



Rockingham County  
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



N4IV

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## President's Corner

Hi Gang,

Well the summer is moving faster than I want and my plans for a couple of camping trips got canceled. A couple of items that will be coming up at the next club meeting, Aug. 19, 2014, are: 1. Finding a site for next years swap fest site and 2. The purchase of a repeater for the club's 146.85 frequency. In my opinion, these are important items as they effect the club's finances in a big way. I hope to see most of the members at the meeting so we can have a meaningful discussion and put plans in motion.

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 the following URLs to access your weather forecast on a mobile device: [mobile.weather.gov](http://mobile.weather.gov) or [cell.weather.gov](http://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, August 19th, 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.

### 16th Annual CFARS Swapfest

On August the 23rd, 2014 the **Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society** will be hosting a hamfest at the Cumberland County Shrine Club located on 7040 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301. **Website:** <http://www.cfarsnc.org/>. **Talk-In:** 146.910 (PL 100). **Public Contact:** David Cowart (KR4OE) 637 East Raynor Drive Fayetteville, NC 28311. Phone: 910-624-1394. **Email:** [kr4oe@nc.rr.com](mailto:kr4oe@nc.rr.com).

### North Carolina State Convention (Shelby Hamfest)

On August the 30th and 31st, the Shelby Amateur Radio Club will be hosting an ARRL Convention at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds located at 1751 East Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28150. **Website:** <http://www.shelbyhamfest.org>. **Talk-In:** 146.880 - (no tone). **Public Contact:** Ben Melvin (KM4C) 902 Henry Street Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Phone: 980-295-5151. **Email:** [km4c@me.com](mailto:km4c@me.com)

### Richmond KY Hamfest

The Central Kentucky Amateur Radio Society will be hosting a hamfest on September the 13th, 2014, at Madison County Fairgrounds, 3237 Old Kentucky Route 52, Richmond, KY 40475. **Website:** <http://www.qsl.net/ckars/>. **Talk-In:** 145.370 (PL 192.8). **Public Contact:** Michael Rogers (KE4ISW) 144 Allen Douglas Drive Richmond, KY 40475. Phone: 859-575-2199. **Email:** [edeckt@roadrunner.com](mailto:edeckt@roadrunner.com)

### W4DXCC Convention (SEDCO)

There will be an ARRL Convention on September 26th and 27th at MainStay Suites located on 410 Pine Mountain Road, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. **Website:** <http://www.W4DXCC.com>. **Sponsor:** SouthEastern DX and Contesting Organization. **Public Contact:** Layfield Lamb (W4NL) 3134 Allen Drive Maryville, TN 37803. Phone: 865-898-2279. **Email:** [w4nl@roslynn.net](mailto:w4nl@roslynn.net)

## BREAKFASTS

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

## 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 27th September, 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**  
**Unofficial Meeting Minutes**  
**July 15, 2014**

The Rockingham Amateur Radio Club held its July meeting on July the 15th, 2014 at the Red Cross Building on Highway 14 between Eden and Reidsville. There were 11 persons present.

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

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

**Committee Reports**

**Technical** – Furman took the repeater home and it worked fine. Will return it to test further. The .345 site was mowed and wish to keep an eye on the lawn.

**ARES/Skywarn** – Simplex frequencies will be tested in different locations on the 2nd of August.

**Swapfest** – New locations for the swapfest was discussed.

**Historian** – None.

**Inventory/Equipment** – None.

**Field Day** – Red Cross location may have too much noise/RF interference. Field Day 2014 numbers were stated by Paul (N4CE). N4IV, 3F class total score 2162. Details: CW contact = 248, Digital = 10 Phone = 140, Scoring: 656 QSO points times 2 (power multiplier) = 1312 claimed score, 850 bonus points plus claimed score = 2162.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business** – Jamey informed that Mike Lewis (KD4CSJ) is in Anne Penn. He also updated the club about Russ (NC4CN) and Peggy (KJ4ANA).

**Program** – “Getting the Most from Your Technician License” presented by Paul (N4CE)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Mosser (KF4LIK)