



Rockingham County
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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President's Corner

Hi All,

Well I am a little late getting this to Michael for the newsletter but family events have kept me busy since Field Day. I have not seen the final numbers from our Field Day Activities but I heard that we had just short of 400 contacts for all 3 modes on HF and 6 meters SSB and digital. We had several visitors and maybe we can get some of them to join the club. I enjoyed myself and I hope those who were able to attend did also. I am looking forward to the July club meeting and I hope to see all members present. I heard that the program will be of interest to all those with Technician Class license and informative to all others.

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 Sirloin 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

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

Roanoke Hamfest 2014

The Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club will be sponsoring a hamfest on August the 2nd, 2014. This will be at William Byrd High School located at 2902 East Washington Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179. **Website:** <http://www.W4CA.us>. **Talk-In:** 146.985 -600 (PL 107.2). **Public Contact:** Tom Wilcox (W4TKW) 3727 Willetta Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018. Phone: 540-772-0907. **Email:** optom1@cox.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

The Rockingham Amateur Radio Club
Unofficial Meeting Minutes
June 17th, 2014

The Rockingham Amateur Radio Club held its meeting on June the 17th, 2014 at the Red Cross Building on Highway 14 between Eden and Reidsville. There were persons present. Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Board member Paul Patterson (N4CE) followed by introductions. President Furman Lanier (WD4MKU), was unable to attend due a medical situation in his family.

Minutes were read by Paul, N4CE in the absence of Secretary Tom Cox (KB5SYK). Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer George Brewer (WA4LTY).

Committee Reports:

Technical - Tim Walker (WD4GXD) brought the club up to date with the recent attempt at adding a different amplifier to the 146.850 repeater. It seems that the amplifier was getting into the controller causing the repeater to remain keyed. Paul (N4CE) reminded the club that the 147.345 site needs mowing. Will attempt to get it mowed this coming weekend. Let Paul know if you can assist.

ARES/Skywarn - Grant (N8ICS) reminded members that you DO NOT have to be FEMA certified to belong to ARES. There are additional requirements for Auxcom. Grant would like any member who is interested in ARES/Auxcom to please complete your form and get it back to Grant.

Publicity - None. Peggy Brewer (KJ4ANA) announced that the September club meeting would be a social at the Sirloin House in Eden, Saturday, Sept. 13th from 6pm - 9pm. There would not be a regular Tuesday club meeting during September.

Swapfest - Matt, (WK4O), was unable to attend the meeting but Paul (N4CE) brought up that the church contacted Matt and stated if we wanted to use their location next year, that there would be no driving on the grass and the church would not provide restroom facilities either in side or port-a-john. The club needs to consider how to proceed for next year.

Historian - None

Inventory/Equipment - Cam updated the inventory sheet with serial numbers for the equipment at the 345 site.

Old Business - Bill (N8KSG), reported that insurance for our equipment is based on \$1.40 per \$100 dollars. It would be about \$175.00 to insure our high valued equipment. A motion was made for Bill to proceed with obtaining the club insurance. Motion carried.

Field Day - Paul (N4CE) reminded club members that 2014 was June 28 - 29th. Please meet at the Red Cross building at 8:00am to begin setting up. There will be the traditional hotdog supper at 6:00pm Saturday night. Club members are asked to bring a covered dish, sodas or desert. Family members are welcome! Paul will bring the CW station and Antenna. Grant said he could provide a digital station but needed an antenna. It was brought up there was a G5RV up on the tower to try. Furman was unsure if he would be able to attend. Mike (KD4CSJ) said he could bring his Icon 718 but also needed an antenna. Cam stated he had a R7 vertical that we could use. As before, please bring out what you brought last year for equipment and/or show up and help with setup and tear-down. We will be operating class 3F again.

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New Business - Jamey updated the club on Russ's condition. Russ is currently at Golden Living Center on Holden road in Greensboro. Jamey said Russ is making some progress and is scheduled for eye surgery.

Program - Tim Walker (WD4GXD), presented an updated program on Tower Catastrophies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Patterson (N4CE)

Photos from Repeater Site Mowing

Here are some photos of the crew that showed up 6/21/14 to tend to the 147.345 repeater site maintenance. Volunteers were:

Furman WD4MKU
George WA4LTY
Paul N4CE
Bill N8KSG
Tim WD4GXD

