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Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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## President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

I would like to thank Paul, N4CE, for bringing in the guest speaker for the October meeting. I know that I enjoyed his program on the NASA Apollo program and some the things that went on behind the cameras. Also, we had a nice program on the options with bringing in a digital/analog repeater and possibly generating new interest among the local ham community put on by Bill, N8KSG. There is also the November meeting and it is time for the elections of officers for 2015. This is an important function as it will allow the members to set the direction for the club for 2015. Please plan to attend and vote.

I hope to see everyone there on November 18th.

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 and Past Events

### RCARC Meeting

The RCARC usually meets the 3rd Tuesday night of the month at the Red Cross Building located between Reidsville and Eden on Highway 14 at 7:00PM. The next meeting will be held on November the 18th, at 7pm. The December 2014 (quarterly) meeting will be held on the second Saturday, December the 13th, from 6pm to 9pm at the Sirloin House on Highway 14 in Eden.

### JARSFEST 2014

On Sunday, November the 16th, 2014 the Johnston Amateur Radio Society will be hosting an ARRL Hamfest at the American Legion Complex located on 605 North Wall Street, Benson, NC 27504. **Website:** <http://jars.net> **Talk-In:** 147.270+/146.970- **Public Contact:** Michael Callam (KD4UJC) 1916B Stricklands Crossroads Road Four Oaks, NC 27524. Phone: 919-934-9623. **Email:** [jarsmember@yahoo.com](mailto:jarsmember@yahoo.com)

### 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 29th of November, 2014.

### Past Events

Here are some photos from ARES demo I setup at the BSA Cherokee Council emergency service themed camporee at Farris Park on Saturday, October 25, 2014. On display and operational were a 40 M QRP CW radio, VHF & UHF HTs and antenna configured for ham satellite and International Space Station communication.

Tim, WD4GXD



## 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.

**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 9:00pm	Southeastern D-Star Weather Net	REF002A
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
Tuesday 9:00pm	N.C. D-Star Net (W4GSO) REF054C	442.86250
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

## Minutes for the October 21, 2014 meeting

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by President Furman, WD4MKU, and introductions with the welcoming of our visitors and guest speaker, Jonathan Ward, from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He presented a program on the history and building of the Apollo launch facilities at Kennedy Space Center.

Reading of the Minutes: There was no reading of the minutes as the last meeting was a social at the Sirloin House in Eden.

Treasure Report: Furman, WD4MKU, read the last bank statement as of 9/30/14 in the absence of George, WA4LTY.

Technical: The technical Committee presented a report of the voting and recommendations for the 146.85 MHz repeater as a program after the rest of the meeting.

Equipment: Cam, KU4VY, passed a list of club equipment around for updates from the members.

ARES/Skywarn: There was no updates.

Swap Fest: As of the October Meeting there is no site for the 2015 swap fest.

Historian: No updates.

Publicity: A vote was taken and it was determined that the club meetings for March, June, September and December 2015 would be a social and at this time at the Sirloin House in Eden.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Jamey, K4RVJ, suggested that the Board bring to the club membership suggestions on

1. flower funds for silent keys,
2. Net Manager replacement for Mike, KD4CSJ, SK
3. a procedure to insure that as members pay their dues that they are listed on the membership roster.

Program: Bill, N8KSG, present the findings from the Technical Committee on options for the 146.85 MHz repeater.

Respectfully Submitted:

Furman Lanier, WD4MKU