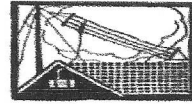


# AMATEUR RADIO



## Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

May 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

The President, Ben Setzer WA4BCS, called the meeting to order. There were 13 members in attendance. The Secretary read the minutes of the April 8, 2017 minutes. There were no corrections or additions and were adopted as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Since the last meeting there has been \$30.00 in dues deposited into the BB&T account. The current bank balance is \$1,058.33.

**Old business:**

No new information on the sale of the old Cat 1000.

**New Business:** Ben Setzer discussed the letter we have received concerning Senate Bill 364 that proposes to ban all mobile radio use. Ben reported that the NC ARRL Sector had submitted a letter also asking that Amateur Radio be exempted. The bill is currently in a Senate committee where it will probably be for the next two years.

Todd Armstrong, KE4VWK showed his "ammo can" 6/2/44/10 portable station and there was some discussion on how to properly vent the batter can so as to not have a buildup of explosive gasses.

James Bullard, KC4ZIE, also displayed a portable 20M vertical that he had recently purchased.

Bad HF conditions were discussed and it was noted that in 2016 there were only 33 days with no sunspots. However, to date 2017, there have already been 32 days with no sunspots and the current cycle is obviously continuing it's decline. Hopefully, in the near future, the cycle will bottom out and conditions will start to improve.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

p.s. - After the meeting \$30.00 dues was deposited into BB&T. There are now 20 dues paying members with voting privileges and 12 are ARRL members.

Allan Brown / W4EAB  
Secretary / Treasurer