



Rockingham County
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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President's Corner

It is with deep sadness to report the passing of a good friend and avid supporter of the RCARC, Henry Pollock – K4UUM. Henry passed away early Thursday morning, May 2, 2013. Please keep the Pollock family in your thoughts and prayers. I know I speak for all of us that we'll sure miss his gentle and caring nature..... 73's Henry.

The RCARC swapfest is right around the corner. George and Lamarr have done a great job in preparing for the hamfest. Please give them your support and be available to help them out on Saturday, May 11th at Reidsville Christian Church!

Field day will be June 22nd - 23rd. It will be held again this year at the American Red Cross on Hwy 14. The club will again be operating as a class "F" category. I had mentioned at the last club meeting and on the Monday night net to let me know if preferred the Red Cross or Reidsville Lake. I had slightly more response in favor of the Red Cross (mostly due to the air conditioning). I approached the Red Cross and Robby said they would mark us down for that weekend and they were excited that we were wanting to return. Please mark that weekend on your calendar. We don't have a FD coordinator so I'm hoping that those that brought equipment, radios, antennas, PC, coax, etc. will do so again this year.

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 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 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 May the 21st, 2013. For more information on the Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club, please contact N4IV@rcarc.com

Freigate 2013

The RFMD Amateur Radio Club will be hosting a free tailgate swapfest on Saturday, May 18, 2013, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM at the RFMD Headquarters (back parking lot only) located at 7628 Thorndike Road, Greensboro, N.C. 27409. Talk-in is 145.250 MHz, PL 88.5Hz. Email contact is info@kd4rf.org. Check kd4rf.org for updates.

DurHAMfest

The Durham FM Association will be sponsoring a hamfest on May the 25th, 2013, at the Little River Community Complex located at 8307 North Roxboro Road, Bahama, N.C. 27503. The website is <http://dfma.org>. Talk-in is 147.225. The public contact is Paul Van Doren, KE4OXN, 5309 Falkirk Drive, Durham, N.C. 27712. Phone: 919-309-2457. E-mail: elivand@aol.com

Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest

The Forsyth Amateur Radio Club will be sponsoring a hamfest on June the 6th, 2013, at Summit School, located at 2100 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. The website is <http://w4nc.com>. Talk-in is 146.64 (PL 100). Public contact is Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, 8812 Merry Hill Court Lewisville, N.C. 27023, Phone: 336-464-5402. E-mail: hgheidtmann@gmail.com

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, May the 25th at 6:00 PM 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.

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 May 25, 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

The Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club held its monthly meeting on April 16, 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 Secretary Tom Cox (KB5SYK) and was accepted. Treasurer's report was read by George Brewer (WN4LTY).

Committee Reports

Technical - The 147.345 repeater had a bad connector and was repaired also a few other coax jumpers and couplers were replaced, the fans and grounds were also installed and the repeater is back operating better than it has in a long time thanks go out to Tim and Paul for their efforts. We have been given the ok to use the antenna system at the old 911 center. Still waiting on further information on the repeater there and building coordination.

ARES/Skywarn - Thanks to everyone that participated in the MS Walk everything went well. Blues Lake Triathlon reported that everything went well there with 300 participants. May 4th is the Gears and Cheers and will need volunteers for that event contact Mike (WA3RFE). A search and rescue exercise event on May 17 through May 18, participants must be FEMA Certified and will be communications only.

Publicity - Advertisement write up was placed in the Reidsville Review and the News and Record newspaper for the Swapfest.

Swapfest - Will be held on May 11, 2013 8:00 AM to 12 Noon at 2020 S Park Drive, Reidsville

Historian - N/A

Inventory/Equipment - N/A

Old Business

N/A

New Business

Field Day will be June 22 & 23 we will have a Field Day committee instead of chairman Site to be determined (Red Cross or Lake). Social will be at Santana's on Saturday the 20th at 6:00 PM.

Program

"Imaging Radar" presented by Tim Walker (WD4GXD)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Submitted By:

Tom Cox (KB5SYK)

Secretary, RCARC

Belews Creek Triathlon 2013

Here are photos from the triathlon on Saturday, April 13th at Belews Lake.. There were about 300 cyclists/swimmers/runners participating in the event, no medical emergencies reported along the 27 mile bike route, several requests for mechanical assistance or bike transport were passed via the ham radio communications team. In the first photo, Mike (KD4GZW) and Grant (N8ICS--net control operator) in the communications trailer. The second photo, Grant (N8ICS) and Mike (KD4GZW) are at the net control station. And the third photo, Mike, Grant and Tim (WD4GXD) are outside of the mobile emergency communications trailer.

Thanks to Tim, WD4GSD, for the photos and descriptions.



Gears and Cheers 2013



Three Pretty Ladies



Dan, W4BIK



Grant, N8ICS



*Jim Chrismon & Grant,
N8ICS*



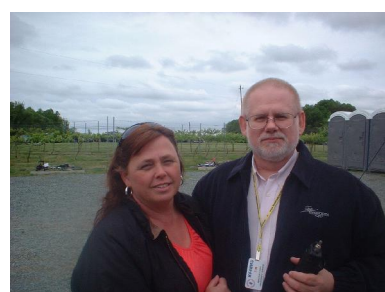
Jim, N4ZZC



Mike, WA3RFE



Sour Pus Peggy, KJ4ANA



Tim & XYL, KF4HHG