

Smoky Mountain Signals

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From the Editor:

When I first took on the task of newsletter editor, I knew this would be a work in progress, and I think I have even said that at a meeting or two. You can certainly see the evolution of the newsletter from January through July – with a minor glitch in May – and then deterioration from August until now. Probably no two issues have looked exactly alike, and I have been extraordinarily late with some issues. I want to fix both of those problems.

With nearly a year at this under my belt, I am beginning to figure out some things. First, I really enjoyed producing the “glossies” – the magazine style issues – and everyone really liked them. However, I now know that those will not be a monthly thing. Contrary to what most people probably assume, producing a glossy is really only a matter of about an hour to an hour and a half of extra time. The real problem is assembling the content. So, the plan for next year is to do only four of those: February, June, September, and November. All other issues will look much like this one.

Part of the rationale for that schedule lies in where I have figured out that I have the most time in my personal schedule. Of course, there are always unexpected factors. The factor most influencing the lateness of both this and a couple of other issues is one of family responsibilities. Dee and I both have aging parents with multiple health issues. That has had us both taking days off from work and keeping some pretty late nights recently. That cannot be helped, of course, and I know that everyone understands. However, it is sort of personally disappointing to me that I had to delete an entire paragraph of Kurt’s President’s message because it was out of date by the time I was able to get in front of the keyboard.

I am working on one more glossy for this year, though. I had hoped to have it ready for October, but one of my authors has been delayed. I expect the article within a few days, and maybe I can have that one ready before the middle of the month next time!

Until then, 73!

From the President:

Greetings, fellow SMARC hams!

I hope everyone enjoyed the tailgate swap and barbeque dinner at the union hall last month. That always draws a crowd and it was great seeing all of you. Many thanks to Carroll Peabody, W4PCA, for getting, preparing and serving the food. He has been doing this for many years and has it down to a science, but we know it is a lot of work and we sure appreciate you, Carroll! Thanks, as well, to the members who brought dessert items and helped with cleanup.

The October meeting (Monday, 10-23-17, 7:00 pm) will feature a Show & Tell presentation by Ed Martin, WA4GSR, that promises to be very interesting. I hope you all can make it.

Looking forward to seeing everyone October 23rd at the union hall.

73...

Kurt Meltzer, KC4NX
SMARC President

From the Secretary/Treasurer:

There was no business meeting in September due to the tailgate/barbecue event.