



Rockingham County
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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President's Corner

CQ RCARC! Well another summer has passed and kids are back in school. Now is the time with the cooler weather to inspect and repair antennas to get them ready for the winter season. It is much easier to replace a worn support rope now then when it snaps and it is 20 degrees.

If you are not aware the ARES net meets each Monday at 9:15pm, after the RCARC club net. Remember you do NOT have to be a member of ARES or have your FEMA certification to check into the net or even participate in many of the activities. Speaking of activities, Mike, WA3RFE is really needing someone to help volunteer for the Sept 14th half-triathlon. In addition, ARES has been asked to participate in numerous upcoming community events. This would be a great way to get your feet wet in ARES and present amateur radio to the public.

September means it is time to form a nominating committee for next years officers. Please consider being on the nominating committee or serving as an officer. More in the newsletter about this.

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 17th of September, 2013. For more information on the Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club please contact N4IV@rcarc.com

RCARC Elections

We need your help (as a member of the nominating committee) for RCARC officers 2014.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

If needed officers leaving their 2013 term will be asked to assist.

All members that are interested, (or willing) to serve in a position as a club officer, are asked to make it known to the nominating committee, or Paul N4CE.

Known open positions at this time for 2014:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Board Member

Roanoke Division Convention (Virginia Beach Hamfest)

On September the 14th, 2013, an ARRL Convention will be sponsored by the Tidewater Radio Conventions at the Virginia Beach Convention Center located at 1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23450. Website: <http://vbhamfest.com>. Talk-In: 146.970. Public Contact: Carl Clements, (W4CAC) 4500 Wake Forest Road Portsmouth, VA 23703. Phone: 757-235-4813. E-mail: w4cac@arrl.org

SEDCO/W4DXCC IX Convention

An ARRL Convention sponsored by Southeastern DX & Contesting Organization, Inc. will be held on September the 27th & 28th, 2013 at the MainStay Suites located at 410 Pine Mountain Road, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. Website: <http://W4DXCC.com>. Public Contact: Dave Anderson, (K4SV) 1271 Red Fox Road Tryon, NC 28782. Phone: 828-777-5088. E-mail: DaveK4SV@yahoo.com

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

The next VEC testing will be on the 28th of September, 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
August 20, 2013

The Rockingham Amateur Radio Club held its August meeting on August 20, 2013 at the Red Cross Building on Highway 14 between Eden and Reidsville. There were 23 persons present.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Paul Patterson (N4CE) followed by introductions.

Minutes were read by President Paul Patterson (N4CE) and accepted.

Treasurer's report given by Treasurer George Brewer and accepted.

Committee Reports

Technical - Paul reported that he had spoken to the school system about the use of the antenna and they are not sure at this point whether or not they can give permission for us to use it.

ARES/Skywarn - Weekly nets are occurring on Monday nights at 9:15pm after regular club net.

Publicity N/A

Swapfest - At this point last year's location cannot make a commitment as to the availability of the location as their church's Mothers Day event is still undecided.

Historian -N/A

Inventory/Equipment - Undated

Old Business

Triathlon is scheduled for September 14th. Contact Mike Mansfield if you would like to help with communications.

New Business

There has been a decline in attendance at the monthly socials. We will have the August social at the Red River Grill as scheduled, following that the club voted to return to a quarterly schedule.

Nominating Committee to recruit candidates for the 2014 club officers will be formed at the September meeting.

Ride to Rock in October has been canceled due to lack of biker participation.

Program

"Time Domain Reflectometry" presented by Tim Walker (WD4GXD).

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted

Berry Miley, WB4III

Acting Secretary

Via

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Secretary, RCARC

These are the two hams that took tests at the July 27th VE session. N8ICS Grant upgraded to General and Lewis KK4SVI passed both his Technician and General on Saturday. Thanks to Trey (W4SH) for the photos.

