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President's Corner

Happy New Year to all my friends in RCARC! I hope that your Christmas and New Year celebrations were wonderful, and that you were able to enjoy being with friends and family. My hope for each of you is that your 2015 is wonderful and full of enjoyable ham radio activity.

At the writing of this note, we have received both of our new repeaters from Yaesu. Thanks to the effort of Furman Lanier, one of the two is already configured and installed at the 146.85 repeater site at the Red Cross building. While my daily commute does not put me in range of the repeater very well, I have heard that some of our members have been putting it through its paces. I've also heard that a couple of you "lucky ones" (Terry, Grant, Paul) who already have the System Fusion radios at home have been communicating by the C4FM digital mode. I sure wish I was equipped with one at this time, but don't be surprised if a new radio is in my near future! Perhaps on the bus trip to Dayton I will find a deal too good to refuse – that is if I can hold off until then!

2015 is shaping up to be a very important year for the Rockingham County ARC. In addition to installing two new repeaters we have our annual swap fest, field day, Madison site mowing, and various social activities. We also must address our efforts to promote amateur radio and our club's membership. I encourage each one of us to personally reach out to two or three hams in the area and invite them to participate in a club event. We have over two hundred amateurs in Rockingham County alone, and perhaps all it takes to get someone involved is just a personal, direct invitation.

I hope that you will be able to attend as many meetings and events as possible this year. With the two new digital repeaters, we are uniquely positioned to put our club in front of many hams looking for new technology to explore. My hope is that with just a little bit of effort, we will greatly increase the visibility of amateur radio in our area, and maybe bring a few more hams into active participation in our club.

May your 2015 be healthy, prosperous, and full of good DX!

Bill, N8KSG

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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: 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 the Greensboro, Winston, Salem, and High Point area.

Events

RCARC Meeting

The RCARC 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 on Tuesday, January 20th, 2015.

South Carolina State Convention (Charleston Hamfest)

On February the 7th, 2015, the Charleston Amateur Radio Society will be sponsoring an ARRL Convention at the Armory Park Community Center located 5000 Lackawanna Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29405. Website: <http://www.wa4usn.org> . Type: ARRL Convention Talk-In: 149.790 (no PL tone) Public Contact: Greg Amirault , KI4TVA, 109 Four Iron Drive Summerville, SC 29483. Phone: 843-469-5305. Email: geamirault@sc.rr.com

Virginia State Convention (Richmond Frostfest)

On February the 7th, 2015, the Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society will be sponsoring an ARRL Convention at Richmond Raceway Complex, 600 East Laburnum Avenue, Richmond, VA 23218 Website: <http://www.frostfest.com> . Talk-In: 146.88 -600 (PL 74.4). Public Contact: DeeDee Farrell, KK4AVC, PO Box 14828 Richmond, VA 23221. Phone: 804-657-7038. Email: info@frostfest.com

North Carolina QSO Party 2015

The 2015 North Carolina QSO Party will be on March 1 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please visit the website at ncqsoparty.org for more information.

North Carolina Section Convention (Charlotte Hamfest)

The Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society will host an ARRL Convention on March the 13th and 14th at the Cabarrus Arena & Events Center located 4751 NC Highway 49 North, Concord, NC 28025. Website: <http://www.charlottehamfest.org> . Talk-In: 146.655 - (no PL tone). Public Contact: Andy Hawkins, K4GKK, 1421 Carolyn Drive, Charlotte, NC 28205. Phone: 704-537-7891. Email: k4gkk@w4bfb.org

BREAKFASTS

HENRY POLLOCK MEMORIAL BREAKFAST
TUESDAY - 7:00 am, The Farmer's Table, Reidsville
THURSDAY - 7:00 am, 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 31st of January, 2015.

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 147.345 MHz 103.5 tone

This club net is a weekly meeting for announcements, business, and comments. Please make it a priority to check into our net.

**Thursday 8:30PM Rockingham County AUXCOMM/ARES Net
147.345 MHz 103.5**

The Rockingham County AUXCOMM/ARES Training 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	145.150, 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
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