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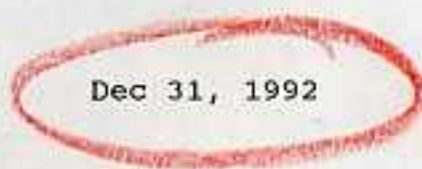
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DON'T FORGET DUES ARE DUE PLEASE SUPPORT THE GROUP. IF THERE IS A REASON YOU NO LONGER WISH TO REMAIN WITH US PLEASE CALL JEFF AA4RC OR DAVID KD4APK AND LET US KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE IT BETTER FOR YOU..

REMEMBER THE 93 DUES ARE DUE NOW!!!! THE FEB NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE LAST ONE MAILED IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR DUES IN BY THEN!!!!

If there is a financial problem PLEASE call one of us arrangements will be made. We want you in the club and we don't want to take your last mouthfull, so don't drop out because of money.

Please take the time to check the information on this page. Please make any changes then include your check and send it to:

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FROM THE PREZ
OUR NEXT MEETING (JANUARY 13, 1993)

WELL, 1992 IS ABOUT TO END, AND 1993 IS ABOUT TO START. THIS HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR FOR THE CLUB. WE HAVE SEEN STEADY GROWTH IN OUR MEMBERSHIP, HAD EXCELLENT PROGRAMS FOR OUR MEETINGS, HAD A GREAT FIELD DAY, FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS PARTY, FOUND A GOOD PLACE TO HOLD OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS, SEEN IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR REPEATERS, AND GENERALLY RECOGNIZED JUST HOW LUCKY WE ARE TO BE A PART OF THIS GROUP.

OUR PAST-PREZ, DAVE VANDERWALL, KO4SV, DID A GREAT JOB PUTTING TOGETHER INTERESTING PROGRAMS FOR OUR MEETINGS LAST YEAR. I WILL TRY TO CARRY ON THIS TRADITION IN 1993. TO START OFF THE YEAR, I HAVE LINED UP A SPEAKER FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WHO WILL COME IN AND TALK TO US ABOUT THEIR DISASTER ACTION TEAMS. THE "DAT'S", AS THEY ARE KNOWN, HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN 1992, ESPECIALLY AFTER HURRICANE ANDREW HIT THE U.S. COAST.

FEBRUARY'S MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSING WHAT THE CLUB WANTS TO ACCOMPLISH IN 1993. WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HELPING WITH A LOCAL HAMFEST, WHAT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MADE TO THE REPEATERS, WHETHER WE WANT TO CONSIDER INCORPORATION FOR THE CLUB, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING TOGETHER A FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY SUMMER PICNIC. EACH OF THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER BY CLUB MEMBERS, AND MAYBE 1993 WILL BE THE YEAR THAT WE GET TO ACT ON SOME OF THEM.

ONE OF THE REPEATER ENHANCEMENTS DISCUSSED IN THE PAST INCLUDES PUTTING UP REMOTE RECEIVER SITES FOR THE 145.47 MACHINE IN AREAS WHERE YOU CAN HEAR THE REPEATER, BUT CAN'T WORK IT VERY WELL. AREAS UNDER CONSIDERATION INCLUDE SOUTH OF THE AIRPORT, AND THE AREAS TO OUR EAST WHERE THERE ARE COVERAGE SHADOWS. PLACING REMOTE RECEIVER SITES IN THESE LOCATIONS WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR REPEATER FOR ALL TO ENJOY. IT WILL ALSO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REPEATER IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. AS MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW, NOT TOO LONG AGO THE 145.47 REPEATER HELPED PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN PROVIDING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DURING "TORNADO SUNDAY".

HOWEVER, ANY PROJECT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO WILL COST THE CLUB MONEY. AND THAT MONEY COMES FROM OUR ANNUAL DUES. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY SENT IN YOUR 1993 APPLICATION AND DUES, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CLUB'S FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM JANUARY THRU DECEMBER. ALL CLUB DUES ARE PAYABLE BY THE END OF THE YEAR. IF WE DON'T RECEIVE YOUR DUES BY THE END OF FEBRUARY, YOU WILL LOOSE ACCESS TO ALL OF OUR REPEATERS' (.47 AND .06) FINE FEATURES, INCLUDING THE AUTOPATCH.

ALONG SIMILAR LINES, OUR SECRETARY, KC4YBO, HAS ASKED THAT WHEN YOU FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU CAN. THE INFORMATION WE GET HELPS US MAKE THE CLUB WORK BETTER FOR YOU. OF SPECIAL INTEREST

IS WHETHER YOU ARE AN ARRL MEMBER OR NOT. CLUBS THAT HAVE 51% ARRL MEMBERSHIP QUALIFY FOR ASSOCIATE CLUB STATUS. THIS MEANS THAT WE GET SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FROM THE ARRL. SO PLEASE TRY TO FILL OUT THE APPLICATION AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE. THE MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTINUES TO GROW. WE ARE NOW AVERAGING ABOUT 30 PEOPLE PER SESSION. IF YOU HAVEN'T LISTENED TO THE NET, IT'S A GOOD PLACE TO GET THE LATEST IN CLUB AND LOCAL AMATEUR RELATED NEWS. THE NET MEETS EACH MONDAY EVENING AT 8 P.M. BTW (BY-THE-WAY), HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A NET CONTROL. IT'S FUN AND CAN TEACH YOU SOME VERY GOOD OPERATING SKILLS. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND THE BASE OF NET CONTROLS FROM ONE (ME) TO OTHERS INTERESTED IN THIS ACTIVITY. I WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A NET SCRIPT. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CALL THE NET, NOTE THE CHECK-INS, AND COORDINATE ON-THE-AIR NET ACTIVITY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, YOU CAN CONTACT ME AFTER THE NET, OR AT 740-7939.

THAT'S IT FOR THIS MONTH. HOPE YOU HAD A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON, AND ARE READY FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR WITH THE N.F.A.R.L.

73'S AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JEFF WEINBER AA4RC

FROM THE SECRETARY

Jeff AA4RC called an informal meeting during the Christmas party at 8:15 PM. After some remarks on the party and thank you to all who put it together he presented Dave Vanderwall KO4SV with a plaque of appreciation from the club.

Dave had a few comments and still does not know if he will have to go to Mich. We all hope he is able to stay here in the south.

Two other plaques were announced. One to Hal Myers K4JHM for his work as secretary the past two years. Hal received his before the party as he was out of town with his family. The other plaque was for Bill Driscoll who is like a "silent partner" and has been of much help with tower space on the '47 machine.

Jeff reminded us that 1993 dues are now D U E.

Meeting was adjourned for singing of Christmas carols.

Steve Knittel - KC4YBO

Well, we are now in the new year. I hope each of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I have been asked to present the 1993 budget at the next meeting. Basically the budget consists of necessary items to keep the organization in the black plus other items that might be nice if there was money for these things.

At the close of the year we had 193 dues paying members. 70 of these have renewed their membership for \$1,505. This is a 36% renewal rate. If the remaining 64% (123) renewed, that would bring in an additional \$2,940 for a total \$4,445. The way this breaks out is;

126 FULL Members	@	\$30.00	=	\$3,780.00
22 ASSOCIATE Members	@	\$ 5.00	=	\$ 110.00
19 RETIRED Members	@	\$15.00	=	\$ 285.00
18 STUDENT Members	@	\$15.00	=	\$ 270.00
185				\$4,445.00

The above numbers assume that EVERYONE renews and their type of membership status remains the same.

With the above income and the planned spending that we spent money on last year, AND, if EVERYONE renews their membership, we will exceed the budget by \$300. This budget will provide for two meal type parties a year, 12 newsletters @ 4 double sided pages and the postage, liability insurance, property insurance and 2 phone lines for the repeaters. This does not provide for the repeater site rental or any unplanned repairs. Last year we were blessed with having KD4APK paying for the printing costs of the news letter and the rental fee waived. This may not be the case this year. I do not think, that we as a club, need to be to be taking financial advantage of our members. If they want, and insist, on performing these deeds, then they deserve some kind of financial remuneration in the form of a 501-C3 donation.

This brings up another issue that needs to be resolved this year. We need to decide whether we want to become incorporated. Along with the incorporation comes the side benefit of the 501-C3. We need to put this to rest.

Respectfully submitted,
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Treasurer