



Rockingham County
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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President's Corner

It won't be long and the holiday season will be upon us again. But before then, please note that the VE's last test session for 2013 will be November 30th, 2013. Upgrading would make a great Christmas gift to yourself.

I've been notified that the 2014 nominating committee has completed their task and are ready to present the list of candidates for office. Be sure to thank Berry, Ambra and Matt for their effort!

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 15th of October, 2013. For more information on the Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club please contact N4IV@rcarc.com

Winston-Salem Fall Swapfest

On Saturday, October the 12th, 2013, the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club will be sponsoring an ARRL Hamfest at the Summit School Dining Hall located at 2100 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. Website: http://www.w4nc.com/ws_swapfest_2013.htm. **Sponsor:** Forsyth Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 146.64 (PL 100) & Alt 145.47 (PL 107.2). **Public Contact:** Henry Heidtmann , W2DZO, 8812 Merry Hill Court Lewisville, NC 27023. Phone: 336-245-5740. **Email:** hamfest@w4nc.com

JARSFest 2013

On Sunday the 17th of November, 2013, the Johnston Amateur Radio Society will be sponsoring an ARRL Hamfest at the Benson American Legion Building, 605 North Wall Street, Benson, NC 27504. Website: <http://www.jars.net> **Talk-In:** 147.270+. **Public Contact:** Michael Callam , KD4UJC, 1916B Stricklands Crossroads Road Four Oaks, NC 27524. Phone: 919-934-9623. **Email:** jarsmember@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 30th of November, 2013.

New Hams

Congratulations to these two hams that took tests on September 28, 2013. The callsign for George is KK4UFE and Shaun's is KK4UFF.



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
September 17, 2013

The Rockingham Amateur Radio Club held its August meeting on September 17, 2013 at the Red Cross Building on Highway 14 between Eden and Reidsville. There were 16 persons present. Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Paul Patterson (N4CE) followed by introductions. Minutes were read by Secretary Tom Cox (KB5SYK) and accepted. Treasurer's report given by Treasurer George Brewer and accepted.

Committee Reports

Technical - Paul ask if there was any report on trouble with the 147.345 repeater several report a lot of static and some noise has been heard. Tim Walker stated that he would stop in and do some checking.

ARES/Skywarn -N/A

Publicity N/A

Swapfest - Jamie Nixon (N4RVJ) reported that last year's location will be available for the 2014 Swapfest.

Historian -N/A

Inventory/Equipment - Undated list was passed around for any updates.

Old Business

Triathlon scheduled for September 14th report given by Tim Walker No deficiencies reported, not a lot of coordination or communications between the different groups.

New Business

A few events are coming up and volunteers are needed. Ride the Rock was cancelled. Nominating Committee to recruit candidates for the 2014 club officers was formed Ambra Janney(KJ4YOC), Berry Miley (WB4III) and Matt Weatherford (WK4O) volunteered.

Program

"Building Amateur Projects" presented by Furman Lanier (WD4MKU).

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Cox (KB5SYK)
Secretary, RCARC