

TEARA 2 METER NET CHRONICLES

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FIELD DAY 2006 -- FIELD DAY 2006

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

The TEARA 2 meter net uses the WB4IUY 147.390, +, 88.5 repeater (Dave Hockaday) that is located in Clayton, NC.

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.

REFERENCE MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

NET CALLING SEQUENCE

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

Date Caller

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

September, 2006

5	KA4PUV	- Norman Young
12	KI4OTM	- Julie Royster
19	AC4UD	- Holt Thornton
26	CLUB MEETING	

October, 2006

3	KB4EXL	- Sherry Reams
10	KA4PUV	- Norman Young
17	KI4OTM	- Julie Royster
24	CLUB MEETING	
31	AC4UD	- Holt Thornton

FROM THE ROYSTERS' GARDEN



Gooseneck Loosestrife

From the ARRL Letter...

RILEY HOLLINGSWORTH TO AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY: "LIGHTEN UP!"

FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth advised those attending the FCC forum at Dayton Ham convention 2006 to try kindness instead of confrontation when problems arise on the bands. Hollingsworth spoke May 20 to a nearly full house at Hara Arena, and for the most part he praised the behavior of the majority of Amateur Radio operators, especially those who volunteered in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina last year. But, he noted, radio amateurs still could be more courteous and less inclined to fly off the handle at some perceived on-the-air offense.

"You need to lighten up and not embarrass the Amateur Radio Service," Hollingsworth advised. "All of us make mistakes, especially with the new features you have on radios today. It's very easy to make a mistake, to be on the wrong frequency or be operating split and not know it--there's a hundred ways to make mistakes." Hollingsworth said experience has shown him that at least 75 percent of the interference complained about is absolutely unintentional.

In Hollingsworth's view, radio amateurs all too often are hypersensitive and rude. "We have a radar going to detect offenses at all times, we assume the worst in people, we rarely give people the benefit of the doubt," he said. He joked that if there were three amateurs in a town, there would be two Amateur Radio clubs.

"And there'll be two hamfests with 20 people each, because they wouldn't dare consolidate them," he added.

Hollingsworth acknowledged that "certain problem operators" remain, but the real troublemakers are rarely the newcomers to Amateur Radio. "If there's a downfall in Amateur Radio, it won't be caused by no-code Technicians or codeless anything else," he said. "It'll be caused by the microphone—no doubt in my mind." He advised his audience to ignore the troublesome operators and not give them the attention they crave by engaging them on the air.

"Now, think about it: If what you're hearing annoys you, or angers you or is stupid, use the 'stupid filter,' which is that big knob--that VFO that will take you somewhere else," he quipped. "It's the largest knob on the radio." He recommended moving to another frequency or even another band altogether. Hollingsworth praised the Volunteer Examiner program as "outstanding" and noted there had not been a single complaint in the past year stemming from an examination session. He also said the Amateur Radio community should have a greater appreciation for what the ARRL is doing on its behalf.

"Most of you have no idea how much work is done in Newington for you and the Amateur Radio Service generally," he said. "I see it every day, but I think you have no idea of the hard work and dedication that comes out of that office up there, and I don't think we would be there if it weren't for [the League]."

"This country's communications infrastructure needs Amateur Radio," Hollingsworth emphasized, praising Amateur Radio's overall performance following Hurricane Katrina. "You have a tremendous amount to be proud of."

He also suggested that radio amateurs have an obligation to stay informed about what's going on in Amateur Radio that might affect their activities. "You have to not only keep up, you have to lead the way, because it's in your charter," he said, pointing to §97.1 of the Amateur Service rules.

Hollingsworth noted at the start of his talk that he could not address any questions dealing with the FCC's long-awaited decision on the Morse code requirement (Element 1), because he works in the Commission's Enforcement Bureau. "We don't meddle in rule making," he explained, but added that he didn't expect CW to decline if the FCC does drop the 5 WPM Morse requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes as it's proposed to do.

The FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) handles Amateur Radio rule makings, Hollingsworth noted, including the "Morse code" proceeding, WT Docket 05-235, and the so-called "omnibus" proceeding, WT Docket 04-140. The WTB has said it will rule first on the omnibus proceeding, then tackle the Morse code proceeding, but it has not indicated when to expect either Report and Order.

No representative from the WTB was at Dayton Ham convention this year.

From the May 26, 2006 edition of "The ARRL Letter." published by the American Radio Relay League. Used with permission. Norman Young, KA4PUB

SPACE WEATHER

Check out the Mammatus Clouds at <http://spaceweather.com/> . This is a great site to keep up to date on activities on the surface of the sun, etc.



Mammatus Clouds

TEARA CLUB MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2006

Minutes of monthly meeting held 6/27/2006

President Sherry Reams, KB4EXL, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
Sam Johnson , NC4SJ, gave the invocation.

ATTENDING:

Ronnie Reams WA4MJF, Sherry Reams KB4EXL, Sam Johnson NC4SJ,
Norman Young KA4PUV, Frank Lynch W4FAL, Jimmie Wooten K4CMH,
Holt Thornton AC4UD, Max Bloodworth KO4TV, Ruth Bloodworth KE4DRI,
Linda Bloodworth, Selene Montgomery KG4RMT, Hank Montgomery K4HM,
Lynwood Hobbs AF4XJ, Julie Royster KI4OTM, Larry Royster KI4FYR.

PAST MINUTES:

Ronnie Reams, WA4MJF, read the minutes of the May meeting. Several corrections were noted verbally, and Ronnie agreed to make the corrections in the written minutes. Ronnie moved to approve the corrected minutes, Sam Johnson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Lynwood Hobbs, AF4XJ, reported that the bank account currently has a balance of \$1473.10 after miscellaneous receipts of \$12.50 and expenditure of a donation of \$50.00 to the AARL education fund. We have an outstanding bill of approximately \$70.00 to pay for the portable toilet rental for Field Day. We also have a commitment to purchase coax cable used at Field Day, but the amount owed for this is not yet known pending discussion with Dave Hockaday WB4IUY, who had been in the hospital and was not available to ask.

FIELD DAY:

Norman Young, KA4PUV, described the successful Field Day held June 24-25, 2006. Norman moved that the club make a contribution of \$100 to the American Legion post for the use of their facilities. Ronnie Reams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Sherry expressed thanks to all involved in Field Day. Norman described two newspaper stories about our club's Field

Day. Larry Royster suggested that members send a QSL card to the American Legion official expressing gratitude for use of the facility. Norman Young stated that he would make available the name and address of the official to whom we can send QSL cards.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Selene Montgomery, KG4RMT, announced that the Cary Swapfest will be held July 15 with free admission.

CLUB PROGRAM:

The program, presented by Norman Young, KA4PUV, included two parts:

- 1) a photographic record of Field Day preparation and execution
- 2) a demonstration of initial drafts of a set of Powerpoint slides Norman has begun developing to assist young people (and people of all ages) in studying for the Technician license, using the new question pool being used beginning in July 2006.

Highlights of the Field Day activities included:

- * contribution of 2 tasty meals from Sam's Chuckwagon
- * contribution of a generator and gasoline by Tom Lewis
- * exhibition of a military backpack radio by Ronnie Reams
- * exhibition of a World War II field communications center by Jimmie Wooten
- * demonstration of rockets by Robert Pierpoint
- * visit by 10-year-old Oakley Wallrich, who made contacts on the radio

The club was disadvantaged by the absence of a 40-meter antenna after the heat forced Holt Thornton, AC4UD, to leave Field Day during the setup period.

Norman Young presented Holt with a hat displaying his call sign and a TEARA patch to thank him for his efforts in organizing the Field Day antenna setup. Norman stated he will upload all Field Day photos to a Kodak website for everyone to view.

Regarding development of educational materials for those studying for the Technician exam, Norman stated his intentions to make these materials available on the TEARA website. He requested members' assistance in proofreading and

improving the materials.

The program planned for July will feature Virginia Enzor discussing shortwave radio listening.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Royster, KI4OTM, (in the absence of the secretary)

APPENDIX A

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

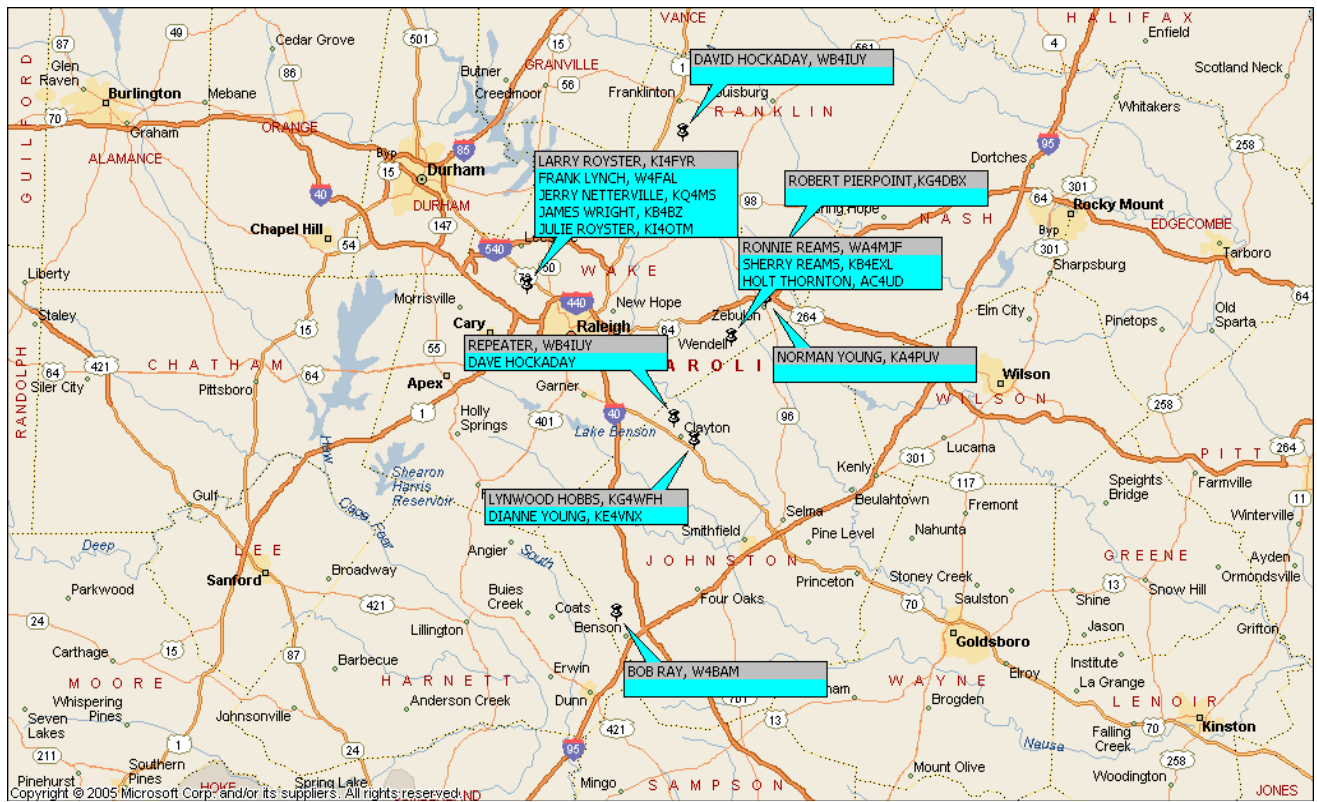
Repeater Used: 147.39, dup+ , 88.5 tone, Clayton, NC, Dave Hockaday owner.

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

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

REFRESHING THE MAP LISTINGS

I started this June updating the check-ins listed on the map that follows. Only those hams that have checked into the net during the previous quarter are listed. So the information listed in the following map is a better indicator of the active participants in the TEARA 2 meter net activities.



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