



Rockingham County
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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President's Corner

Hi to all members of the Rockingham Amateur Radio Club,

Well, this is September and I don't know what has happened to this year. August ended on a very sad note with the passing of Mike Lewis, KD4CSJ. He will be missed by myself and all that knew him.

As I look at the rest of the year, there are several events scheduled for the last 4 months of this year. Starting this month on Saturday the 13th, 2014, we will have the quarterly social at the Sirloin House in Eden, NC. The social starts at 6 PM and is planned to run until 9 PM. All members, family and guests, are welcome. Last meeting, August 2014, the Nomination Committee was appointed and will be talking to members to volunteer to be a club officer next year. Remember this is your club and is only as good as your involvement in the club activities. November will be the month of the election of club officers for next year and December will be the last social for 2014 at the Sirloin House in Eden. I am looking forward to seeing all at the Sirloin on Saturday the 13th at 6PM.

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 usually meets the 3rd Tuesday night of the month at the Red Cross Building located between Reidsville and Eden on Highway 14 at 7:00PM. The September 2014 (quarterly) meeting will be held on the second Saturday, September the 13th, from 6pm to 9pm at the Sirloin House on Highway 14 in Eden.

Richmond KY Hamfest

The Central Kentucky Amateur Radio Society will be hosting a hamfest on the 13th of September, 2014, at Madison County Fairgrounds, 3237 Old Kentucky Route 52, Richmond, KY 40475. **Website:** <http://www.qsl.net/ckars/>. **Talk-In:** 145.370 (PL 192.8). **Public Contact:** Michael Rogers (KE4ISW) 144 Allen Douglas Drive Richmond, KY 40475. Phone: 859-575-2199. **Email:** edeckt@roadrunner.com

W4DXCC Convention (SEDCO)

There will be an ARRL Convention on September 26th and 27th, 2014 at MainStay Suites located on 410 Pine Mountain Road, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. **Website:** <http://www.W4DXCC.com>. **Sponsor:** SouthEastern DX and Contesting Organization. **Public Contact:** Layfield Lamb (W4NL) 3134 Allen Drive Maryville, TN 37803. Phone: 865-898-2279. **Email:** w4nl@roslynn.net

BREAKFASTS

HENRY POLLOCK MEMORIAL BREAKFAST
TUESDAY - 7:00am, The Farmer's Table, Reidsville
THURSDAY - 7:00am, Sanitary Cafe, Reidsville

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 27th of September, 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.

**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 lsb

Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club
Unofficial Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2014

The Rockingham Amateur Radio Club held its August meeting on August the 19th, 2014 at the Red Cross Building on Highway 14 between Eden and Reidsville. There were 17 persons present.

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

Minutes were read by Michael Mosser (KF4LIK) in the absence of Secretary Tom Cox (KB5SYK) and accepted. Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer George Brewer (WA4LTY) and accepted.

Committee Reports

Technical – The .345 site was mowed.

ARES/Skywarn – Simplex frequency was tested in different locations on the 2nd of August and most worked well. Belews Lake International Triathlon is on September 13th. Run with the Cows event is on September 21st.

Swapfest – New locations for the swapfest was discussed.

Historian – None.

Inventory/Equipment – Reviewed/edited by members.

Field Day – None.

Old Business – Jamey gave reports on Peggy, Mike, and Russ.

New Business – Nomination Committee of Paul Patterson (N4CE), George Brewer (WA4LTY) and Bill Schwiegeraht (N8KSG) was formed. A survey was given on how funds should be spent on a repeater system. Replacing the feed line at the .345 site is out of price range. Not-for-profit status was mentioned.

Program – “A Tale of Two Cable Entries” - (Two novel approaches to solve a similar problem) was presented by Bill Schwiegeraht (N8KSG) with contribution from Matt (WK4O).

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Mosser (KF4LIK)

Mowing the '345 Repeater Site

Here are some photos of the mowing crew that took care of the repeater site maintenance Saturday the 16th, August, 2014. Participating were Mike (WA3RFE), Tamera, Paul (N4CE), Bill (N8KSG), Trey (W4SH), Lamarr (WB4VVY), George (WA4LTY), Tim (WD4GX).

