



Rockingham County
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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President's Corner

The east coast has really seen the brunt of weather the last six months. None of us should let our guard down when it comes to being prepared for severe weather. Please make it a priority to monitor weather forecasts whenever possible. We should each have emergency power of some type to power our radios in case of severe storms or disasters. This includes having an inside portable vhf antenna and radio that will operate through our repeater.

On the lighter side, it sure is nice to be able to take in area hamfests and activities. April 13th will be the MS walk. Contact Mike - WA3RFE if you are interested.

Our own swapfest is only three months away. We will be at a new location this year so communicating the change and talking up the event is something we can all do to help out.

Finally, keep in mind that we will be having a monthly socials starting this month. The socials will be Saturday following the regular club meeting. Hope to see each of you Saturday the 23rd at Santana's in Eden.

73, Paul N4CE

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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> .



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 . 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 either of the following URLs to access your complete weather forecast on a mobile device:

HTTP enabled wireless devices: mobile.weather.gov

WAP enabled wireless devices: cell.weather.gov

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 February the 19th, 2013. Everyone is invited to join us. For more information on the Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club, please contact N4IV@rcarc.com

2013 Charlotte Hamfest

The Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society will be hosting the 2013 Charlotte Hamfest on March the 8th and the 9th, 2013, at the Cabarrus Arena & Event Center located at 4751 Highway 49, North Concord, N.C. 28025. Website: <http://www.charlottehamfest.org>. Talk-In: 146.655 (minus) No Tone
Public Contact: Mary Hunt , N4MH, 16007 Wynfield Creek Parkway, Huntersville, N.C. 28078.
Phone: 704-948-7373. Email: fleamarket@w4bfb.org

February 24 - 25th is the North Carolina QSO party. If you haven't been in one before, you're missing out on a lot of fun and contacts. I have obtained the 1 X 1 special event call N5C. I wanted N4C, but someone beat me to it. Anyway, I am trying to come up with a good or unique way of using the call for the QSO party. Anyone with suggestions or better yet would like to join me (all are welcome Techs - Extra), let me know.

More information on the QSO party can be found here: www.ncqsoparty.org

--Paul Patterson, N4CE

BREAKFASTS

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

THURSDAY - 7:00am, Sanitary Cafe, Reidsville

RCARC Social

The RCARC Social will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 6:00PM at Santana's Restaurant located at 436 E. Stadium Drive in Eden. This is located in the former Meadows Greens Country Club, across from Central Elementary School. Come out and enjoy our gathering. The menu consists of both American and Mexican foods.

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. For more info: <http://rcarc.com/vesched.html> (including the fee).

The next VEC testing will be on March 30, 2013.

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.

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

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Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2013

The Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club held its monthly meeting on January 15, 2013 at the Red Cross building on Highway 14. There were 21 people in attendance. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Paul Patterson (N4CE) followed by introductions. Minutes were read by President Paul Patterson (N4CE) and accepted. Treasurer's report was read by George Brewer (WN4LTY).

Committee Reports

Technical - The 146.85 repeater was moved to the Ruffin site by Paul and Furman and temporarily was installed and was found to still has problems.

ARES/Skywarn - N/A

Publicity -N/A

Swapfest - Will be held on May 11, 2013 8:00 AM to 12 Noon at 2020 S Park Drive, Reidsville also a club table was reserved at Richmond to promote our Swapfest and will also do the same at Charlotte and Raleigh.

Historian -N/A

Inventory/Equipment - The 85 repeater system was moved to the Ruffin location and a agreement was made with owner of the site (Bobby Wharton) and documented and filed with the Club Secretary.

Old Business

Audit Committee Report not available. Budget Committee not available

New Business

MS Walk has ask for communications. North Carolina QSO Party February 24, 2013 and Paul N4CE has secured a special event call for the event. Need to investigate time out timer on the 345 repeater. Club Socials was discussed and will be held on the Saturday after the Monthly Club meeting at Santana's starting in February and that the breakfast for that date be canceled for lack of participation. Motion was made and approved that Dal Williams pay the Web hosting fee and the club will wave club dues.

Program

"Tower Disasters and Safety" presented by Tim Walker (WD4GXD)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 PM

Summited By:

Tom Cox (KB5SYK)

Secretary, RCARC