



Rockingham County
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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President's Corner

Hi all,

Boy this year is going by fast. This is June already and the end of the month is Field Day, June 28 & 29. I hope to see most of the club participating in this event. As I understand the program we will start putting up the antennas, setting up the radio gear about 8:00 am Saturday then be ready to go at 1400 local. Supper Saturday is planned to be grilled hot dogs, by Paul N4CE, and covered dishes/desserts provided by members. Sunday morning Lamarr, WB4VVY, is cooking breakfast.

An update on the 146.850 MHz repeater: The amplifier went out so we are running on the transmitter by its self. I have another amplifier that has been loaned to us to try and if it works the club has the option to buy. It is a 100 watt amp, that we be running at approximately 60 watts as this is not designed to be 100 watts at a 100% duty cycle. I hope have it in by 6/14/14.

C U at the 6/17/14 club meeting to finalize Field Day plans.

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 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 the following URLs to access your weather forecast on a mobile device: mobile.weather.gov or cell.weather.gov .

Dial-A-Forecast is 919-515-8209, option 2 for Greensboro, Winston, Salem, and High Point.

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 Highway 14 at 7:00PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17th, 2014. The September (quarterly) meeting will be held on the second Saturday, September the 13th from 6pm to 9pm at the Sirlion House on Highway 14 in Eden.

BREAKFASTS

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

ARRL Field Day

Saturday - Sunday June 28-29 from 1800 UTC Saturday - 2059 UTC Sunday

29th Annual Firecracker Hamfest

The Rowan Amateur Radio Society will be hosting a hamfest on July 12th, 2014, at the Salisbury Civic Center located on 315 South Martin Luther King Avenue, Salisbury, NC 28144. **Website:** <http://www.rowanars.org>. **Talk-In:** 144.810/145.410 (PL 136.5). **Public Contact:** Ralph Brown, WB4AQK, 1621 Emerald Street Salisbury, NC 28144. Phone: 704-636-5902. **Email:** rkbrown5902@bellsouth.net

Mid-Summer Swapfest

On July the 19th, 2014, the Cary Amateur Radio Club will be hosting a hamfest at the Harold Ritter Park, located on 301 West Lochmere Drive, Cary, NC 27511. **Website:** <http://www.qsl.net/n4nc>
Talk-In: 146.88 -0.6 (no PL tone). **Public Contact:** Herb Lacey (W3HL) 1022 Medlin Drive Cary, NC 27511-4365. Phone: 919-467-9608. **Email:** infoman@bellsouth.net

WCARS Hamfest

On July the 26th, 2014, the Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society will be hosting a hamfest at Haywood County Fairgrounds, 758 Crabtree Road, Waynesville, NC 28785. **Website:** <http://wcars.org>
Talk-In: 146.91 - (PL 91.5) & 147.390 - (PL 94.8). **Public Contact:** Jeff Weller (KJ4TEI) 207 Emily Lane Leicester, NC 28748. Phone: 828-275-3297. **Email:** weller_j@bellsouth.net

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 26th of July, 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

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - Hamfest 2014

I hope others were able to make it out to the FARC hamfest in Winston - Salem this past Saturday, June 7th. It is held at one of the schools. The tailgaters are in the parking lot. Those needing electricity made use of the lunch room. It had been quite a few years since I'd made it to this hamfest but it was well ran and free coffee and food made it a great deal.

The usual vendors such as DBJ were on hand. There wasn't anything I needed but had a fun time looking over the "goodies". I've included some pictures of inside and the tailgate area.

Paul N4CE



The Rockingham Amateur Radio Club
Unofficial Meeting Minutes
May 20th, 2014

The Rockingham Amateur Radio Club held its meeting on May the 20th, 2014 at the Red Cross Building on Highway 14 between Eden and Reidsville. There were 18 persons present.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Furman Lanier (WD4MKU) followed by introductions.

Minutes were read by President Furman Lanier (WD4MKU) in the absence of Secretary Tom Cox (KB5SYK). Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer George Brewer (WA4LTY).

Committee Reports

Technical – Lock is no longer an issue at the 345 site. Amp on the 85 machine is removed and the repeater is only transmitting about 40 watts out.

ARES/Skywarn – Grant (N8ICS) had registration forms available at the meeting and mentioned training.

Publicity – None

Swapfest – Donation to church will be made.

Historian – None

Inventory/Equipment – 345 serial number verified by Furman.

Old Business - Bill has serial number(s) and will check on insurance. September (quarterly) meeting will be held on the second Saturday from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

New Business – Field Day was discussed and several stations will be set up at the Red Cross. Cook out/meal and finding ways of increasing points were also discussed.

Program – A three-part program about a multi-band antenna, the 345 repeater site, and a PL-259 installation was presented by Tim Walker (WD4GXD).

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Mosser (KF4LIK)