

# THE TARA NEWS

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## Hudson Division Director makes Presentation for Best Division Newsletter 2007



Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon and Vice Director Joyce Birmingham make Presentation of "Best Division Newsletter of 2007 Award" to TARA News Editor, Ken Davis – KB2KFV

Photo by: Craig Wood - W2XAD

## TARA DOES IT AGAIN !! Best Digital Contest Award 2007 " RTTY Melee Contest "

First, I'd like to wish each of you a very Healthy & Happy New Year in 2008!

Next, TARA's "RTTY Melee Contest" has received the "Best Digital Contest Award" for 2007 from the Digital - radio News Group owned/operated by Andy, K3UK. This group is an extremely large group that is totally dedicated to all aspects of digital radio communications. Its owner is a very well known digital enthusiast and his skills in the field of digital communications are quite extensive.

This is the 4th Annual Awards presentation that Andy has done and I can't thank him enough for his acknowledgment of our contest. I hope all of you are as excited and proud as I am. I've included the complete list of awards that Andy posted this past week for all of you to review on Page ??? of this newsletter.

**73 ,**

*Bill - W4ZU*

Best Digital Contest: : TARA MELEE. TARA makes contesting fun.



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*More than a Club*



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# *A Thank You from a True Gentleman & Friend*

December 7, 2007

Mr. William Eddy  
2404 Second Street  
Troy, New York 12180

Dear Bill and Karen:

I truly need to apologize for the tardiness of this letter, it certainly is long overdue. I have truly, believe it or not, been at a loss of words of just how to express to you and the members of TARA of how honored, humbled and surprised I am over the award you have bestowed upon me. I can tell you from the bottom of my heart, that I will truly treasure this beautiful and astonishing award for the rest of my days.

I am so very proud to be a member of TARA and I am so happy that I have been able to contribute in some small way. HAM Radio has brought me so much pleasure and has helped me through some of the most difficult times of my life, as have all of you.

I look forward to the continuity of our club and your friendship for a long time to come. I am so full of gratitude and appreciation, thank you all ever so much for this award. With my deepest gratitude,

Best of 73's

*Dick*

Dick Carter  
WA2CO1



## **Rensselaer Co. ARES / RACES Club Elections Jan 17**

On Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM Rensselaer Co. ARES/RACES will be conducting their Annual Election of Officers. If anyone wishes to nominate someone for any office they should contact Mark Friedlander (NK2Y) our Nomination Chair, no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>. Those nominating, nominated and voting must be dues paying members as of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The offices open are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. This meeting and all future meetings will be held at the North Greenbush Town Offices on Main Avenue in (Wynantskill) North Greenbush. NIMS Study groups will also be conducted at all future meetings.



# EchoLinking Back Home From Seoul Korea

By Steve Bozak - WB2IQU

I have just returned from 7 nights in Seoul where I enjoyed the use of the Echolink which allowed me to feel closer to home as I remained in touch with my many "Home Boys" on the TARA machine in Troy.

Seoul is 14 hours ahead of Troy, plus ahead one day! So when I come into the hotel late at night after meetings it's early morning back home. So a big thanks for all those who said hello to me, HL9VX, 6000 miles away, but arm chair copy !!!



**Steve Bozak goes out to lunch with colleagues in Seoul Korea**

The hotel had both wireless and hard wire. I stayed on hard wire hoping it might be a bit faster. I had a live video feed but one person had video back home and could see me at work, Hi-hi. A proxy server had to be used each time I connected to Echolink because of the firewalls the hotel internet had. It was really great being able to chat anytime with the Tara Family. Getting weather reports that correctly predicted my snowy delay as I got stuck in Chicago for 24 hours, after the 13 hours flight from Seoul.

Amateur Radio is more popular in Korea than in most countries, You can often see large arrays of antenna's on roof tops in this city of 25 million people. Male and female operators there are about 50 : 50! it's not just guys!

My next Trip is to Samoa. Internet connections are a bit limited there, but again I will be grateful for the connection back home on the Tara Machine.

## Solar Cycle 24 Has Arrived Fiber Optics Technology

The Solar Influences Data analysis Center (SIDC) at the Royal Observatory of Belgium has said that Solar Cycle 24 has arrived.

In the SIDC Bulletin for 4th January they say:  
<http://sidc.oma.be/products/meu/index.php>

No flaring activity is expected in the coming days. Active geomagnetic conditions (up to K=4) are expected over the weekend due to the influence of a recurrent coronal hole. Catania solar observatory reports the presence of a high latitude sunspot group. MDI images show a bipolar structure. This bipole is however the first of the new solar cycle which actually develops into a visible sunspot group.

***Solar cycle 24 has arrived!***

SIDC Products <http://www.sidc.be/products/>

Fiber optics technology provides a method to transmit information from one place to another that is superior to copper wires in many applications. Instead of sending electrical signals, modulated light is sent over insulated glass-fiber lines to a light-signal receiver.

The light signals are immune to electric, magnetic and electromagnetic interference that affect transmissions over wires. Glass fiber lines tend to be lighter in weight than copper lines. They are not damaged by moisture. Light attenuation tends to be very low through glass fiber, so information can be sent great distances without repeaters.

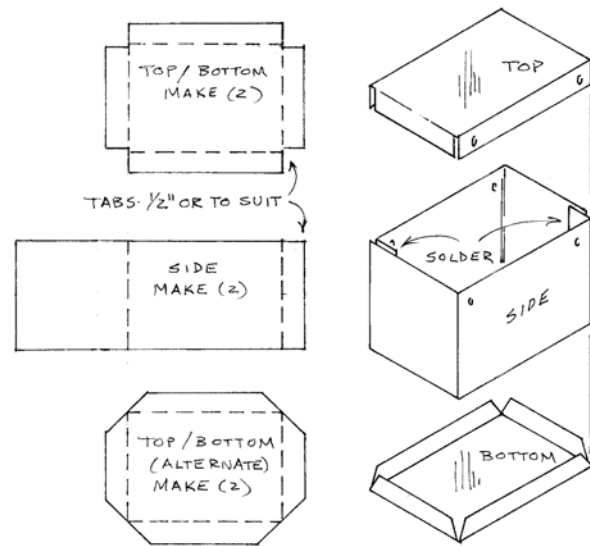
The spectral bandwidth is extraordinarily wide, which makes it possible to send a large number of high-speed information channels simultaneously over single lines.

# HOMEBREW RF ENCLOSURES - ANOTHER APPROACH

By: Steve VanSickle –WB2HPR

In “Hints and Kinks” [Jan 2008, p 68] “MAKING A HOMEBREW RF ENCLOSURE” Gary Richardson, AA7VM described how to fabricate enclosures from copper flashing. I have been making copper flashing enclosures for several years and offer a few suggestions: (1)- lay out your design on paper; (2)- after you are satisfied with your layout, make a mockup of the enclosure using card stock [I use old file folders]. Interior partitions can be added and you can confirm your measurements for proper form and fit at this time. (3)- transfer your design to the copper flashing using a straightedge and scribe. I make my cuts using ordinary 3-inch tin snips. Taking time to plan and lay out the cut lines is well worth the extra effort. This helps maintain RF shielding integrity – and makes for a nicer-looking box. The end result is better than factory-made.

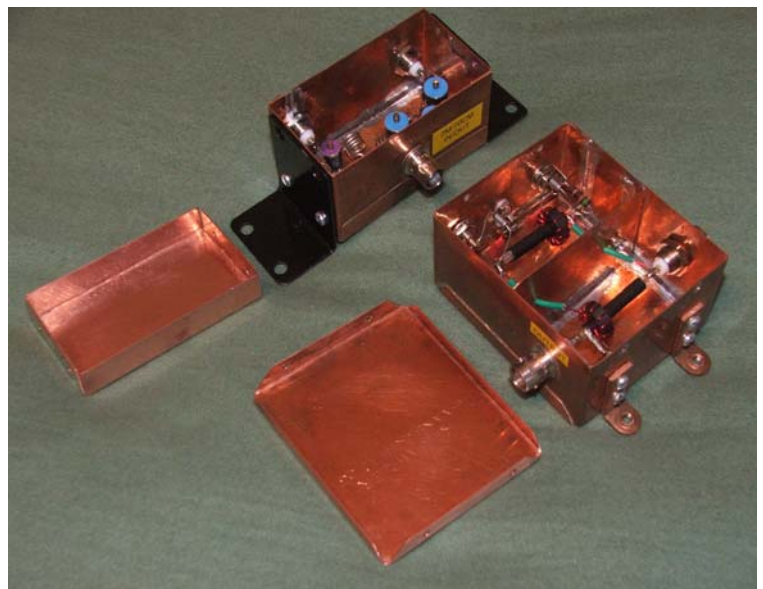
My design is a bit different, utilizing 4 pieces of copper for the 2 sides and the 2 covers. This makes it far easier to form the four sides of the basic box. The “top” and “bottom” covers are made separately. I have found it much easier to make the box this way, rather than to try to bend up the four sides. The resulting box corners are much stronger with the overlapped seams. Notice that the cover lips that mate with the sides can be inside or the outside of the box- depending on project requirements. There are no tricky cuts or bends using these methods. The covers, properly made, will be RF tight.



COPPER FLASHING BOX LAYOUT - S VANSICKLE / WB2HPR 12/07

The side pieces are clamped at the corners with a pair of hemostats during soldering. [I use a 200/260 watt soldering gun and rosin-core solder]. After the top and bottom covers are made, they can be pushed onto the box and drilled for the securing screws. This way, alignment between the box and cover holes will be absolutely perfect. If you don't require access to both ends of the enclosure, you can solder one of the covers in place permanently. Prior to mounting parts inside, the enclosure can be cleaned with acetone or alcohol.

The examples shown include a UHF/VHF diplexer for a dual-band antenna, and an RF sampler for SWR measurement. The parts for each enclosure were cut from a single piece of 20 gauge step flashing, using ordinary tin snips and bent into shape using a small ball peen hammer, wooden block, a 4-inch vise and pliers.



# HOMEBREW RF ENCLOSURES - cont'd



The mounting feet on the RF sampler are components removed from an old power distribution [fuse] panel. The mounting brackets on the diplexer are leftover window shade hardware. A light coat of clear Krylon preserves the shine of the finished enclosures.

I have had no mechanical difficulties or electrical problems using this method for several years. Give this method a try and you will have a rugged, good-looking and functional enclosure that will last for many years.

73,

*Steve - WB2HPR*

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## TARA Christmas - Holiday Party 2007

### “ONE MAN’S OPINION”

Whew! I am still full from the TARA Christmas/Holiday party. What a spread and if I tried to tell you all of the dishes that were there I could write a novel. No one went home hungry. Karen Smith - KS2O and her entourage put together a great spread, YUM YUM.

It was great to see everyone who had shown up and we missed all of you who could not make it.

I have seen better weather and It can make driving a chore and I hope everyone got home safe.

Speaking of driving, I got a big surprise when I was talking to WB2TGN near the doors.

I saw the ARRL Division Director, Frank Fallon - N2FF and the Vice Director Joyce Birmingham arrive. I know we were all very pleased to see them because they both live in the NYC metropolitan area and that they had a long drive to and from the Troy area. Kevin, KB2WIG and his very pretty bride came from Syracuse.

As the dinner party wound down, I heard an announcement that there was an award to be given! TO whom?? Then when Frank and Joyce called for Ken Davis “CHIEF”, our Editor of the TARA NEWS. We all knew something was up! They were there to present the Award for HUDSON DIVISION BEST CLUB NEWSLETTER OF 2007, the CHIEF and TARA were the Proud Winner’s !!!

This had to be one of the best moments in Club history for our Club to get a Hudson Division Award.

Also, the Chief announced that on Monday, He had appeared in front of the Green Island Village Planning Board for his 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing concerning the Variance for the Erection of his Tower and wanted to let our group know that when the Head of the Board opened the meeting up for Public Forum, advised those in attendance that may not be familiar with Amateur Radio that it is not just a hobby and serves the community in times of Emergencies and Natural disasters which set the tone of the meeting as being *Amateur Friendly*. Ken said that after a few questions and a few stipulations the Planning Board authorized his tower, pending an Engineers stamp and one or two other minor things that have to be finalized with the Planning Board. Keep in mind he got permission to erect a tower and then got the newsletter award, all in the same week. As Ben Stein would say W-O-W-W-W!

The next and last award was given to James Crowley, KC2PKL on his First Contact Award.

So, it was quite a night and it is one I will not soon forget. In ending I would like to say Thank’s to all of you and will see you in 2008!!!!!!!

*Craig M. Wood*



# ***TARA Christmas - Holiday Party 2007***



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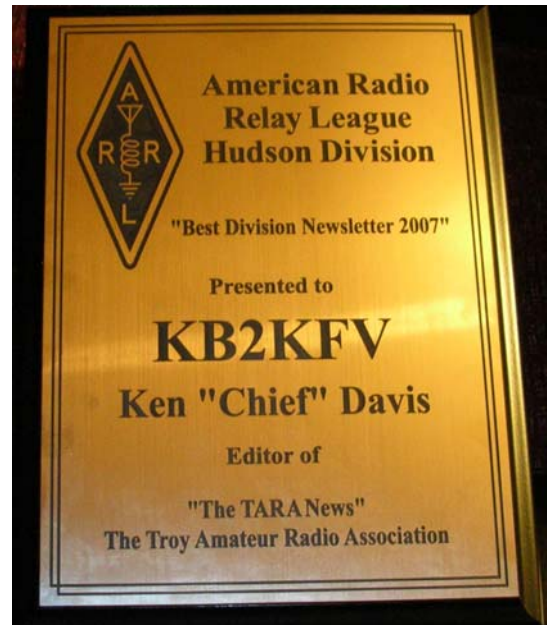
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# More Holiday Party Fun



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## KC2QPT Xmas Eve Follies



Don't worry Paul you can tell your son it wasn't "Rudolph" because he's too small, but unfortunately "BAMBI's" definitely's bit the big one.

***Our Appreciation to:***  
**Craig M. Wood – W2XAD**  
**Photography**  
**Dave Leavenworth – WB2TGN**  
**Cartoons**

# North American Sprint SSB Contest - Feb. 10, 2008

Happy Holidays Everyone!!!

Yep, everyone, Even you Mr. Bill...LOL. Anyway, after talking with Marc, AB2IW over here in Schenectady earlier this morning he and I wanted to say thank you to all the TARA guys and gals that stopped by 10 meters during the contest. Those extra contacts probably helped Marc continue his streak of something like 7 years topping the QRP category for the area.

We were also talking about getting a team together for the upcoming North American Sprint SSB contest...

\*SSB: 0000Z - 0400Z February 10, 2008

<http://www.ncjweb.com/sprinrules.php>

This is a quick contest with some QSY requirements that make it interesting. We can have up to 10 people on the team, and if more than 10 would like play along fine, we can just make it another team. A little rival never hurts. As for the team, we can all operate right from our homes, as single ops, but we then add the scores together for the team effort. Take a look at the link if your interest is peeked and need more information.

Now, I know what some of you are thinking....

Gee, sounds like a good idea to get some friends joined in a common interest but I really don't have a contest type station. Well, let me put your mind to rest. First, the max power is 100w, yep 100w! And yes, even the kilowatt kid is challenged with that...but I know I can do it. Next, we're operating as a team, and everyone will play an important role. Also, you have to QSY once you solicit a call, so even the big contest guns can't just sit on a freq. and call CQ Contest, QRZ to lock in a big pile up leaving nothing left for the casual contester. At least that is how I'm reading the rules. So, even Mr. Bill will find this a unique challenge since we all know once, he was even known to time out HF. ☺

**Editor's Note:** I would like to thank George-W2SFD for a great article on this upcoming contest, but it shows to me that George has now become the consummate Amateur Radio Contester, when he says "What else is there to do in February?".

Hey George, formerly (Mr. NASCAR) did you forget, the Bud Shootout on 2/9 and the Daytona 500 on 2/17. ☺☺

Additionally, there is no use of spotting nets and, MOST IMPORTANT >>>>>> \*WE'LL HAVE SOME FUN!\* Which is the best part.

I've dabbled in a few contests over the last couple of month's after being totally frustrated with them tying up the bands on weekends. I decided to join them and see how I did. Let me tell you, I ended up on the edge of the operating position hunting the stations like some wireless warrior, straining to pull out the weaker ones, and sweating after working for an hour at the controls.

I understand that time is a premium, trust me, I understand that with 4 kids always into something. That is why this team thing looks like fun to me, only 4 hours! And, who says you have to work all 4 hours? That one hour you contribute may yield the team that rare multiplier or add a missing DX station to your log. You just never know where that signal your sending out will land. Of course, sometimes it's in the neighbors TV, but what the heck. Anyone can survive 4 hours without the tube. ☺ If anyone is interested, send me an email letting me know so, and we'll see what we come up with.

I'll take the 100 watt Challenge, maybe Mr. Bill will take the Short Key down Challenge, and the rest of you will let us know what your Challenge to yourself is.

**What else is there to do in February? \*\***

Thanks for taking the time to read this, and I hope to hear from you.

**73,**  
**George - W2SFD**  
**"The Kilowatt Kidd"**  
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And special thanks from me to everyone in TARA for making this Hobby even better than I ever imagined. KC2QPT stated today that this is the Premiere club around, and I would like to second that!!

**\*\* See Editor's Note Below ☺**



# Greetings From the Green Machine, "Shreck" - W2XAD



Wow!! Another Christmas Party is over and already 2007 seems to have flown by in the blink of an eye.

It seemed that we were just celebrating the New Year 2007 and before we knew it TARA turned 16, how fast our children grow even when were watching. Soon we were all planning Field Day. For once the weather was cool and comfortable and poof, it came and went s-o-o-o fast! The summer didn't last long enough for any of us and it was time for Karen to conduct another successful Pumpkin Patrol and then came the last 2 holidays of the year. Is it just me because of my age or is time flying by now, faster and faster each year or is it because of our lifestyles and technology that make it seem so. We blink our eyes and another month has passed. Oh yes and lets not forget all of the wonderful Public Service Events put together by our wonderful Chairperson and V.P. Karen Smith – KS2O.

This year we lost some very dear friends and club members and like all of us who knew them, we WILL miss them dearly! But ironically, the TARA CLUB emulates a family unit in some ways, by the fact that even though we may have lost people we cared about somehow each year New members come along to join our TARA Family to replace the friends we have lost.

The best thing in TARA is that new hams usually bring their families who come along and join us in our amateur activities! In the year 2007 the new members who joined seem to breathe some fresh air and brought a new spirit to the club! I hope that 2008 will be an even greater year and I hope that I will get to greet all of YOU and enjoy spending an Eyeball QSO with you!

73 de W2XAD

"Schreck" Craig M. Wood

## TARA Flyers

Mac Smith - KB2SPM wants to remind everyone that the TARA Flyers meet each Wednesday night and all day Sunday at the Watervliet Dome on 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Watervliet, N.Y. The Dome is the former Watervliet Ice Rink which is located directly across from the Watervliet Fire Department.

If you enjoy flying RC electric whether it be Planes or Helicopters, Mac invites you to c'mon down for some fun flying. They must be having fun because they have people travelling from as far away East as Pittsfield and as far South as Kingston.

So get out of your warm and comfy recliner and get RC gear and go down and meet MAC and Howie N2HIC at the dome and get in some airtime.



That's Mac. He's trying out his new turbo powered bald eagle. Maybe we better pick another air field to fly.

**You can tell Mac was Born in The Era of Civil Defense.  
When He Flies, Everyone has to Duck and Cover !!**

# Ten, ten, ten and ten for four-decades-old Ten-Tec Inc.

By STAN VOIT, Editor

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December 17, 2007

SEVIERVILLE - At one time that industrial park across from Sevier County High School was alive with manufacturing plants, cranking out product for shipping around the world. It's not that way today. But one staple of the industrial park remains. Ten-Tec Inc. heads into 2008 celebrating 40 years of making equipment for the amateur and commercial radio operator. It's one of the few manufacturing plants remaining in Sevier County.



Behind the tan brick walls of the building that faces the high school, more than 70 employees work to make short-wave radios and component parts, and while some steps in the process are automated, much remains done by hand. That attention to detail has kept Ten-Tec in business despite pressure from foreign makers of similar products. "Our primary customer is the amateur radio operator," Jack Burchfield, president of Ten-Tec and an employee for all 40 years, said. "We also supply receivers that are used by commercial and government users." Some of Ten-Tec's products are used by branches of the U.S. government for ... well, let's just say secretive work. Burchfield, operations manager Jim Wharton and vice president Gary Barbour understandably don't feel comfortable talking about that side of their business too much, but imagine radio transmitters, U.S. government and secrecy and you get as much of the picture as you need to know. Mostly, though, Ten-Tec makes the radios and related equipment used by amateur radio operators.

Ten-Tec was founded by the late Al Kahn, an amateur radio enthusiast, himself. Kahn sold his Michigan company, Electro-Voice, and moved south, looking for something new to do. He figured out that by combining his own passion for radio with the need to make quality parts for those who have the same hobby, he could come up with products both needed and marketable. He bought the land on what is now Dolly Parton Parkway and put up the building that has since been expanded twice to accommodate the growth of the business.

Electro-Voice, by the way, got its name from legendary Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne, who wanted an voice-amplifying system so he could stand on a tower and shout instructions to his team during practice. The microphone and other Electro-Voice equipment later were used by troops in Word War II. The company is still in business. Kahn, who died in 2005 at the age of 98, would be impressed with how Ten-Tec has evolved. Forty years ago the prevailing method of manufacturing the parts was solid state and transistors. Today's it all computerized. "It's software-driven today," Barbour said. "It's a much better product."

Maybe it is, but there are Ten-Tec owners around the world who are still using equipment they bought 30 or more years ago. The company repairs every piece of equipment it has ever sold, so it still maintains parts to fix those solid-state transmitters from decades ago - and the people trained to repair them. "When we started," Burchfield said, "we were the only ones making transceivers. Today we have competition from the Japanese."

Burchfield came to Sevierville in 1968 after working with Kahn for 10 years. Burchfield had left Kahn's company and was working in New Jersey when his former boss called and told him about the plans for the Sevierville plant. "I came down then as an engineer," Burchfield said. "I've been here ever since." While some U.S. manufacturing has gone away due to foreign competition, Ten-Tec has remained. "We don't go head to head with the most popular items," Barbour said. "We go for niches. We focus on high performance." Between 10 percent and 20 percent of the company's business is with government. "We're one of the two companies left making amateur radio equipment in the United States," Wharton said. Ten-Tec continues to do it all, from product development, research and manufacturing. It does buy some of the parts used to make the equipment, but mostly it's all made and done in house.



"We do everything here," Barbour said. "From manufacturing to demonstration to distribution. We outsource some stuff like circuit boards, but many, many things are done here." Ten-Tec also has a retail store where consumers can buy equipment as well as how-to manuals for getting into the amateur radio game. It is the only radio-related activity that still requires a Federal Communications Commission license, and Ten-Tec sells the study guides for helping persons learn the material and pass the test.

Wharton and Barbour figure there have been more than 1,000 people employed at Ten-Tec over the last 40 years. "Most of our jobs pay well above minimum wage," Barbour said. "We do have some skill jobs, such as electrical technicians and electronics engineers." Some of the employees have been with Ten-Tec almost from the beginning - like Elizabeth Castle, who adds components to circuit boards. "It's a good-paying job and I really enjoy it," she said. "I wouldn't have stayed here for so long if I didn't enjoy it."

Each piece of equipment leaving Ten-Tec is tested to be sure it's working. Many of the transceivers are made to order, containing features requested by an individual customer. But it all must pass muster with one of four trained technicians who test the equipment all put together before it leaves Sevierville. Most companies that mass-produce electronics test only selected models. "I think it helps us do business and stay in business that we do this," Barbour said. Ten-Tec maintains a repair division to fix everything it sells.

Barbour, Burchfield and Wharton are all amateur radio operators, as are roughly 20 percent of the employees. Each September Ten-Tec hosts a "ham fest," drawing thousands of amateur radio operators from around the country who see new products, sell each other equipment and tour the plant to see the latest items for sale. Ten-Tec does not charge anyone to be part of it, unlike similar ham fests around the country.

Ten-Tec equipment is expensive. Amplifiers sell for as much as \$4,300. You can buy a receiver for as little as \$359 or as much as \$4,295. Transceivers run from as low as \$2,195 to as much as \$4,295. It's an expensive pastime. "Ham radio is still a relatively stable hobby," Barbour said. "It hasn't grown much, but it hasn't declined either. "Today there is the Internet, cell phones and other more inexpensive ways to communicate with people around the world. Ten-Tec has seen more retirees get into the game, seeing it as a good way to spend time, make new friends and have some fun.

Barbour and Burchfield feel good about the future of the company and its place in Sevierville, although Burchfield does have concerns. "There are not enough highly technical people coming out of our schools," he said. "Generally we have to import them and transportation is tough. We have trucks come in here from all around and they find it tough to get here at the appointed time, but you run into that everywhere."

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**My New Years Resolution is to find a**

**replacement for this position ☺**

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**Tuesday, January 15, 2008**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Green Island Municipal Center**

**Intersection of**

**George St. & Hudson Ave.**

**Green Island, New York**

**Ample Parking**

**Parking Lot on Hudson Ave.**

**Troy's Full Service Repeaters**  
**145.170/R**      **447.075/R**