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ALBEMARLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

JANUARY 1996

GENERAL UPGRADE - A GO!

Response to the announcement of a General Upgrade class has been very encouraging and plans are now underway to conduct the class. As presently arranged with CATEC, classes will be held at the same time as the Novice/Tech Class so carpooling may be possible for those who may wish to have participants in both classes.

Classes commence on Wednesday, January 29th, at 6:30PM and will run until 9PM, concluding in April. We will teach from the ARRL book entitled: *The ARRL General Class License Manual for the Radio Amateur*. If you do not have this book, the Club will be purchasing a quantity for resale to students.

While it is not intended to teach code to the 13-wpm level, we will probably have some check-point exams during the classes to give participants an opportunity to judge their progress.

If you have already indicated that you are interested in General upgrading, please reconfirm so that numbers for planning will be available to instructors K4DU and W2HD. Send your confirmation to W2HD. You can reach him via Packet: "W2HD@WA4TFZ", or email: "brfj38a@prodigy.com" or W2HD@juno.com. The telephone works, too: 974-7388.

73, W2HD

Time to Renew!

Yes, it's time to renew your membership in AARC. See p. 9 for details and your renewal form.

**Club Dinner Planned**

Are you hungry? The annual Club Dinner is coming up fast! The place this year is Casella's Italian Restaurant in the Barracks Road shopping center. The date is Sunday, January 12, and the time is 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Serving starts at 6:00 p.m., so arrive promptly to get your menu choice to the kitchen on time.

If you haven't made your reservations yet, contact Joe, W2PVY, right away. Casella's is requiring a minimum of 50 people to open the restaurant for us, so your reservation matters! Look for Joe's column on page 2 for information on how to contact him.

Just a reminder! The dinner takes the place of this month's regular meeting at NRAO.

Ham of the Year Selected

Congratulations to Joe Fritz, KD4RWX, this year's AARC Ham of the Year. Joe will be presented with a certificate at the club dinner on Jan. 12.

At the December meeting two Club members were nominated for AARC Ham of the Year. They were: Joe Fritz, KD4RWX, and Greg Faust, N4PGS. These nominations were received prior to the meeting. No additional nominations were made at the meeting. The nominating statements were read and paper ballot voting was conducted. Joe, KD4RWX, was selected. The nomination statements for both nominees are printed in the Minutes on page 6.

Joe is the third AARC Ham of the Year. Previous winners were Hein Hvatum, N4FWA, and Ron Richey, K4RKA.



The President Speaks

This is my first column as the new President of the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club. I would first like to say Thank you to Pete-K4MW, Greg - N4PGS, and rest of the 1996 AARC Board of Directors. You have done a fine job and are to be congratulated on an outstanding year. I thank you on behalf of the Club for your service. I am looking forward to this upcoming year. It promises to be full of fun and work and I am most sincerely thankful to all of you for allowing me the opportunity to stand at the helm of a Club as dynamic and involved as this one.

I know a pretty fair number of you as you also know me, but there are many new faces out there so I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My non-ham name is Bill, and I am a product of this Club. I took the Novice-Tech class in 1990 and rec'd my Novice ticket on October 17th of that year. I joined the Club and have been a member ever since. I learned to teach the classes under Bob-K4DU and Sam-N4WJQ and was paired with Bob-W2BR and together we taught many Novice-Tech classes. We even taught a General class! I have been on the Awards Committee and the Education Committee (and I am still on that one) and I have Chaired both. I was able to participate in the Club's Thomas Jefferson Anniversary Special Event station and have participated in several Field Days with the Club. I was even elected Vice-President of the Club (apparently y'all didn't learn). I am currently also a member of the Valley Amateur Radio Association and I was on the Bylaws Committee which recently rewrote that Club's bylaws to expand its role in the Amateur community and I have instituted Novice-Tech classes for the Augusta County area with the VARA and will continue to act as an advisor as that Club gets more involved in Amateur Radio affairs.

I love HF (when I get the chance) and am a RTTY fanatic, but my biggest love is teaching the classes. If it sounds like I have been involved in things with this Club as well as the VARA, I have and will be. I believe that Amateur Radio is judged within the community by what the local

Hams do and how involved they are with the community. This Club is VERY involved and enjoys a pretty high recognition factor within our area, but these things don't just happen. It takes the members of the Club working together and getting involved that makes these things happen and this Club has been making things happen for many, many years. So to the new folks I say, Welcome and don't be afraid to jump in and give a hand...we need you. To those of you who already know me I'd like to say Thanks for all the help in the past and that YOU all should have known what you were getting into!! Well, too late now..... (-:

I look forward to 1997 with enthusiasm. Step aboard the AARC Express. 1997 is here and we're getting ready to leave the station.....

KC4TQF

VEEP CORNER

Howdy from your "president-in-charge-of-vice."

Just a quick reminder that I need those dinner confirmations as soon as you can conveniently get them to me. I'm sure it will all work out, but, as of this writing, we do not have enough for the folks at Casella's to open up for us. Please remember that they are doing us a very great favor in opening up for us.

Your votes are in! The winning dinner choices are chicken parmesan or sausage, pepper and onion. Entrees include spaghetti, salad and dessert. The cost is \$12.50 per person, payable at the door. All drinks except for water are an additional cost. A vegetarian option will be available and should be requested at the door when payment is made. For those under eight, a children's menu (different from the adult choices) will be available for a cost of \$4.50.

I can take reservations by landline, post office mail, E-Mail, two-meters, but not packet at this time. I promise not to run too fast so that you can catch me.

73 De Joe, W2PVY

Contact Joe at: Joe Giovanelli
Route 1, Box 1381, Scottsville, VA 24590-9546
Phone: 804/589-1495; E-Mail: joegio@delphi.com

Technical Committee Thank-Yous

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped out on the technical committee this year. We had a lot of work to do, and many people pitched in to help out in one way or another. These efforts are rarely seen but greatly aid in the support of the equipment the club uses every day.

So thanks to: Jim Crosby, WD4HMP
Bob Stannard, N6AAR
Will Seay, KJ4XZ
Hein Hvatum, N4FWA
Joe Fritz, KD4RWX

I would also like everyone to give special thanks to all the people out there who do some of the behind-the-scenes tasks that require significant amounts of physical labor. In particular: grass cutting on the mountain during the summer and the tree clearing expedition after Hurricane Fran.

They are: Tom Lachendro, AD4AD
Rick Berman, KO4WQ
Pete Taylor, KC4UCK
Pete Wildman, K4MW
Greg Faust, N4PGS
Brian Fox, KE4HIA
Dave Metzger, WG4T

There may be others out there that may have helped that I have forgotten. I apologize if I left anybody out.

Mike Duvall
Technical committee chairman



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Kudos for the AARC

by Edward P. Taylor, KA4VMP

I just received the new AARC directory on December 16th. I have been a member of the AARC (I think since 1987-88 - it's been so long I forgot what year I joined). After looking through the directory, I looked at page 32 and was glad to see so many Hams that are now members of the club. In the years that I have been a member I have seen a lot of growth within the club, such as the Ham Radio classes to bring new people into the hobby, all of the different public service events (N4FWA with the clipboard) etc... And let's not forget that the club has also obtained the status as an "ARRL Special Service Club" which would not be possible without the participation and hard work of the club members like you.

I have enjoyed helping with all of the different public service events since I upgraded to Technician class in January 1989, and look forward to helping in the years to come. So, I would like to say that I feel very proud to be part of such a fine group of Amateur Radio Operators.



From the Editors

We've been asked whether we have any special instructions concerning receiving photos for inclusion in the Newsletter. Our main request is that you make sure to send a note identifying who is in the picture and what event is being photographed. Because the *AARC Bulletin* is photocopied, pictures that have a fairly light background tend to work best, we've found. As for getting the picture to us: You can send the actual photo (we'll return it), or a photocopy made on one of those fancy color copiers (regular photocopies don't work too well). We can decode photos sent electronically if they are UU-encoded. (If you're adventurous, try a different format and we'll see what we can do.)

So now that you know, send those photos! You can reach us at: 4300 Sylvan Lane, Charlottesville, 22911, or email us at: wd9eia@super.zipco.com. Those of you with packet, send to Mike/KE4UKZ (he's got our only TNC) and he'll pass the news along to us.

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Paul Eileen

WB9HGZ & WD9EIA



Deadline for the February issue is Jan. 19!

I know it's a hectic time of the year so I'll try to keep it short. Most of you are aware that N4FWA has handed off the ARES/RACES duties to me, KE4YLR. The paper work seems to have fallen through some crack, so while we are waiting on the official appointment, Hein is still actively involved. I would like to take this opportunity to speak for the entire AARC membership, past and present, and say "Thanks, Hein, for all your time and efforts over the past many years. You have made a real and lasting contribution to amateur radio in the central Virginia area, and established a standard for the AARC that we all will try to uphold."

We had a very active year with public service events. They have been challenging at times, but always fun, always interesting, and always worthwhile in helping to develop and test our communications skills out in the real world. If you haven't participated recently, or are newly licensed and haven't gotten involved yet, I hope we'll see your callsign listed as a participant for the new schedule of events.

There have been some interesting times on the Northern Piedmont Emergency Net on Thursday evenings. We have tried a lot of different types of exercises, all intended to broaden our emergency communication skills. Some have been effective and gone off without a hitch, others have had at times numerous hitches, but they all have been fun anyway, and I think furthered the training of all who have checked in. It has been gratifying to see the number of stations checking in to the NPEN. It is always a lot more fun for everyone when we have a good list of check-ins.

This year, we had great participation in both Field Day (FD) and the September Simulated Emergency Test (SET) Drill. While we don't ordinarily think of FD as an emergency communication exercise, this is really what it is. Of course, it is a contest, it is fun, but there is a serious aspect to it also, and everyone who participates in planning, setting up, operating, and even taking down, learns valuable lessons that may pay big dividends in some future emergency situation. So thanks everyone, for participating in both of these major emergency communication drills, and for making them so successful.

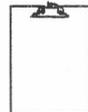
There were times during 1996 that we were asked to provide emergency communications. During flooding, severe winter weather, and when the last of Hurricane Fran came through our area, many of us were in action. We had outstanding participation during all

these activations, and from what I saw, we were able to provide effective communication assistance. Locally, as well as statewide, we dodged a real bullet with Fran. In North Carolina, 25,000 families were disrupted in some manner. The Red Cross provided and maintained shelter facilities for over 19,000 people, which required serving over 500,000 meals. These figures should be very sobering because if a disaster of this magnitude should occur in our part of the state, we must be prepared to go to work at once.

If you haven't filled out a new ARES/RACES registration form and gotten it back to me, please do it as soon as possible. I will have additional forms at the next meeting, or I can see that you get one by mail. So far, I have received 26 responses, and I know that there are a lot more club members that want to be included in future plans. The information you get back to me by these forms will be used in devising future exercises, and for assessing areas of relative strength in our overall preparedness.

Best of the holidays to everyone, and see you next year.

**ARES/RACES
WRAP-UP for 1996**
Dave Damon, KE4YLR



**Public Service
Events - 1997**

- BKR1** Saturday 9 March 1997. Bike race in Orange. Start at Orange High School 1330 EST
- MSW1** Sunday 13 April 1997. MS Walk in Charlottesville.
- BKR2** Sunday 6 April 1997. Bike race. Start and finish at Walnut Creek Park. 1330 EDT
- BKR3** Saturday 31 May 1997. Bike race. James Madison Stage Race. Start at Orange High School
- BKR4** Sunday 1 June 1997. Bike race. Swift Run Gap Hill Climb. Start 0730 EDT near Stanardsville.
- BKR5** Sunday 1 June 1997. Bike race. Criterium race downtown Orange 1300 EDT
- MSB1** Saturday 7 June 1997. Multiple Sclerosis 150 mile bike tour, first day. Overnight in Farmville.
- MSB2** Sunday 8 June 1997. MS Bike Tour, second day.
- BKR6** Sometime in August 1997. Bike race. State championships. Probably on the "Kluge" loop.
- BKR7** Sometime in September or October 1997. Bike race. UVA road race, Walnut Creek Park.

- Other possible/probable events:
- Diabetes walk
 - American Heart Association Walk
 - March of Dimes
 - Martha Jefferson Hospital Drill

Directory Updates

Joe Fritz, KD4RWX

The 1996 Directories have been delivered. Already, they are out of date. A new Ham received his ticket too late for inclusion. Please add the following:

KF4NUO Tareq S. Tahboub
282 Buck Mountain Road
Earlsville, VA 22936

The following individuals have moved out of the area and had not changed their FCC addresses. Please cross out their information.

KD4KWY
N2LNV

KA4VMP, Edward P. Taylor, reports his new email addresses are: ept3e@virginia.edu (at work) and eptaylor@hotmail.com

I am certain that there are others who have incorrect FCC addresses. Some may have moved out of our area. Others may have moved into our area. The FCC requires Amateur Radio License holders to have current addresses on file with them. This can be very important if the FCC desires to communicate with the Ham and cannot reach them via the U.S. Mail.

Therefore, I am asking each of you to find your license and read the address shown on it. (Don't forget to check the Zip Code.) If the address is different from your current mailing address,

please submit a Form 610 to the FCC showing your new address. I would be glad to send you a Form 610 if you require one.

If you have been licensed for a long time, check your address label on the newsletter for your license expiration date. If your license will expire within a few months you should send a Form 610 requesting to renew your license. I believe the FCC now wants you to renew about 60-90 days prior to the expiration date. (I am uncertain of the exact requirement.) If you are a current member of the ARRL, they will notify you and send you a Form 610. The FCC will no longer notify you of your impending renewal date. I found that one local Ham's license had expired. He was sent a Form 610 and I hope he submitted a renewal to the FCC.

I hope you enjoy the Directory and find it useful on many occasions. Please send me ANY CORRECTIONS which involve you, or others, who are in the Directory. Also, notify me if you know someone who should be included in the Directory.

I will send a Form 610 to anyone requesting one. You may contact me in one of the following ways:

U.S. Mail: Joseph D. Fritz, 2306 Williamsburg Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901
Email: kd4rwx@aol.com
Phone: 804/973-1738

SOME LOCAL CALL CHANGES

The following new calls or license changes which are in our area have been reported.

<u>FORMER CALL</u>	<u>NEW CALL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	
KB4PV	K4NZ	Jones, David L.	Vanity Call
AE4BN	W2CK	Graves, Allen B.	Vanity Call
KF4BDP	----	Luck, Jeffrey A.	Upgrade to GENERAL Class
KB4NDA	----	Murphy, Ryan G.	New to Area T+
			3 Deerwood Ln, Palmyra, Va 22963
N8HUJ	----	Johnson, Rick	Has renewed an expired license Exp. Dec/06



HONESTLY, I MEANT THEM ALL!

Hello 1997!
Here we are again,
folks, another year's
worth of 12
months...another
year's worth of days,
hours, min-utes and

seconds which can be spent in any way we wish. Sure, there are hours for sleeping, hours for studying, hours for wage-earning and hours in the day for just about anything. The way we spend those hours is an important measure of our priorities.

Years ago... more than I care to remember... most of those hours were spent in the books with the readin', writin' and 'rithmatic! Of course, there was time off for some play and relaxation, too. In later years, the family was the center of activity and most of any spare time after working was spent with them. However, there was always a time for some hamming! The time had to be stolen, but it was just like "R&R" time in the military life. For me, in today's life as a retiree, the hours are spent differently. The enjoyment of "hamming it up" on different modes of operation, the fun of chatting on "76" or keeping my retiree schedule on 20 SSB, all offer a great deal of pleasure.

The New Year's pleasure is often broken up by resolutions... you know all of them as I do. Lose weight, keep in touch with the family, spend some "quality time" (that's a new catch phrase now) with the important folks in your life. Yep, we probably made a few of those resolutions and others prior to the end of '96. And here we are in '97 and we have also probably broken as many or more resolutions than we made!

Nevertheless, there are some important considerations to head any list you might have made. For the younger folks, your education is priority number one. Without an education, life is kinda hard to bear. For the older folks, your job is a big priority. Keep the "bux" coming in for you and any family you may have. For the "slightly older" folks, try and devote time to paying back life for everything it has provided. Volunteer service to others is a method of payback and it's satisfying, too.

Hey, Harry, what has all this to do with Ham Radio? Well, folks, quite a bit because many of us become so wrapped up in our hobby or specialty interest that we forget all about the other factors of life. It's easy

to do, too! Ham Radio offers so many most interesting ways to enjoy the days, hours, minutes and seconds of the year that it's easy to get all wrapped up in 2-meter FM, DX- chasing, building, Packet-racket, APRS to the exclusion of those around us.

Keep your priorities straight! Have fun in Ham Radio, but don't forget the folks who are there day after day for you. Keep one 1997 resolution, if you keep no other: Ham Radio is a fun hobby and not an end in itself. ENJOY the New Year. 73...

/s/ Harry, W2HD

Bits and Pieces

SKYWARN Classes

The next SKYWARN BASICS I class will be held at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Sterling on Tuesday, January 14, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. This class is essential for becoming a skywarn spotter. The class covers the basics of how SKYWARN and the National Weather Service operate, what you need to report and how, and how to spot severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. Call 703-260-0107 to register.

A BASICS II class is being offered at the same location on Saturday, February 1, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This is an optional refresher course for spotters who have already taken BASICS I.

For the new hams and others who may not know, SKYWARN is a national network of trained volunteers who assist the weather service in monitoring severe weather. The Washington-Baltimore office, which covers Charlottesville and Staunton as well, currently has about 1500 active volunteers, two-thirds of whom are also Radio Amateurs, making hams an important part of this organization. As well as participating as spotters--people on the ground reporting on severe weather conditions in their particular location--volunteer hams staff a radio station at the forecast office in Sterling to maintain communication with spotters in the field during severe weather, when normal communications methods are prone to outages.

ARES IN VA IS ONLINE

Got access to the internet? If so, you might want to visit the Virginia ARES homepage at www.aresva.org. You can check the current status of ARES in Virginia, see what's happening with SKYWARN, and even sign up for ARES electronically. The site has a LOT of weather information, and some good links to other places of interest to radio amateurs. *Thanks to Dave, KE4YLR, for sending along the information!*

Amateur Radio Exam Dates for Virginia

01/09/97 (ARRL) Chesapeake. Pat Phelps, KE4URC,
 757-421-9598
01/09/97 (ARRL) Galax. David Roberts, 540-773-2446
01/19/97 (W5YI) Richmond. Tony Amato,
 804-717-2436
01/19/97 (ARRL) Roanoke. Terrance V Vlug,
 540-890-6782
02/13/97 (ARRL) Chesapeake. Pat Phelps, KE4URC,
 757-421-9598
02/13/97 (ARRL) Galax. David Roberts, 540-773-2446
02/15/97 (W5YI) Richmond. Tony Amato,
 804-717-2436
02/16/97 (ARRL) Roanoke. Terrance V Vlug,
 540-890-6782
03/01/97 (ARRL). Sterling. Michael Weber,
 703-450-2304

Remember, if you are interested in taking an Amateur Radio exam at any of these sites, CALL AHEAD for information. Not all test sites accept walk-in registrations.

Area Hamfests

January 19 - Richmond Frostfest, Richmond, VA
 Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society.
 For information, contact:

Craig Spain, KE4CITPO
 Box 932, Chester, VA 23831
 804-526-9838. E-mail: frostfest@rats.net

January 26 - Maryland Mobileers ARC, Odenton, MD
 For information, contact: Jim Botluk, KD3SI
 10 Tiburon Ct., Annapolis, MD 21403
 410-280-9815

February 23 - Vienna Wireless Society, Vienna, VA
 For information, contact:

Jorge Thevenet, KD4DGQ
 20133 Crewe Square, Ashburn, VA 20147
 703-729-4711.
 E-mail: TEAGLE242@aol.com

Hey, sick of winter already? How about...

January 11-12 Sarasota ARA, Sarasota, FL
 Contact: Fred Auerbach, WA3SSZ, 2786 Heather Place,
 Sarasota, FL 34235. 941-365-7679

JANUARY 1997						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◎ Congratulations to the <i>many</i> January Birthday Hams!			1 Happy <i>New Year!</i> Lunch Old Country Buffet - 11-1 ◎ KC4TQF	2	3	4 6-m net 50.200 8am
5 ◎ WB4ZJO ◎ N6AAR	6 INFO-NET 7:00 pm 220 Net 8:00 pm ◎ KB4PV ◎ KF4IHP	7 Board & Technical Meeting 7:30 pm ◎ KD4CAR	8 Lunch Old Country Buffet - 11-1 ◎ KO4LT ◎ KT4UO ◎ KF4NOO	9 ARES Net 8:00 pm ◎ KB4QWU	10	11 6-m net 50.200 8am
12 Winter Dinner 5:30-8:30	13 INFO-NET 7:00 pm 220 Net 8:00 pm	21 <i>no regular club meeting</i>	15 Lunch Old Country Buffet - 11-1 ◎ KT4PT	16 ARES Net 8:00 pm ◎ KE4OMD	17 ◎ KA4JJD ◎ K4DOC	18 6-m net 50.200 8am ◎ KE4DOR ◎ KF4JHB
19 Richmond Frostfest	20 INFO-NET 7:00 pm 220 Net 8:00 pm ◎ KF4LMP	21	22 Lunch Old Country Buffet - 11-1	23 ARES Net 8:00 pm	24	25 6-m net 50.200 8am ◎ KE4BVS ◎ KD4SOC ◎ KE4WPG
26	27 INFO-NET 7:00 pm 220 Net 8:00 pm ◎ W4NPX ◎ W4TJ N4XJT	28 ◎ KB2B ◎ KJ4LM	29 Lunch OCB 11-1 General & Novice/ Tech classes begin ◎ KC4TTZ ◎ W2BR	30 ARES Net 8:00 pm	31 ◎ KE4JSU ◎ K4MTX	

CLUB BUSINESS



AARC Board Meeting Date: December 3, 1996

Notification that the barn was cleared. A brief discussion about the Novice/Technician and general classes to be held starting on January 29th. A letter of appreciation was received by Hein, N4FWA, from the Montpelier Race group. The antenna and cable at the Red Cross building needs to be checked. A previous exercise at that site experienced some problems.

AARC Regular Meeting Minutes Date: December 10, 1996

The program was presented by Greg, N4PGS. It was related to APRS and determining where a person is located and how to determine same.

Joe, W2PVY, presented a report on the Winter Dinner. He requested people who were going to attend to sign up since we are currently under committed. We need at least 50 diners in order for the restaurant to open. Please notify him as soon as possible, if you plan to attend.

Harry, W2HD, reported on the results of the recent VE Examination Session. He conveyed John's, W6UZ, feelings that it was one of the best sessions ever. Harry also reported on the upcoming classes (see Board Meeting-above).

The following Hams were accepted into AARC membership: (Check your new Directory for details.)

Scott, WA0TPN
John, N3GLZ
Buck, N3YFF
Frank, KF4NOO
Francis, KF4NOU

The Treasurer Reported a balance of \$3535.17.

The Secretary received two nominations for Ham of the Year. They were received in the following order.

1. Joe Fritz, KD4RWX Date: Fri, Dec 6, 1996
From: Richey, Ronald K - Memo to Joe Fritz,
KD4RWX

We hereby nominate Joe Fritz, KD4RWX, as the 1996 Ham of the Year. Joe became a ham, joined the AARC, and stepped into one of the most demanding jobs of secretary, which post he has held for the past three years. In addition, he assumed the post of editor of the

AARC BULLETIN and kept it moving toward the excellent newsletter we enjoy today. He also took the reins of Awards Chairman which contributes toward recognizing the efforts of many others in the club. Next he assumed joint responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Clubs 146.925 repeater. He has been a steady and largely unsung worker and a dependable club member. I think he well deserves recognition for his hard work over the past several years.

*Submitted by : Ron Richey, K4RKA, and
Nancy Richey, WB4RBW*

Note: Ron, after the fact, stated he failed to mention the maintenance of the database and the publication of the AARC Directory and suggested that these might be mentioned in this report.

2. Greg Faust, N4PGS Date: Sat, Dec 7, 1996
From: LeRoy Sutter

For 1996 "HAM OF THE YEAR" I would like to nominate Greg Faust - N4PGS. Here are the reasons why:

Throughout the years that I have known Greg, he has participated in an incredible number of public service events. He has served as chief and indian in these PSE's and has maintained a level of excellence when performing these duties that is hard to beat.

He has also shown an excellent desire to be an all around tinkerer, a trait that is not as common now as it used to be but a requirement for a true ham. If there is something that you want and it does not exist or it costs too much, design and build it yourself. Remember that the Amateur Radio Service is the only service that allows homebrew gear to be used.

The last thing that I would like to say is that Greg is a great teacher of the hobby. I have seen him in action and he has very good knowledge of the electronics field and he works well with people of all ages and has the ability to adjust his teaching style based on the level of the learner.

I would like to thank the AARC for considering this nomination.

*Best regards,
H. LeRoy Sutter - WA4MHP*

Respectfully submitted, Joseph D. Fritz, KD4RWX,
Secretary AARC

**ALBEMARLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT**

INCOME

Donations:	
Hamfest Sales	\$146.00
Repeater	185.00
Surplus Equipment	<u>1193.25</u>
<i>Total Donations</i>	1524.25
Dues	1462.50
QST Subscriptions	15.00
Textbook Sales	136.00
Raffle	<u>110.00</u>
<i>Total Income</i>	3247.75

EXPENSES

Equipment	1593.92
Refreshments	277.21
Entertainment	715.82
Postage & Publishing	913.45
State Corporation Fee	25.00
Telephone	407.58
Insurance	297.31
Charity (Earlsville FD)	100.00
Field Day Expense	72.37
Subscriptions SERA	20.00
Recreation (Shelter Fee)	50.00
Education Purchase	<u>157.40</u>
<i>Total Expenses</i>	4630.06

TOTAL INCOME/ EXPENSE -1382.31
BALANCE FORWARD 4917.48
OVERALL TOTAL \$3535.17

Treasurer: Sharon Duvall, KO4OC



CLASSIFIED COLUMN

To list an item in this section that is NOT on the WA4TFZ packet bulletin board, contact Paul, WB9HGZ or Eileen, WD9EIA.

FOR SALE: KENWOOD TS530S HF TRANCEIVER (11/7/96) Kenwood TS530S rig with MC-50 desk mike and SP-230 matching outboard speaker. All in good shape with boxes and manuals. Price \$500.00. Call Bill, KC4TQF, at 540-337-5179. Leave a message if I'm not home.

FOR SALE: 30 FT TOWER (11/14/96) A friend of KE4AQD, Dan Hurley, wants to sell a 30ft triangular tower. It is already down and located in Zion Crossroads. If interested, please call 980-7400 and leave a message.

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