



*Rockingham County  
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.*



**N4IV**

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## **President's Corner**

Happy New Year

This is my first "Message From The President" so bear with me. I hope this year brings new members, new opportunities, and fun for the club. If you have any suggestions that will make the club a better one feel free to bring them up. The club is starting out the New Year with a new club Web Site, [www.n4iv.org](http://www.n4iv.org), which is up and running. This was necessary as the old web site was being discontinued. Thanks should go out to Matt WK40, Michael KF4LIK, and Paul N4CE, for their work on this project. An active web site, I feel, will keep all members that miss a club meeting up to date on our activities and planned activities. More information will be available at the club meeting and remember that this is a work in progress and suggestions will be welcomed. Also, we will have a new mailing address for all club correspondence. This will allow a smoother transfer of club officers in the future as well as having a consistent mailing address for all club correspondence. Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club P.O. Box 2264, Reidsville, NC 27323. Also, a reminder that 2014 membership dues are due and a new application sheet filled out. There should be some blank sheets at the club meeting for those that need them.

73

Furman

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](http://weather.gov/nwr) or [nws.noaa.gov/nwr](http://nws.noaa.gov/nwr) For current weather forecasts on the inter-net, go to NOAA's National Weather Service website: [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) . You can use either of the following URLs to access your complete weather forecast on a mobile device: [mobile.weather.gov](http://mobile.weather.gov) or [cell.weather.gov](http://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 21st of January, 2014.

### BREAKFASTS

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

### Virginia State Convention (Frostfest)

The Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society will be sponsoring an ARRL Convention (Frostfest) which will be on Saturday, February 1, 2014, from 8:30AM-3:30PM at the Richmond Raceway Complex located at 600 East Laburnum Avenue, Richmond, VA 23218. **Website:** <http://www.frostfest.com> . **Talk-In:** 146.88 (PL 74.4) **Public Contact:** Mike Hackett, AC5PT, PO Box 14828 Richmond, VA 23221. Phone: 804-657-7038. **Email:** [info@frostfest.com](mailto:info@frostfest.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](mailto:andyk4gkk@gmail.com)

### Roanoke Division Convention (Raleigh Hamfest)

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society will be sponsoring an ARRL convention (42nd Annual RARS Fest) from 8 AM to 3:30 PM on April the 19th, 2014. And, it will be located at N.C. State Fairgrounds, Jim Graham Building, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27601. Website: <http://www.rars.org/hamfest>. Talk-In: 146.04/146.64 (no PL tone). Public Contact: Chuck Littlewood , K4HF, 2005 Quail Ridge Road Raleigh, NC 27609. Phone: 919-872-6555. Email: [k4hf@arrl.net](mailto:k4hf@arrl.net)

### 10th Annual Rockingham County Swapfest

We, the Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club, will be hosting the 10th Annual Rockingham County Swapfest on May the 10th, 2014, between 8 A.M. and 12 Noon at the Reidsville Christian Church located at 2020 South Park Drive, Reidsville, NC 27320. Talk-In: 147.345 (PL 103.5) N4IV Repeater. Website: [www.n4iv.org](http://www.n4iv.org) .

### 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. 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.

**Thursday 8:30PM      Rockingham Co. AUXCOMM/ARES Net  
147.345 MHz 103.5**

Bored with just checking into a net? Join us! Actual Training Every Net.

## 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  
December 17th, 2013**

The Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club held its December meeting on December 17th, 2013 at the Red Cross Building on Highway 14. Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Paul Patterson N4CE followed by introductions.

MINUTES of the November meeting were read by Paul and accepted. Paul notified the club that Secretary Tom Cox (KB5SYK) had surgery the prior day and would be unable to attend. TREASURER'S report given by Paul and accepted. George Brewer (wn4lty) was unable to attend.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Technical** - Tim stated that repeater seems to be functioning normally. Tim and Furman have not had to return to the 147.345 site since last meeting.

**ARES/Skywarn**- No report

**Publicity** - Peggy had no report but Paul stated that club meeting announcements still being printed. A visitor to the club this evening learned of our club from the printed announcement. Peggy reminded members of the club social on Saturday at 7:00pm, Sirloin House in Eden.

**Swapfest** - Matt stated nothing new since last meeting. Paul asked if Matt or others would be setting up table's at upcoming hamfests to pass out fliers. Matt stated that was yet to be determined.

**Historian** - Nothing to report.

**Equipment** - Cam passed out updated list. Mentioned there were several updates that Dal had provided.

**Old Business:**

Budget committee. Paul mentioned that Margie Rouge (KI4PRU) was on the committee but needed an additional person to assist. Margie mentioned that George (WN4LTY) had provided a summary of transactions.

Mowing group: - Tim had mentioned at last meeting that the grass at the repeater site was quite tall. Club is responsible for mowing the site to pay our way for use of the building and place on the tower. Tim, Michael, Mike Mansfield, Bill and Paul will meet on Saturday morning around 10:00am to take care of this.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

-President Paul Patterson (N4CE) thanked the outgoing RCARC officers and welcomed in the 2014 officers.

-Paul mentioned that W1AW will be hosting a special event station starting January 2014. The call W100AW will be used on various events to celebrate the ARRL's 100th anniversary.

-FrostFest 2014 will be February 1 in Richmond, VA

-Dal stated that the club's hosting was up and he wouldn't be renewing the hosting. Dal stated he would not be handing the RCARC.com domain name over to the club. Paul stated that was not acceptable. Therefore the club will obtain a new domain name and hosting.

-Mike Lewis asked about the Wayne Blackwell's UHF repeater. Dal stated that Wayne told Dal to hold on to it.

**Program**

"Switch Mode Power Supplies" presented by Tim Walker (WD4GXD)

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

Submitted by Paul Patterson N4CE

Here are some photos at a recent breakfast.

