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Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club

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From The Editor

The year 2017 has come and gone and we are thrust into yet another new year. *What will you do for your club this year?* New toys from Christmas have been unwrapped, programmed, hooked up to an antenna and tested out. *What will you do for your club this year?* The battleship crew is as busy as ever…showing off the radio rooms during tours, hosting visiting ham operators and operating the radios for special events like the NCQSO Party, Museum Ships Weekend and Pearl Harbor Day. *What will you do for your club this year?* The VE testing crew is helping to bring new ham operators to our world every other month. *What will you do for your club this year?* The 2018 Field Day will be sneaking up on us before you know it. So….

What will you do for your club this year?

Upcoming Important Events

Jan 16th   Monthly club meeting 7:00pm
Feb 20th   CFCC North Campus

Feb 17th   VE Testing 10:00am
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Feb 25th   NCQSO Party 10am – 5pm
                USS North Carolina BB-55

Every Monday   2 Meter Rag Chew, 9:00PM
                147.18MHz, +0.600 offset, 88.5 tone
                Norman (KI4YSY) is net control

Pearl Harbor Day 2017 aboard the Battleship North Carolina

by Jim Kapetsky (K3DEP)

As is customary, the day began with breakfast at the K&W during which tall tales of military communications idiosyncrasies, both in personnel and gear, were exchanged among the club members and four guests from the Wayne County Amateur Radio Association.

On board, Pearl Harbor Day began towards 9:30 with one each of CW and phone stations on the air, the latter on 20 m and the former on 40.

With the new filter "implant", identified as a solution by Linwood, NT4F, there was no interference between the two stations. Band conditions were poor to middling, and operations drew to a close towards 2:30 as bands dropped out along with the departure to the guests facing a two to three hour drive back to Goldsboro.

In all 83 contacts were made on SSB, 27 on FT8 and 17 on CW.

The Pearl Harbor Day ACARC crew included Norman KI4YSY; Allan KX2H; Larry N4NXX; Linwood NT4F; Jim K3DEP. It was especially pleasing to have Jeff W4BIX, our newsletter editor, on board. WCARA guests were Pete, WA5T; Albert N4ZFG, Greg KM4NDO, and Bob WD4FIX.

Elmer Award Presented

by Larry Nutt (N4NXX)

Robert, KN4AME presented Jack, WD4OIN with an ARRL Elmer award at the November meeting of the Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club meeting.

Elmering or mentoring has long been the backbone of Amateur Radio. While technology constantly evolves, the human interaction between hams will not be replaced and will always remain one of the hobby's strongest traditions. As licensed hams we are all ambassadors of Amateur Radio and we should always be looking at ways in which we can welcome newly licensed hams and project a positive image that will attract others to ham radio.

If you know someone that deserves an Elmer award, go to ARRL website and fill out the form and it will be mailed to you so you can present the award to a deserving Elmer.

http://www.arrl.org/elmer-award

ACARC 2017 Christmas Dinner

by Jeff Bixby (W4BIX), pictures by Larry Nutt (N4NXX)

The annual Christmas dinner for the club was held December 5th at Henry's on Independence Blvd. in Wilmington. Great conversation, great food and great friendship! The club actually had a private room for the dinner instead of the hustle and bustle of a main dining room.

Thank You!
by Jeff Bixby (W4BIX)

When I arrived in town Tuesday afternoon December 5th in advance of the club's Christmas party I paid a visit to Linwood (NT4F) to say hi to my Elmer. He presented me with a card & gift certificate on behalf of the club for the work I've done for the club with the newsletter. I was humbled and did not expect this at all. A heartfelt thank you to you all for your support! I will keep churning these out as best as I can.