



Rockingham County
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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President's Corner

This is my last President's message as my term ends in December. I've enjoyed the honor of serving as your club President for the past two years. I leave knowing that you will extend the same support for our new 2014 President, Furman WD4MKU. Please check the club minutes at the end of the newsletter for a full list of the new officers.

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday. If you are like me, I could have ate a little less. Hardly seems worth trying to lose what I put on because Christmas is right around the corner. Speaking of Christmas, the RCARC Christmas social will be at the Sirloin House in Eden on December 21st at 7pm. Come join in the Christmas cheer!

I'll close by wishing each of you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

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> .

Rockingham County AUXCOMM/ARES website: <http://www.rc-aa.org/>



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

RCARC Social

The RCARC Christmas social will be at the Sirloin House in Eden on December 21st at 7pm. The Sirloin House is located at 207 S. Van Buren Rd, Eden, NC 27288.

BREAKFASTS

HENRY POLLOCK MEMORIAL BREAKFAST
TUESDAY - 7:00am, The Farmer's Table, Reidsville
THURSDAY - 7:00am, Sanitary Cafe, Reidsville

Winston-Salem Winter First-Fest

The Forsyth Amateur Radio Club will be hosting an ARRL Hamfest on January the 11th, 2014, 7AM to 11AM. It will be located at the Summit School Dining Hall, 2100 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, NC. The website is <http://www.w4nc.com/events.htm>. Talk-in is 146.64 or 145.47. Public Contact is Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, 8812 Merry Hill Court, Lewisville, NC 27023. Phone: 336-245-5740. Email: hamfest@w4nc.com

North Carolina Section Convention (2014 Charlotte Hamfest)

The Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society will be sponsoring an ARRL Convention on Friday, March 7th, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM and on Saturday, March 8th, 8:30 PM - 4:30 PM. This will be located at the Cabarrus Arena & Events Center, 4751 Highway 49 North Concord, NC 28025. Website: <http://www.charlottehamfest.org>. Talk-in: 146.655(-) No PL tone; Back-up 146.940(-) (PL 118.8) Public Contact: Andrew Hawkins, K4GKK, 1421 Carolyn Drive, Charlotte, NC 28205. Phone: 704-537-7891. Email: andyk4gkk@gmail.com

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 25th of January, 2014.

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
November 19, 2013

The Rockingham Amateur Radio Club held its November meeting on November 19, 2013 at the Red Cross Building on Highway 14 between Eden and Reidsville. There were 22 persons present. Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Paul Patterson (N4CE) followed by introductions. Minutes were by Secretary Tom Cox (KB5SYK) and accepted. Treasurer's report given by Treasurer George Brewer (WN4LTY) and accepted.

Committee Reports

Technical - Tim and Furman went to the .345 site on Oct. 28th to look at the noise problem and they took measurements; found a problem at about 597 feet area in the feed line and have established a trace record for future comparisons. Concluded there was a problem in the equipment replace a couple of the cables and tapped on the tuning slugs on the duplexers and that was about all that was done, it has been working fine for the last 3 weeks. Mowing has not been done at the .345 site and needs to be done in the next couple weeks. Paul talked to Johnny Boles on the 911 site and he said it was a no go and they will be going back to radios, the cell phones are not working.

ARES/Skywarn -N/A.

Publicity N/A

Swapfest - Matt said we are ARRL Sanctioned and they will send certificates and other materials in time for the Swap Fest. Also an ad will be in the February SERA Repeater Journal

Historian -N/A

Inventory/Equipment - N/A

Old Business

Social cancelled for the 23rd November. It was discussed and was agreed to have a Christmas Social and will be at 7:00pm of the 21st of December at the Sirloin House.

New Business

VE Testing at the end of the Month and there will be no more testing during the week or before meetings. **Budget** and **Audit** Committee's needs to formed: Volunteers for **Audit** - Paul and Bill.

Budget - Margie and ??

Elections of Officers: There were no further nominations from the floor. **Election Results : President** - Furman Lanier WD4MKU **Vice-President:** Matt Weatherford WK4O. **Treasurer:** George Brewer WN4LTY. **Secretary:** Tom Cox KB5SYK. **Board of Directors:** Mike Mosser KF4LIK.

Program

“Emergency Antenna's” presented by Tim Walker (WD4GXD) & Furman Lanier (WD4MKU).

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Cox (KB5SYK)
Secretary, RCARC