



Rockingham County  
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



N4IV

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## President's Corner

Well the new has started with some cold weather. After the last club meeting and the majority of the members still wanting to put the 146.85 repeater back on the air, I have approached the Red Cross about using the tower and antenna at their building. In the initial discussion, the proposal was well received. The plan is to test the antenna and coverage of the site as weather permits.

Congratulations goes out to Michael Mosser, KF4LIK, on his up coming nuptials this month.

Just a reminder that membership dues are due for 2014.

I hope that everyone can attend the February 18<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

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 18th of February, 2014.

### BREAKFASTS

HENRY POLLOCK MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

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

THURSDAY - 7:00am, Sanitary Cafe, Reidsville

### 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)

### Rockingham MS Walk

The Rockingham MS Walk will be on Saturday, April the 12th, 2014. We have been asked to help again this year. Please let Mike (WA3RFE) know if you can help.

### 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. The flier is available on the 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 29th of March, 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  
January 21st, 2014**

The Rockingham Amateur Radio Club held its January meeting on January 21, 2014 at the Red Cross Building on Highway 14 between Eden and Reidsville. There were 15 persons present. Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Furman Lanier (WD4MKU) followed by introductions.

Minutes were by Secretary Tom Cox (KB5SYK) and accepted. Treasurer's report given by Furman Lanier (WD4MKU) in the absence of Treasurer George Brewer (WN4LTY) and accepted.

**Committee Reports**

**Technical** - Have not had any other problems at the .345 repeater site and it seems to working fine.

**ARES/Skywarn** -Nets are being held on Thursday nights at 8:30 PM on the .345 repeater. Also looking for volunteers to support the MS Walk and Blews Creek events. Please contact Mike (WA3RFE) if you can help.

**Publicity** N/A

**Swapfest** - Rumor has surfaced the minister of the church is no longer there and Matt will confirm if we are still scheduled.

**Historian** - Paul suggested that the old Newsletters be put on the Website.

**Inventory/Equipment** - N/A

**Old Business**

Matt has got the new website up and running N4IV.org. Post Office box has been purchased PO Box 2264. The new address will appear on the Website and the newsletter. Any questions or information that is needed or wanted about the website can email info@n4iv.org Mowing was done at the .345 site.

**New Business**

Reports from the Budget and Audit Committees were presented and discussed. Bill (N8KSG) will be checking on equipment insurance. Motion was made and accepted to create a paypal account linked to bank account to pay for website and other expenses that arise. New Technical committee was formed - Bill (N8KSG), Tim (WD4GXD) and Eddie (KJ4FWT). New Website Committee was formed - Matt (WK4O), Bill (N4KSG) and Michael (KF4LIK). If you have a idea for a program or would like to present a Program please contact Matt (WK4O). Charlotte Hamfest upcoming March 7 & 8, 2014.

**Program**

"HF Vertical Antenna's" presented by Bill Schwiegeraht (N8KSG).

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Cox (KB5SYK)

Secretary, RCARC

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The VE test team held their scheduled amateur radio test on Saturday, January 25th at 9:30am. One of the applicant's upgraded from tech to general. Congratulations to Shawn DiStefano, KK4UFF. Shawn is from Danville, VA.

73

Paul N4CE



*Shawn DiStefano, KK4UFF*