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Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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President's Corner

Hopefully everyone made it through all the rain and storms we've had going through, ok. I know that I picked the wrong day to fertilize my lawn, hi hi.

Before your summer calendar fills up, please mark the dates of June 22-23rd. If you hadn't heard this is the 2013 field day dates and the RCARC plans to be in full swing for it. We will be at the American Red Cross (where we have our club meetings), and setup will begin around 7:30am in hopes of beating most of the heat. Don't forget that we combine our summer social to coincide with this event. The club will again be cooking up hot dogs on the grill for club members and their family. Members are asked to bring a covered dish, desert or drinks.

Field day is a great opportunity for new hams to experience how quickly our club can set up portable stations and get on the air. It is also a great way to get on the air and make some contacts, regardless of your license class. We expect to have a phone, CW and digital station as well as vhf. Come out and join in the fun.

There are also still a number of hamfests to attend. A great way to socialize with other hams and pick up that item you were needing.

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 the 18th of June, 2013. For more information on the Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club, please contact N4IV@rcarc.com

Black Diamond ARC 2013 Fest

On the 15th of June, 2013, the Black Diamond Amateur Radio Club will host an ARRL Hamfest at the Raleigh County Commission on Aging located at 1614 South Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV 25801. The website is <http://www.qsl.net/bdarc/>. Talk-In: 145.370- (PL 100). Public Contact: John Hymes, W8HY, PO Box 607 Beaver, WV 25813. Phone: 304-252-4679. E-mail: jdhymes@suddenlink.net

Firecracker Hamfest

The Rowan Amateur Radio Society will be sponsoring an ARRL Hamfest (Firecracker Hamfest) on Saturday the 6th of July, 2013 at the Salisbury Civic Center located at 315 South Martin Luther King Avenue, Salisbury, N.C. 28144. GPS Coordinates: 35.39.592 N and 80.27.969 W. The website is <http://rowanars.org>. Talk-in: 144.810/145.410 (PL 136.5). Public Contact: Ralph Brown, WB4AQQ, 1621 Emerald Street Salisbury, NC 28144. Phone: 704-636-5902. Email: rkbrown5902@bellsouth.net

Mid-Summer Swapfest

On Saturday the 20th of July, 2013, the Cary ARC will be sponsoring an ARRL Hamfest (Mid-Summer Swapfest) in the Town of Cary, Harold Ritter Park, Located at 301 West Lochmere Drive, Cary, NC 27511. The website is <http://www.qsl.net/n4nc>. Talk-In: 146.88 -0.6 (no PL tone). Public Contact: Herb Lacey, W3HL, 1022 Medlin Drive Cary, NC 27511. Phone: 919-467-9608. E-mail: infoman@bellsouth.net

North Carolina Section Convention (Shelby Hamfest)

The Shelby Amateur Radio Club will sponsor the an ARRL Hamfest (Shelby Hamfest) on August the 31st and September the 1st at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds located at 1751 East Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28150. Website: <http://www.shelbyhamfest.org>. Talk-In: 146.880 - . Public Contact: Todd Vickery, WA4TV, 906 Manor Drive Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Phone: 980-295-5151. Email: wa4tv@arrl.net

BREAKFASTS

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

THURSDAY - 7:00am, Sanitary Cafe, Reidsville

RCARC Social

On the 22nd and 23rd of June the RCARC will be having the 2013 Field Day combined with the social at the American Red Cross on N.C. Highway 14. Set-up starts at 7:30am, Saturday.

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 the 27th of July, 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

May 21, 2013

The Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club held its monthly meeting on May 21, 2013 at the Red Cross building on Highway 14. There were 16 people in attendance. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 - Still waiting on further information on the repeater there and building coordination.

ARES/Skywarn - The Search and Rescue Exercise report was given by Tim Walker several agencies were involved and appeared to be a success. A outside firm setup the exercise and Grant Brown showed communications capabilities and several were impressed with the demonstration but ARES but was not used in this exercise. Thanks to everyone that participated.

Publicity - Field Day advertisement will need to be submitted.

Swapfest - Swapfest was a success and the location worked out great. A motion was made and passed to donate \$150 to the church for the use of their facilities. A new Swapfest Committee will need to be found for next year. George and Lamarr has done a great job the last 4 years and will be there to help whoever takes over.

Historian -N/A

Inventory/Equipment - N/A

Old Business

Field Day will be June 22 & 23 and there will be a Field Day committee instead of chairman. The site will be at the Red Cross and will operate the same as last year. If you have any questions see Paul. The \$500 Repeater Challenge was met, Thanks to Russ, Dal and all the members who participated with their donations to meet the Challenge.

New Business

Social will be at Santana's on Saturday the 25th at 6:00 PM.

Program

"Antenna Tuners" presented by Tim Walker (WD4GXD)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Submitted By:

Tom Cox (KB5SYK)

Secretary, RCARC