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President's Microphone...

The overhaul of the 146.910, W4MOE repeater is almost complete. The coverage is almost back to what it used to be and I believe with a few more tweaks, we might even be able to improve that some. So clean the cobwebs off those two-meter rigs and let's hear come chatter on the machine. Don't just kerchunk it. Throw your call out there and see who answers. You never know who might answer. Besides, it's a great way to meet new people. As a control operator, I monitor it almost all the time and if I am not busy, I'll be glad to have a short QSO with you.
73's Dean - k2jb

Upcoming Events

May 10 Rockingham County Hamfest, Reidsville www.rcarc.com
May 24 DurHAMfest, Durham www.dfma.org
May 25-31 Hurricane Preparedness Week
June 14 Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest - www.w4nc.org
Jun 28-29 ARRL Field Day
From NC ARRL Section News

Catch the Waves - Get ready for Field day! ARRL's Field Day is just around the corner (June 28 & 29). This year's PR theme is "Catch the Waves". Please visit our Field Day information page <http://www.arr.org/fieldday> for all the details on Field Day rules, frequencies, forms, pins, logos and T-shirts. The complete Field Day packet can be downloaded from the site as well. If you have unanswered questions

April 3rd Minutes...Steve - KF4TVD

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm.
Introductions made by all present.
K2JB - N4NH received request for waiver to install repeater at 146.925MHz 41 miles away in ETN. W4MOE repeater is coordinated with SERA, whose standards discourage close frequency within this proximity. Current position of WCARS is to decline the request. Membership is declining. Club needs to contact area hams and encourage their participation. W4MOE QSL cards are needed.
K4BNP - Meals on Wheels bike ride May 31st needs radio operators for at least 5 checkpoints, 12 operators with VHF equipment in total.
K8SKX - presented the evening program on packet radio.
K2JB - The 2008 FD activity is planned for the VAH site as used last year.
KI4VIR - Provided the treasurer's report; \$5949.63 in business account, \$2626.56 in checking account, minus those checks written on April 3.
KD4OKU - won the 50/50.
KF4TVD - won the door prize.
Motion to adjourn made, seconded and carried at 8:57pm.

Catch the Waves (Cont'd)

about Field Day, contact ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, via e-mail <mailto:fdinfo@arrl.org> or by phone at 860-594-0236. If you want to order exhibit kits containing printed flyers about Amateur

Radio, you may order these materials <http://www.arrl.org/brochures/> on the ARRL Web site. The cost of the exhibit kits ranges from \$8-\$12 depending on shipping. To make sure you'll have the display material in time for Field Day, your order must be received before June 13.

NC ARRL Section News

The WCARS FD site is to be the VA Hospital site used last year.

ARES...a short note to tell you what was accomplished at the recent ARES-BC meeting Mar 20, at the Asheville Red Cross office if you missed it.

1. Introductions: K4BNP, K8SKX, KD4IMA, KF4TVD, KI4TMD, KK4IP, KI4VXE and W4IYS
 2. Short discussion of what we plan to install at the ARC
 3. Why we are training: short discussion of recent statewide SKYWARN activation in Georgia
 4. K4BNP: short discussion of FEMA taking over the care/feeding etc of victims in major disasters, since they can directly request or order federal government resources which ARC could not do.
 5. K4BNP - short description of MATRAC involvement (Mountain Area Trauma Regional Advisory Committee), all the western NC hospital units. MAMA dispatch is central control. Still not sure what they want from ARES.
 6. Bike ride requesting our help - May 31, K4BNP coordinating. Various lengths, Asheville-Marshall-Weaverville-Ox Creek-Asheville (See *Wheel Ride for Food Article*)
 7. Training: discussion of NET types, protocol etc. particularly "formal or directed nets" and need to follow net control station direction and going through NCS for everything
 8. Next Meeting will be MAY 15, location TBA. Discussion will center on supporting the bike ride.
 9. Adjourned about 8:10pm
- NOTE: NO APRIL MEETING, it was felt that everyone is really busy and we'd try to go with a meeting every other month for a while.

Thanks for your support of ARES-BC
73 Dick K8SKX, AEC Buncombe County,
ADEC Area 14

Wheel Ride for Food

Date: Saturday May 31, 2008

Location: Asheville, NC

Type of Event: Touring

Wheel Ride for Food metric century and half-century rides offer beginner and advanced level cyclists a challenging and scenic tour of Western North Carolina. The metric century route has over 5,180 feet of climbing and features an exhilarating ride through the river district northward through the mountain communities of Woodfin, Weaverville, Marshall, part of the Blue Ridge Parkway back through downtown Asheville, to return to Carrier Park and the Mountain Sports Festival being held that weekend. Visit www.MountainSportsFestival.com for a complete list of activities and events. Come meet other cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts and enjoy a beautiful weekend in the Western North Carolina Mountains. Advance registration is \$40.00 and can be completed at www.Active.com. On site registration is \$55.00. Proceeds raised will benefit Meals On Wheels of Asheville and Buncombe County. Premium t-shirt, water bottle and post-event lunch included. For more info visit our website <http://www.WheelRideForFood.org>

WCARS will need 12 radio operators for this event. 5 Checkpoints and road sweep vehicle duties will require operators with mobile/HT VHF equipment. K4BNP is the coordinator for WCARS participation in this event.

Smoke Test Editor... Members please send any material of interest for inclusion in the newsletter to KF4TVD@ARRL.NET
73 KF4TVD - Steve

THE SMOKE TEST				
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American Radio Relay League Affiliate No. 0602 WCARS meets at 7:30 PM the first Thursday of each month at the Simpson Building at AB Technical Community College. Everyone is welcome to attend. Membership dues are \$20 per year payable in January.				

Net	Freq (MHz) offset/PL	Day	12 Hr Time	24 Hr Time	NOTES
WCARS Information Net	146.910-/91.5	Monday	9:00 pm	2100	Informal, Everyone Welcome
Oasis Shrine Radio Corp. Net.	145.190	Sunday	9:00 pm	2100	
BRARC Net	146.640/91.5	Sunday	8:00pm	2000	
Good Morning Net	146.760	M-W-F	9:00 am	0900	Informal, Everyone Welcome
Madison Co. Am.Rad.Com.Tm	224.660/100	Tuesday	9:00 pm	2100	Madison Co. Emerg. Comm. Net
Buncombe Co. Emerg Mgt Net	146.910/91.5	Wednesday	9:00 pm	2100	Directed Net, ARES / RACES
Haywood County Monday Night Roundtable	147.390/94.8	Monday	7:00 pm	1900	Informal, Everyone Welcome
Volunteer Net	147.180+/136.5	Friday	9:00 pm	2100	Info, News and Swap Net
6600 Net	145.190	Saturday	9:00 pm	2100	Many Check-Ins - Wide Coverage
Blue Ridge Traffic Net	146.610	Nightly	9:00 pm	2100	May be ARES / SKYWARN in bad WX
Mount Pisgah 220 Net	224.260	Sunday	9:00 pm	2100	Informal, Everyone Welcome
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540	Monday	8:00 pm	2000	Informal, Everyone Welcome
SATERN Net	14.265	Daily	3:00 pm	1500	Salvation Army Team Emerg. Radio net (Time is UTC)
K4UUQ Morning Net	7.225	Daily	7:00 am	0700	Rag chew
NC Morning Net	3.927	Daily	7:45 am	0745	SSB Traffic Net
NC Evening Net	3.923	Daily	6:30 pm	1830	SSB Traffic Net
Carolinas Net (early)	3.573	Daily	7:00 pm	1900	CW (20-22 wpm) Traffic Net
Tarheel Emergency Net	3.923	Nightly	7:30 pm	1930	Directed Net, NC Emerg. Mgt / traffic
Carolinas Slow Net	3.571	Nightly	8:00 pm	2000	Slow CW (8-10 wpm) Traffic Net
Carolinas Net (late)	3.573	Nightly	10:00 pm	2200	CW (15-18 wpm) Traffic Net

ARRL VE Exam Schedule

May 1

Sponsor: OAHU CIVIL DEFENSE ARC

Time: 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: RAYMOND A MOODY

(808) 941-9239

Email: AH6LT@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: MORMON TABERNACLE

1560 S BERETANIA AT KALAKAUA

HONOLULU, HI 96820

May 3

Sponsor: UNIVERSITY OF TN ARC

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: BOBBIE E WILLIAMS

(865) 983-0055

Email: BOBBIE@USIT.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location:

1128 E WEISGARBER RD

CALL TO CONFIRM!

CELL: 865-254-3067

KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

May 3

Sponsor: BLUE RIDGE ARS

Time: 11:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JOHN R KIRKPATRICK

(864) 576-9643

Email: JRUSTYREF@BELLSOUTH.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: ARRL SC SECTION CONVENTION

GARNER ROAD

RED CROSS BUILDING

WWW.UPSTATEHAMFEST.ORG

SPARTANBURG, SC 29306

May 10

Sponsor: KG4LVO

Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: EDWIN A FLOWERS

(828) 321-2136

Email: KG4LVO@YAHOO.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: ANDREWS PUBLIC LIBRARY-CONFERENCE
RM

871 MAIN ST

BUSINESS US 19 AT WALNUT ST

TESTING FEE \$14

ANDREWS, NC 28901

May 10

Sponsor: JOHNSON COUNTY ARC

Time: 11:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JOHN L SUTHERLAND

(423) 727-2549

Email: LARS284@YAHOO.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

HWY 421 S

1923 S SHADY ST

MOUNTAIN CITY, TN 37683

May 17

Sponsor: MECKLENBURG AMATEUR RADIO SOC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: MARY S HUNT

(704) 948-7373

Email: N4MH@W4BFB.ORG

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EAST BAPTIST CHURCH

6850 EAST MONROE RD

NEXT TO EAST MECKLENBURG HS

CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

May 17

Sponsor: WCARS-VEC

Time: 8:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: STEPHEN C SHAFFER

(864) 862-3549

Email: AF4RN@BELLSOUTH.NET

VEC: Western Carolinas ARS VEC

Location: RED CROSS BUILDING

940 GROVE RD

ARRIVE 8:15 AM FOR PAPERWORK

GREENVILLE, SC 29605

May 18

Sponsor: ROANOKE VALLEY ARC

Time: 2:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: RAY V PILLOW

(540) 380-2116

Email: KK4HR@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS

352 CHURCH AVE SW

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED!

(8-5 M-F) 540-375-2107

ROANOKE, VA 24016

May 31

Sponsor: LINCOLN COUNTY VOLUNTEER COMM

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: CLIFFORD H BROMMER

(704) 483-7291

Email: WD4PIC@INFIONLINE.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: LIFE SAVING CREW HALL

322 N ACADEMY ST

CELL PHONE: 704-634-4004

LINCOLNTON, NC 28092

Hamfest Calendar

May 10

Hamfest & Computer Show, Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club, 509 Triangle Rd, Community Baptist Church, Reidsville, NC

<http://www.rcarc.com>

Talk-In: 146.85 (PL 103.5)

Contact: Dal Williams, W4YQY

307 Oleander Drive, Suite D

Eden, NC 27288

Phone: 336-627-7076

Email: w4yqy@rcarc.com

May 16-18

Dayton Hamvention, Dayton Amateur Radio Association, Hara Arena, Dayton, OH

<http://www.hamvention.org>

PO Box 964

Dayton, OH 45401

Phone: 937-276-6930

May 24

DurHAMfest, Durham FM Association, Little River Community Complex, 8305 North Roxboro Road, Durham, NC

<http://www.dfma.org>

Talk-In: 147.225 (no tone)

Contact: Linda Jackson, KF4LJZ

122 Infinity Road

Durham, NC 27712

Phone: 919-477-8368

Email: kf4ljz@aol.com

WCARS-VE Exams were conducted at numerous sites in April. License Class Codes are: T=Technician, G=General, A=Advanced, E=Extra.

Ft. Payne AL 4-18-08:

T-KJ4DLC Richardson, Hugh M, Calera, AL

Talladega, AL 4-21-08:

E-N4HUB Harvey, Hubbard H, Birmingham, AL

Ellijay, GA 4-13-08:

T-KG4YOL Rach, Michael M, Lexington, KY

G-KJ4CZF Whittington, William W,

Dawsonville, GA

G-KC4FRV Chase Jr, Arthur L, Dahlonega, GA

New Albany, IN 4-19-08:

T-KC9NLE Celichowski, Melissa L, Georgetown, IN

T-KC9NLF Celichowski, James J, Georgetown, IN

E-AB9RG Gehlbach, Larry J, Lanesville, IN
Lexington, KY 4-13-08:

E-KJ4DGL Rach, Michael M, Lexington, KY

E-KJ4AQV Simpkins, Kevin R, Olympia, KY

G-KE4OOI Hackney, Alan F, Versailles, KY

G-WA4LSH Jenks, David B, Winchester, KY

T-KJ4DGJ Mullins III, William I, Edgewood, KY

G-KV8OOA Myers, Robert W, Paris, KY

T-KJ4DGK Ferry Jr, Ricky W, Georgetown, KY

E-KB4FEE Breeding, Alger B, Winchester, KY

G-KJ4BMA McIntosh, John P, Richmond, KY

G-KE4NEQ Rynerson, Joseph D, Winchester, KY

KY

G-KI4WXL Haydon, William J, Mt Sterling, KY

G-KJ4BAD Bingham, William R, Owingsville, KY

G-W4JER Dickey, Jeremy S, Lexington, KY

T-KJ4DGL Rach, Michael M, Lexington, KY

Louisville, KY 4-11-08:

G-KJ4CVI Mefford, Kerry L, Milton, KY

T-KJ4DGF Harwood, John M, Louisville, KY

E-WD4LZC Harris, Larnelle S, Louisville, KY

T-KJ4DGG Akridge Jr, William T, Louisville, KY

T-KJ4DGH Croon, Gregory S, Louisville, KY

E-W4AIM Ware, Allan P, Louisville, KY

T-KJ4DGI Blackburn, William R, Louisville, KY

G-KI4RDG Demarsh, Chris W, Louisville, KY

Ft. Caswell, NC 4-22-08:

G-KI4WMC Cravey, Betty J, Gainesville, GA

G-N5YTD Goldman, Scotty W, Prattville, AL

G-KE7EMY Dent Sr, Kenneth W, Castle Rock, WA

WA

Morganton, NC 4-19-08:

G-KA4LRU Anderson, James L, Church Hill, TN

T-KJ4DLF Bishop, Robert S, Hickory, NC

T-KJ4DLG Blackwell Jr, Ted R, Hendersonville, NC

NC

T-KJ4DLH Carrigan, Darrin W, Taylorsville, NC

T-KJ4DLI Caldwell, Larry D, Canton, NC

T-KJ4DLJ Hasson, Eric B, Gastonia, NC

PENDING: KD4RAP Kennemore Jr, James A,

Greenwood, SC

T-KJ4DLK Revilla, Vincent T, Morganton, NC

E-KI4UBK Roberts, David L, Kings Mountain, NC

NC

G-WA4OBC Shook Jr, Clyde E, Connelly

Springs, NC

G-KJ4CRR Strong, Fred E, Franklin, NC

T-KJ4DLL Thompson, Johnny A, Dallas, NC

Florence, SC 4-13-08:

T-KJ4DGT Belinski, Robert A, Florence, SC
T-KJ4DGU Kaylor, Timothy G, Florence, SC
E-KI4MVA King, James L, Florence, SC
G-KJ4BVO Weatherford, Barney H, Darlington, SC

Greenville, SC 4-21-08:

G-KJ4DEU Crowder, Michael V, Gainesville, GA
E-KD4RSM Dobbins, Ronald D, Greenville, SC
T-KJ4DLN Francis, Kelly J, Anderson, SC
T-KJ4DLO Greene, Daniel A, Anderson, SC
T-KB3RBI Jennings, Denise A, Brandywine, MD
G-KJ4BNF Lankford, Nicholas G, Greenville, SC
G-W4JTO Owens Jr, John T, Easley, SC
T-KJ4DLP Sabin, Susan W, Seneca, SC
G-KJ4BNH Van Wie, James D, Pickens, SC
G-KI4THV Watson, Daniel J, Travelers Rest, SC

Atoka, TN, 4-5-08:

T-KJ4DCO Shelton, Lorah P, Brighton, TN
G-KJ4BHA Stafford, Jeffrey E, Brighton, TN
G-KI4KRM Hatchel, Daniel G, Munford, TN
T-KF4WDS Maness, Terry L, Brighton, TN
G-KJ4DCP Cibulka, Jeff D, Covington, TN

Bartlett, TN, 4-12-08:

E-KI4OTE Krause, Jeffrey S, Lakeland, TN
G-KI4ZKW Melena, Rosalinda, Bartlett, TN
G-KI4YOP Smith, Stephen M, Bartlett, TN
T-KJ4DGP Sanders, Dale M, Mason, TN
G-KG4ZDF Ellegood, Ryan A, Union City, TN
T-KJ4DGQ Counce, Robert K, Cordova, TN
G-KE5TXV Bostian, Vernon D, Hernando, MS
T-KJ4DGR Jones, Romany J, Memphis, TN
T-KJ4DGS Smith, Carson G, Memphis, TN

Germantown, TN 4-19-08:

T-KJ4DLM Leggitt, David C, Memphis, TN
Knoxville, TN 4-19-08:
G-KE4TKH Bird, Robin E, Andersonville, TN
T-KJ4DLD Bird, Timothy R, Andersonville, TN
T-KJ4DLE Gervais, Benjamin P, Knoxville, TN
E-KJ4CAI LaBroad Jr, Gilman D, Cumberland Gap, TN

A-KD9DU Miller, Barbara J, Maryville, TN
Maryville, TN 4-14-08:

G-KE4GBX Cozart, Billy J, Mascot, TN
T-KJ4DHL McLerran, Jock D, Friendsville, TN
Morristown, TN, 4-12-08:

T-KJ4DKC Malone Jr, Lloyd O, Talbott, TN
T-KJ4DKD Mittelstaedt, Raymond E, Newport, TN

T-KJ4DKE Smith, Zackary S, Jefferson City, TN
T-KJ4DKI Welker, Thomas E, New Market, TN
E-KI4MNV Brown, Roger D, Greeneville, TN
Congratulations to each licensee on their accomplishment.

N4NH - Norm

A well-deserved thank you should go to each VE for giving their time and attention to ensure the success of the VE program. This lengthy list of licensees is just for this month, and just for WCARS-VE scheduled exams. Many other VE's all over the country give of themselves time and again to accomplish similar results, usually without acknowledgement or fanfare.

The “NEW” Shelby Hamfest...held each

Labor Day weekend, will be moving to Biggerstaff Park, Dallas, NC. This site is 20 miles east of Shelby, north of I-85, on NC highway 279 (Dallas Cherryville Highway).

This location offers over 100 acres of park settings and amenities. Those include camping, 3 small fishing lakes, 4 lighted tennis courts, picnic shelters, playground, amphitheater, walking/jogging trails, clean restrooms, many shade trees, and lighted sports fields.

Inside dealer spaces will be located in the newly build Gaston County Senior Center. Outside dealers and flea market will have plenty of space nearby. Prices for spaces have not been finalized. Spaces will be available on a “first come” basis beginning on Sunday, August 24, 2008. Please note the ONE-WEEK time frame this year. Please check the website shelbyhamfest.org for continuously updated information.

SARC hopes all our “ham” friends will join us at the new location and make this year’s Hamfest bigger and better than ever.

May Meeting

The next WCARS meeting will be May 1, 2008, 7:30 p.m. in the Simpson Auditorium, Simpson Bldg, at AB Tech. Program: To be announced.