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From The Editor

I've been getting great feedback about the newsletter. As long as YOU are willing to send me articles or ideas, I'll keep it in print. Never be afraid that you are sending me too much...I can always make room for anything even if I have to put it off for a month for the next issue. I always try to get the next month's newsletter out by the 30th of the previous month. So the deadline to submit anything for publication should be the 28th of every month. For February's issue, get it to me no later than January 28th.

Have a question you want answered? Curious about something ham related but need some ideas or guidance? Stumped about something and need help? We have Elmers that can probably give you the advice you need. Please email to: W4BIX@arrrl.net

73!

Upcoming Important Events

Jan 21st Elmer session, 6:00 PM
Monthly club meeting, 7:00 PM
Pay your 2020 dues
CFCC North Campus
USE YOUR PARKING PASS!

Feb 8th VE Testing Session, 10:00 AM
CFCC North Campus
USE YOUR PARKING PASS!

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



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

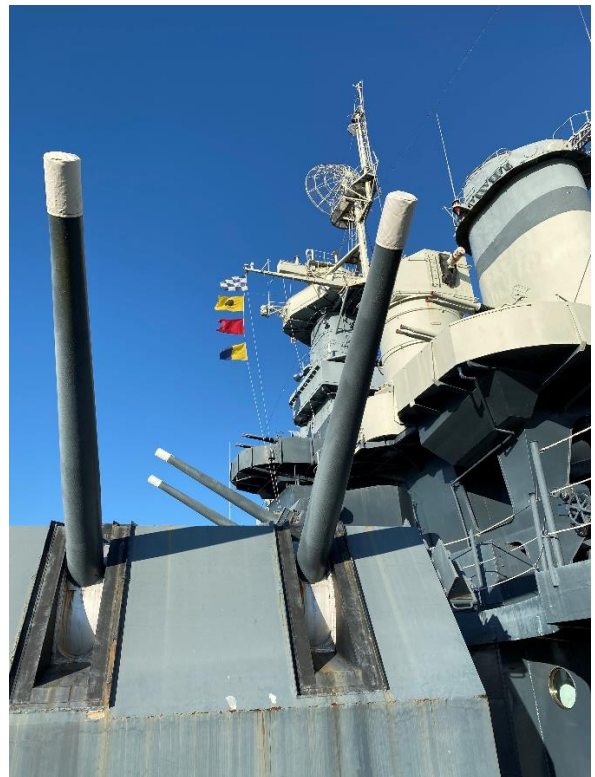
by Jeff (W4BIX)

What a great turnout we had for the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on board the Battleship North Carolina on December 7th! Both operating areas were overflowing with our club and visiting club members. Using a group of 18 operators (yes...you read that right!), a total of 216 contacts were made between phone and CW with stations that stretched halfway around the world.

I also had posted a picture of us operating on the ship in the Ham Radio group on Facebook. In addition to posting the photo I ran a six minute LIVE video feed of the SSB operation which garnered some great comments and questions about QSL's, what frequencies we were operating on and several who mentioned that they had visited the ship in the past. Several contacts were made as a result of posting the event on Facebook.

Thank you everyone for your participation. Those who wanted to operate were given a chance at the mike or key and there was plenty of action to go around. Another great club function in the books!

A side note – why the NI4BK call sign? The ship's original call sign during World War II was NIBK, so the club decided to get a club sponsored FCC approved call sign for the battleship for when we operate from the radio rooms, hence the creation of NI4BK.



Member Spotlight

by Linwood (NT4F)

Name: Mike Hartmann

Call sign: NI2S

Any previously held call signs: WA2QIC

What class are you (Tech, General, Extra): Extra

What year did you first get licensed as a ham operator: 1977

What made you want to become a ham: I was interested in short wave radio for many years after being exposed to Ham Radio by my father, K2AJV (SK). I participated in the CB craze of the 70's and this was further impetus to get my ticket. I pulled two life-long friends along with me – John, WA2LWT/N2NO (recently SK) and Alan, WA2LXU who now holds my Dads old call.

Any memorable moments from your ham experience that stand out: I've had many - but I think my adventure into NYC as a teenager to take the Novice test at the FCC office on Varick St, and my first (CW) contact - I was a nervous wreck. The first Field Day I attended at age 7, which started my Ham Radio adventure (I was hooked on Ham Radio and Field Day from then on). There are also many memorable moments over the course of my 20+ years of service in RACES organizations, which include the Sept 11 WTC attack, and also winning 1st place in the 1F category of Field Day in 2017. My role in 9/11 response was insignificant, but those events are, of course, seared into my memory.

Did you have an Elmer & if so, who was it: My Dad was an Elmer, of course, though he favored the 'throw 'em in the deep end of the pool' approach, and my High School Physics teacher Bill Grahn, WB2QFZ (SK)

Your favorite modes of operation and bands: I'm not a 'mode snob', I've worked CW and Phone, but my CW skills have atrophied from lack of use. Working on getting back into operating condition on CW. I haven't done any digital mode work mostly due to the lack of equipment and time to

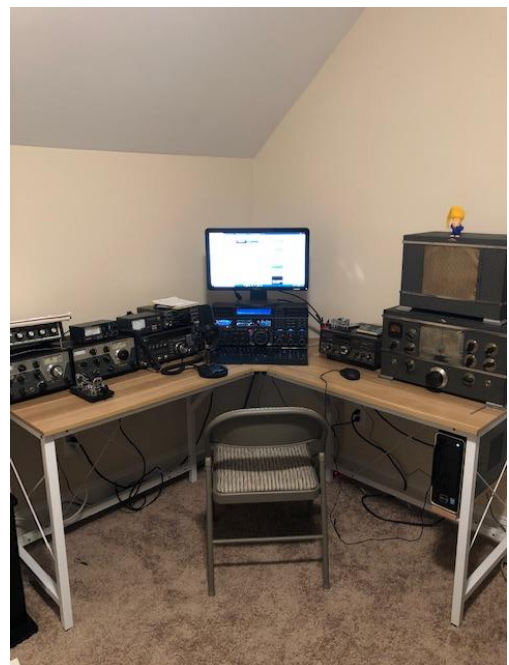
dig into a new mode. I'm also interested in Satellite coms, but have yet to dive in, though I do have the gear for it.

Anything you want the club to know about YOU:

Since first being introduced to Field Day I have attended every Field Day since. Of course, since I got my ticket, I've been operating at every Field Day. That would be 51 years in attendance, and 42 years operating field day. I am proudest of my ham radio public service over the course of 20+ years – first with Essex County NJ RACES, and then as the leader of the municipal RACES Team at Parsippany Office of Emergency Management, where my team was one of the best, if not the best, and certainly most active emergency services of it's type in the State.



This is a pic from a Field Day I think around 2011 or so under the Parsippany OEM banner. Standing is myself, and standing to my right is my brother Walter, KC2WJN, Seated left is Nick Karkanias, KC2KND, and right is Alan Machbitz, K2AJV, with his son Lee at the mic.



Christmas Ho Ho Ho on the Battleship

by Jack (WD4OIN)

On Black Friday, Nov. 29th, 4 members of the Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club set up radio's on the Battleship USS North Carolina for the kids to talk with Santa's chief elf, Norman(KI4YSY) at the north pole to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Allan, KX2H and June, N4FAM manned radio central for the kids and Norman, KI4YSY and Jack, WD4OIN manned the North Pole elf station.

There was a line of excited kids in radio central to talk to the North Pole all day. They had a list of toys, games and all kinds of requests including dogs, cats, cars and even a shotgun. We were surprised at how many of the kids ask about Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and was told that Rudolph was doing fine and resting up for Christmas.



We're all brothers and sisters!

contributed by Linwood (NT4F)

We're all brothers and sisters!

A little black box of jewels and rocks,
with lanterns that flicker and glow,
Make lighter the gloom in my little back room,
where often I haste to go.

An anthem it peals of whistles, tones and squeals,
and voices so ghostly and near,
That you'd never decry, should you chance to pass
by,
what a brotherhood and sisterhood foregather
here!

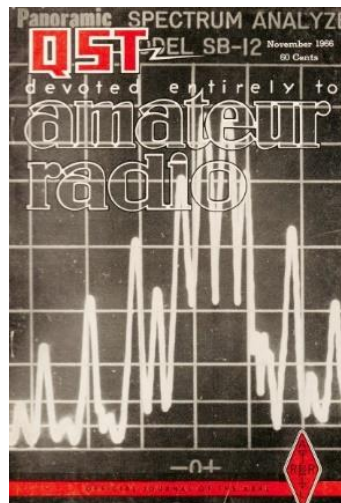
Each separate tone has a soul of its own;
each voice is the voice of a friend,
United through space in this gathering-place
at the radiant rainbow's end.

Reverberant sounds ride the wave that rebounds,
like the wave of the sea, from afar.
Reporting the doings, the comings and goings of
brothers and sisters, wherever they are.

A curious band, spread over the land,
yet joined from equator to poles,
Disperses the gloom in each little back room
by this magic communion of souls.

I could part with a lot of the things that I've got,
but I'll carry my love to the tomb,
Of that little black box and the joys it unlocks
when I enter that little back room!

By: Max P. Vander Horck, WA6HUW - QST, November 1966



January Contest Calendar from WA7BNM

+ AGB New Year Snowball Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Jan 1
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 1
+ Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 1
+ SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
+ AGCW Happy New Year Contest	0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jan 1 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 1 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 2
+ AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1700Z, Jan 1 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Jan 1 (432)
+ QRP ARCI New Years Sprint	1500Z-1800Z, Jan 1
+ UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Jan 1
+ NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1800Z-1900Z, Jan 2 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 2 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 2 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Jan 2 (Dig)
+ SKCC Sprint Europe	2000Z-2200Z, Jan 2
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 3
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 3
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 3
+ PODXS 070 Club PSKFest	0000Z-2400Z, Jan 4
+ WW PMC Contest	1200Z, Jan 4 to 1200Z, Jan 5
+ RSGB AFS Contest, CW	1300Z-1700Z, Jan 4
+ ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 4 to 2400Z, Jan 5
+ ARRL Kids Day	1800Z-2359Z, Jan 4
+ EUCW 160m Contest	2000Z-2300Z, Jan 4 and 0400Z-0700Z, Jan 5
+ IQRP Quarterly Marathon	0800Z, Jan 6 to 2000Z, Jan 12
+ ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 7
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 8
+ Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 8
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jan 8 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 8 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 9
+ AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest	2300Z, Jan 8 to 2300Z, Jan 9 and 2300Z, Jan 11 to 2300Z, Jan 12
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 10
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 10
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 10
+ YB DX Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jan 11
+ Old New Year Contest	0500Z-0900Z, Jan 11
+ UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest	1200Z, Jan 11 to 1200Z, Jan 12
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Jan 11 to 2400Z, Jan 12
+ North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Jan 11 to 0559Z, Jan 12
+ NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB	0630Z-0830Z, Jan 12
+ NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW	0900Z-1100Z, Jan 12
+ DARC 10-Meter Contest	0900Z-1059Z, Jan 12
+ Midwinter Contest	1000Z-1400Z, Jan 12
+ RSGB AFS Contest, Data	1300Z-1700Z, Jan 12

+ Classic Exchange, CW	1400Z, Jan 12 to 0800Z, Jan 13 and 1400Z, Jan 13 to 0800Z, Jan 15
+ 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jan 13
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 15
+ Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 15
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jan 15 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 15 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 16
+ NAQCC CW Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Jan 16
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 17
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 17
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 17
+ LZ Open Contest	1800Z-2200Z, Jan 17
+ Hungarian DX Contest	1200Z, Jan 18 to 1159Z, Jan 19
+ RSGB AFS Contest, SSB	1300Z-1700Z, Jan 18
+ North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 18 to 0559Z, Jan 19
+ NA Collegiate Championship, SSB	1800Z, Jan 18 to 0559Z, Jan 19
+ ARRL January VHF Contest	1900Z, Jan 18 to 0359Z, Jan 20
+ WAB 1.8 MHz Phone/CW	1900Z-2300Z, Jan 18
+ Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2359Z, Jan 18 (EU-AF) and 2300Z, Jan 18 to 0259Z, Jan 19 (ENA-ESA) and 0200Z-0559Z, Jan 19 (WNA-OC-AS)
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 20
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jan 22
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 22
+ Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 22
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jan 22 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 22 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 23
+ NAQCC CW Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Jan 23
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 24
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 24
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 24
+ CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 24 to 2200Z, Jan 26
+ REF Contest, CW	0600Z, Jan 25 to 1800Z, Jan 26
+ BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 25 to 1200Z, Jan 26
+ UBA DX Contest, SSB	1300Z, Jan 25 to 1300Z, Jan 26
+ Winter Field Day	1900Z, Jan 25 to 1900Z, Jan 26
+ QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Jan 27 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 27 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 28
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 29
+ Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 29
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jan 29 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 29 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 30
+ UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Jan 29
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 31
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 31
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 31