



Rockingham County
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

This past weekend (4-5-2014) we were blessed with good weather and the 146.85 repeater crew was able to get the repeater on the air. We have a very high standing wave on the existing antenna / feed line and plan to replace the antenna shortly. I want to thank the members Mike,(KD4CDS), Tim (WD4GXD) , George (WA4LTY), Michael (KF4LIK) and Jamey (K4RVJ) for the work in getting 85 back on the air as limited as it is at this time.

I hope that this club meeting will not have snow on the ground as the last three have had. This brings to mind that we will need to be deciding on the club's desire for Field Day this year. So be thinking about this so it can be discussed at this month's meeting. Also, I know that Matt will be looking for members to staff the swap-fest function next month; so, check those calendars. Looking forward to seeing all at this month's meeting.

73, Furman

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About the Newsletter : *This newsletter is published monthly by and for the members of the Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club. Computer/inter-net users should be able to click on the website links that are usually underlined. Please advise me of any change of address or mail preference. Please have all articles to me by the 2nd Tuesday of each month.*

73, KF4LIK, Michael, your editor



Skywarn Weather Spotters (and all amateur radio operators) encountering severe weather, are encouraged to monitor and make reports. The Skywarn website is: <http://www.skywarn.org> . For a guide to reporting weather, see the website <http://www.wx4rnk.org/guide.html> .



Rockingham County AUXCOMM/ARES website: <http://www.rc-aa.org/>



NOAA WEATHER RADIO BANDS

CHANNELS-FREQUENCIES-S.A.M.E. Codes

162.400 MHz WXL42 WINSTON-SALEM NWS PIEDMONT AREA
Rockingham County, N.C. SAME code: 037157

162.475 MHz WXL60 BLACKSBURG NWS ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
Rockingham County, N.C. SAME code: 037157

162.550 MHz WXL58 RALEIGH NWS PIEDMONT & CENTRAL N.C.

All stations listed for travel (in MHz):

162.400	162.425	162.450	162.475	162.500	162.525	162.550
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A nation-wide network of radio stations broadcast continuous weather information from nearby National Weather Service (NWS) offices. You can get weather 24 hours a day. NOAA weather radios are the best way to receive warnings from the NWS. It is best to have a battery back-up and Specific Area Message Encoder (SAME) that will alert you when a watch or warning is issued for Rockingham county, N.C. (037157). Other SAME numbers can be found at: nws.noaa.gov/nwr/indexnw.htm or by calling: 1-888-NWS-SAME (1-888-697-7263). Complete information is at NOAA's website: weather.gov/nwr or nws.noaa.gov/nwr For current weather forecasts on the inter-net, go to NOAA's National Weather Service website: weather.gov . You can use the following URLs to access your weather forecast on a mobile device: mobile.weather.gov or cell.weather.gov .

Dial-A-Forecast is 919-515-8209 option 2 for Greensboro, Winston, Salem, and High Point.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RCARC Meeting

The RCARC meets the 3rd Tuesday night of every month at the Red Cross Building located between Reidsville and Eden on Hwy 14 at 7:00PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April the 15th, 2014.

BREAKFASTS

HENRY POLLOCK MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

TUESDAY - 7:00am, The Farmer's Table, Reidsville

THURSDAY - 7:00am, Sanitary Cafe, Reidsville

Roanoke Division Convention (Raleigh Hamfest)

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society will be sponsoring an ARRL convention (42nd Annual RARS Fest) from 8 AM to 3:30 PM on April the 19th, 2014. And, it will be located at N.C. State Fairgrounds, Jim Graham Building, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27601. **Website:** <http://www.rars.org/hamfest>. **Talk-In:** 146.04/146.64 (no PL tone). **Public Contact:** Chuck Littlewood , K4HF, 2005 Quail Ridge Road Raleigh, NC 27609. Phone: 919-872-6555. **Email:** k4hf@arrl.net

24th Annual Down East Hamfest

On May the 3rd, 2014, the Down East Hamfest Association will be sponsoring an ARRL Hamfest at the Lenoir Community College Gymnasium located on 231 Highway 58 South, Kinston, NC 28501.

Website: <http://www.downeasthamfest.org> . **Talk-In:** 146.085 / 146.685 (PL 82.5); Alternate 45.310 (PL 82.5) . **Public Contact:** Byron Highland , K4BMH, 3753 Thorne Drive Farmville, NC 27828 Phone: 252-347-1498 . **Email:** bhighland@nc.rr.com

10th Annual Rockingham County Swapfest

We, the RCARC, will be hosting the 10th Annual Rockingham County Swapfest on May the 10th, 2014, between 8 A.M. and 12 Noon at the Reidsville Christian Church parking lot and shelter located at 2020 South Park Drive, Reidsville, NC 27320. **Talk-In:** 147.345+ (PL103.5) N4IV Repeater.

FreeGate 2014

On May the 17th, 2014, the RFMD Amateur Radio Club will be hosting a free hamfest at the RFMD Headquarters (Rear Parking Lot) located at 7628 Thorndike Road, Greensboro, NC 27401. Website: <http://kd4rf.org> . **Talk-In:** 145.25 -600 (PL 88.5) W4GG. **Email:** info@kd4rf.org

DurHamFest

On May the 24th, The Durham FM Association will be hosting a hamfest at the Little River Community Complex located on 8307 North Roxboro Road, Bahama, NC 27503. Website: <http://dfma.org> . **Talk-In:** 147.225 . **Public Contact:** Paul Van Doren, KE4OXM, 5309 Falkirk Drive Durham, NC 27712. Phone: 919-605-3467. Email: elivand@aol.com

VEC TESTING

The regularly scheduled VEC testing is held on the last Saturday of each odd-numbered month at the Eden branch of the Rockingham County Library located at: 598 S. Pierce St., Eden, NC. Registration begins at 9am, testing starts at 9:30am. The next VEC testing will be on the 31st of May, 2014.

AREA NETS

Monday 8:00PM Southside 2-meter net 146.700 MHz 107.2 tone

The Virginia Southside net meeting is held each week. Quite a few of our Virginia members check into this net. The repeater should be accessible to most of us. It is used to provide net business and for announcements. Let's support our neighbors up north.

Monday 8:30PM RCARC 2-meter net 146.850 MHz 103.5 tone

This club net is a weekly meeting for announcements, business, and comments. We will use **147.345 MHz, 103.5 tone** if the 146.850 is unavailable. Please make it a priority to check into our net. Jamey, K4RVJ, and Mike, KD4CSJ, are looking to fill empty NCS slots. Thanks for your help.

**Thursday 8:30PM Rockingham Co. AUXCOMM/ARES Net
147.345 MHz 103.5**

Bored with just checking into a net? Join us! Actual Training Every Net.

OTHER AREA NETS

Sunday 8:00pm	Sherrills Ford, NC	50.150, no tone
Sunday 8:30pm	Southern Alamance Net	146.670, no tone
Sunday 9:00pm	Greensboro News & Info Net	45.150, 100 Hz
Sunday 9:30pm	Central NC Traffic Net	146.820, no tone
Monday 8:00pm	Randolph County Net	147.255, no tone
Monday 9:00pm	Lynchburg, VA	50.400, no tone
Tuesday 8:00pm	Sandlappers, Lexington, SC	50.250, no tone
Tuesday 8:00pm	Burlington ARES Net	146.670, no tone
Tuesday 8:30pm	Triad Skywarn Net	147.255, no tone
Wednesday 8:00pm	Roanoke Amateur Club Net	146.985, 107.5Hz
Wednesday 8:30pm	Forsyth County ARES Net	145.470, 100 Hz
Wednesday 8:45pm	Greensboro Amateur Society Net	145.250, 88.5 Hz
Thursday 8:00pm	Pink Hill, NC	50.200, no tone
Thursday 9:00pm	Guilford County ARES Net	145.150, no tone
Saturday 8:00am	Wake Forest, NC	50.200, no tone

Daily Nets

5:30am	Possum Trot Net	147.225 no tone
8:00am	Richmond 6 Meter Net	50.215 no tone
2:30pm	Vag-A-Bon Net	145.470 100 Hz
7:30pm	Tarheel Emergency Net (ARES)	3.923 Isb

**Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club
(Unofficial) Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2014**

The Rockingham Amateur Radio Club held its March meeting on March 18, 2014 at the Red Cross Building on Highway 14 between Eden and Reidsville. There were 13 persons present.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Furman Lanier (WD4MKU) followed by introductions.

Minutes were read by President Furman (WD4MKU), in the absence of Secretary Tom Cox (KB5SYK), and accepted. Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer George Brewer (WN4LTY) and accepted.

Committee Reports

Technical – Furman (WD4MKU), Jamey (K4RVJ), and Lamarr (WB4VVY) recently modified the radio cabinet at the Red Cross building in preparations for the .85 repeater. Furman (WD4MKU) indicates that the SWR is currently reading around 2:1. He also suggested that the club consider purchasing a new repeater in the near future. It was also noted that another work team would be needed to complete the installation.

ARES/Skywarn – Volunteers are needed to support the Belews Creek events, both on April 12th. Also, volunteers are needed for the Gears and Cheers event on May 3rd. Please contact Mike (WA3RFE) or Grant (N8ICS) if you can help.

Publicity – N/A

Swapfest – Advertisements for this year's Swapfest are in the SERA Repeater Journal and the April QST Magazine. Pre-sale tickets are available. Anyone interested in helping with the swapfest or purchasing tickets should contact Matt (WK4O).

Historian – N/A

Inventory/Equipment – Cam (KU4VY) provided an inventory list for review.

Old Business

Bill (N8KSG) is checking on equipment insurance. The PayPal account will not work for our clubs needs at this time, therefore the club will obtain a debit card.

New Business

Raleigh Hamfest is April 19. FreeGate will be May 17 in Greensboro. Club dues should be paid to George (WN4LTY).

Program

“3-D Printing” presented by Matt (WK4O)

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Weatherford (WK4O)

Vice-President, RCARC

Rickey Blackstock of Providence, N.C., passed his Technician test at the VE testing session on March 29th, 2014.

