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Christmas RARC Gathering 2010

December 10 , 2010

Location:

First State Bank Conference Room, Martin , TN

For the previous couple years, the Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club held their Christmas Holiday gathering at the Martin, TN establishment of Joe's Steakhouse. Unfortunately, they were unable to hold on during these unfortunate economic times. After some deliberation, the decision was made to have our event catered and held at the very roomy conference room at First State Bank in Martin. René Kimsey of Kimsey Katering did the honors.

Attendance:

We had an awesomw turnout on a beautiful cool night for the annual festivities - Glenn N4MJ, RARC President and XYL Linda and grandson Brandon KJ4FTN; Bob K9IL, RARC Vice-President and XYL Rose W9DHD; Jamie WB4YDL with XYL June ; Ottis K5BSE and Rhelda N5BSE; Gladys KJ4EKN; Noel KJ4UNX

and XYL Laura; Ray N4SLY and Dolly KN4SLY; Phillip N4PWG; Harold Meyers KJ4FTM; James KJ4KIM; and Charles N4PPD.



Bob K9IL and Harold KJ4FTM

Charles N4PPD made the trip over from Paris, TN and Phil N4PWG attended and was showing off his championship ring after the Union City High School football teamwon the state championship. Newcomers, Noel KJ4UNX and XYL Laura attended and had a great time. Noel has recently been active on 10 meters and is looking forward to upgrading his license this next year.

Door Prizes:

Once again the wonderful door prizes were provided by artisans Rose W9DHD and "Tower Farmer" Bob K9IL. The were GREAT !



Holiday Fixin's from Kimsey Katering

That's about the last word. There were multiple versions of sleighs and Santas and even a biplane loaded

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with Santa's gifts. We were all very proud to receive one of these festive gifts that make the holiday season so much brighter.

The Meeting:

There was no formal business at this meeting, as is the tradition. The great food and yummy deserts were enjoyed by all. After the door prizes were passed to their new owners, Glenn N4MJ, our President bid one and all Merry Christmas. We had so much fun just doing what hams do - communicating - that we lost

track of time ! Imagine that !

Some of the accomplishments by Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club include a very successful

3rd annual Hamfest with the grand prize of an Icom IC-718 HF radio. This is a significant upgrade made possible by several contributors especially the Paris, TN radio amateur contingent. Field Day 2010 was enormously successful at the farm and QTH of Glenn N4MJ and, oh yes, the air conditioning was VERY greatly appreciated. Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club once again placed 1st in the state of Tennessee in the 3A category and on a national level, RARC improved to place 31th. New hams were also licensed and a great time was had by the membership. We ended the year with a successful run with Troop 55 of the Boy Scouts in Union City as 3 (and possibly a 4th very soon) qualified to receive the Signalling Merit Badge. Jamie WB4YDL and Glenn N4MJ had



Antenna Farmer Bob K9IL

spent several weekly sessions with the young scouts training them Morse Code and culminating in their building three ARRL Morse Code Oscillator kits and passing a 7 WPM Morse code receiving test.

The year 2011 will begin with a great meeting and program by Bob K9IL describing his new 30M Moxon antenna which is presently burning up the band with RF ! The Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club will again sponsor the annual Ides of March Hamfest with an outlook to great visiting vendors and great prizes. RARC will again compete in class 3A during the annual ARRL Field Day event and at the same great location. As usual, an active Volunteer Examiner program will be maintained.

Epilogue :

The next regular scheduled RARC meeting will be on January 27, 2011 at the Weldon Public Library in Martin, TN. The Net Control Station and Refreshment assignments will be posted soon. Until next time ...

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



Some of Rose's W9DHD Christmas Creations



Jamie WB4YDL with door prize

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