



Rockingham County  
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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## President's Corner

March is already here and I'm sure ready for some warmer weather. Perhaps you're like me and look forward to some time working outside. With spring time, it is probably a good idea to be checking out your antenna system to see if ropes, wires, etc are all in good shape for another year.

Then of course become more radio active. 2013 is slated to be the peak of this sun spot cycle. Conditions should begin to decrease in the following years, so take advantage of those sun spots while you can!

Look forward to seeing the members at our March club meeting. As I'm sure you are aware, the 147.345 repeater has also encountered issues. More on that at the club meeting.

73

Paul Patterson 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://nws.noaa.gov/nwr/indexnw.htm) . Complete information is at NOAA's website: [weather.gov/nwr](http://weather.gov/nwr) or [nws.noaa.gov/nwr](http://nws.noaa.gov/nwr) . For current weather forecasts on the inter-net, go to NOAA's National Weather Service website: [weather.gov](http://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](http://mobile.weather.gov)

**WAP** enabled wireless devices: [cell.weather.gov](http://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 March the 19th, 2013. Everyone is invited to join us. For more information on the Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club, please contact [N4IV@rcarc.com](mailto:N4IV@rcarc.com)

### **RARSFest**

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society will be hosting the 41st Annual RARSFest on Saturday, March the 30, 2013, starting at 8AM to 3:30 PM, located at the Jim Graham Building – N.C. State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh N.C. 27607 (Latitude: 35.7936 Longitude: -78.71175). Talk-in will be on 146.64 Mhz RARS repeater. Backup is 146.88 Mhz WB4TQD repeater. Note: The backup repeater will **not** be monitored unless needed. For information, go to the link: <http://www.rars.org/hamfest/>

### **Rockingham County Swapfest**

The ninth annual Rockingham County Swapfest will be sponsored by Rockingham County A.R.C. on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon at the Reidsville Christian Church (parking lot and shelter) 2020 S. Park Drive, Reidsville, N.C. 27320, off of Freeway Drive near Reidsville High School. For more information, please see the website link: <http://rcarc.com/SF2013.html> .

## **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, March 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

# Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club

## Meeting Minutes

### February 19, 2013

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The Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club held its monthly meeting on February 19, 2013 at the Red Cross building on Highway 14. There were 19 people in attendance. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Paul Patterson (N4CE) followed by introductions. Minutes were read by Secretary Tom Cox (KB5SYK) and accepted. Treasurer's report was read by George Brewer (WN4LTY).

#### **Committee Reports**

**Technical** - The 146.85 repeater was moved to the Furman's for further repairs and testing, adjusted power down to 30 watts and then it quit working. Radios were replaced and testing will continue with the general consensus that any additional costs are not viable.

**ARES/Skywarn** - Need to jump start ARES program need more people certified. Any ideas to help create interest in ARES contact Dal Williams (W4YQY) The Skywarn class is now available online.

**Publicity** -N/A

**Swapfest** - Will be held on May 11, 2013 8:00 AM to 12 Noon at 2020 S Park Drive, Reidsville Ad for the swapfest maybe in the SERA Journal and will need to get one to QST. Table was reserved for Charlotte to promote our Swapfest and will also do the same at Raleigh.

**Historian** -N/A

**Inventory/Equipment** - N/A

#### **Old Business**

Budget Committee report was presented to the club and read by President Paul Patterson (N4CE). Audit Committee Report partially submitted by Tim Walker (WD4GXD) and was found to be in agreement though August 31, 2012. The last four months were not available. MS Walk will be held on April 10 2013 and Mike (WA3FRE) is collecting names of volunteers, anyone wanting to volunteer please contact Mike. February 24th 10 AM - 8 PM is the NC QSO Party and has been expanded for Technicians. There is no time out timer on the 345 repeater and it cannot be shut down if someone is talking on the repeater.

#### **New Business**

George (WN4LTY) has SERA Repeater Journal Subscriptions to be given away by drawing and the winners are Bob King (K4RPK) and Ambra Janney (KJ4YOC). Social will be at Santana's February 23 at 6 PM. New members joining are Matt Weatherford (KK4NTM) and Bill Schwiegeraht (N8KSG) welcome aboard. Fliers are here and available for Charlotte and Raleigh Hamfests

#### **Program**

"Remote Radio Operation via remoterig.com" presented by Paul Patterson (N4CE)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 PM

Submitted By:

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Secretary, RCARC