIGN	NAME	LOCATION	COMS.
1	X*	X	X			AC4UD	HOLT THORNTON	WENDELL	
2	X	X	X			AF4XJ	LINWOOD HOBBS	CLAYTON	
3						AC4QD	DEBRA HOCKADAY	YOUNGSVILLE	
4						K2GWH	RICHARD BORELLI	CLAYTON	RICH
5	X	X	X*			KA4PUV	NORMAN YOUNG	ZEBULON	
6						KB4BZ	JAMES MCRIGHT	RALEIGH	JIM
7	X	X*	X			KB4EXL	SHERRY REAMS	WENDELL	
8						KB7NLA	MICHAEL THURMAN	GARNER	MIKE
9						KD4KVG	STEERING DAMRON	FAYETTVILLE	
10						KE4PNT	JAMES BATTLE	RALEIGH	RICK
11		X**				KE4VNX	DIANNE YOUNG	CLAYTON	
12	X	X				KG4BDX	ROBERT PIERPOINT	PILOT	
13						KG4GRB	CHRIS MAIDON	RALEIGH	
14						KG4WFH	KERBIE WOODARD	FUQUAY VARINA	
15				C		KI4EVL	BENJAMIN JONES	CLAYTON	
16	X	X	X	L		KI4FYR	LARRY ROYSTER	RALEIGH	
17				U		KI4HFY	CURTIS MONTGOMERY	MORRISVILLE	
18				B		KI4KUL	KIRK JOMP	PIKESVILLE	
19	X	X	X			KI4OTM	JULIE ROYSTER	RALEIGH	
20						KQ4MS	JERRY NETTERVILLE	RALEIGH	JAY
21				M		N4PLC	PHILIP COCKRELL	WILSON	
22				E		N4GEL	ROBERT BROWN	CLAYTON	
23				E		NC4HA	HAROLD AUSTIN JR	BEAUFORT	SHELLY
				T					
24			X	G		W4BAM	BOB RAY	BENSON	
25				N		W4DBI	CHARLES GALLOWAY	COATS	
26				G		W4FAL	FRANK LYNCH	RALEIGH	
27						W4RAN	RONALD NEAL	SELMA	
28	X	X	X			WA4MJF	RONNIE REAMS	WENDELL	
29	X	X	X			WB4IUY	DAVE HOCKADAY	YOUNGSVILLE	
TEARA						WA4UQC	CLUB CALL SIGN	WENDELL	
DATES	2	9	16	23	30				
TOTS	9	10	9			TTS=			

REFRESHING THE MAP LISTINGS

Starting in June I will update the check-ins listed in the map that follows. Only those hams that have checked in within the last three months will be listed.



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