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## Christmas RARC Gathering 2009

December 4 , 2009

### Location:

Joe's Steakhouse, Union City, TN

Last year at this august meeting, the Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club chose Joe's Steakhouse on Ken-Ten Highway for our Christmas gathering on the reputation of their flat iron steak. This turned out to be so popular, that we had to do it again !

### Attendance:

We had a great turn out on a very chilly night for the annual festivities - Glenn N4MJ, RARC President and XYL Linda and grandson Brandon KJ4FTN and granddaughter Elizabeth; Bob K9IL, RARC Vice-President and XYL Rose W9DHD; Jamie WB4YDL with XYL June ; Ottis K5BSE and Rhelda N5BSE; Gladys KJ4EKN; Art WA4EQO and friend Tracy; Harold Meyers KJ4FTM; James KJ4KIM; and Charles N4PPD.



Jeff W5VNH & Glenn N4MJ

Elizabeth is not a licensed ham but I'm sure granddad Glenn is working on that. James and Art were able to attend after major medical encounters, one surgical, the other medical. James is now standing more upright after major hip and pelvic surgery. Art is also doing fine after a stay in Jackson for a clotting disorder. Charles made the trip over from Paris, TN. Phil N4PWG was unable to attend as he was coaching the Union City High School football team in their effort to win their first state championship - and they did !

### Door Prizes:

As per Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club tradition, this gathering showcases the artistry of Rose W9DHD and Bob K9IL. They again provided beautiful door prizes with a



James KJ4KIM scores door prize

Christmas theme that make for excellent sit-around decorations during this festive season. As in past years,

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snow cottages with ham towers and antennas were presented as well as new items such as a wooden airplane and a romantic Muppet Christmas item with Miss Piggie and Kermit ! Bob remarks that Rose and he have as much fun building them throughout the year as we do receiving them during the Christmas gathering.

**The Meeting:**

There was no formal business at this meeting, as is the tradition. The flat iron steak and other delicacies were being devoured with great enjoyment. Glenn N4MJ, our club President, reviewed some of the many events and happenings this past year saw at Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club. First was the exceptional



**Glenn N4MJ's granddaughter Elizabeth**

response that Ron W9RVR (SK) and Chris KI4TRM provided during the historic ice storm this past January. Of course we all mourn the loss of Ron but remember fondly his 'go get'em' attitude for Emergency Communications. Our second hamfest in as many years was again a complete success and we hope for another successful run in March of 2010. We also presented another library display thanks to the good work of Bob K9IL and Rose W9DHD. Field Day 2009 was quite successful and the air conditioning was greatly appreciated. Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club placed 1st in the state of Tennessee in the 3A category. On a national level, that was good enough to place 40th. This next year will see a new venue at the QTH of Glenn N4MJ. There were many new hams in RARC and many members also upgraded their license.

For the year 2010, the agenda is again becoming crowded. There will be an active Volunteer Examiner program with plans for future training courses. Further workshops like our digital methods workshop will be planned. There will also be more practical presentations on ham radio technique at future meetings.



**Ottis K5BSE happy to receive gift**

**Epilogue :**

The next regular scheduled RARC meeting will be on January 28, 2010. The Net Control Station and Refreshment assignments will be posted soon. There were several of us that met at the QTH of Linda and Glenn Snow for dessert after the dinner and their hospitality was greatly appreciated. Until next time ...



**Tracy & Art WA4EQO**



**Gladys KJ4EKN**

**Have a Very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Good DX!**



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