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President's Microphone...

This year's Field Day has come and gone. Thanks to everyone who turned out to operate, assist with setup/shutdown, renew acquaintances, or just to see hams in action. Thanks once again to our hosts, Buncombe County Emergency Management, and the US Veterans Administration Hospital, and to Able Rent-A-Jon for their help as well. WCARS this year should be scored as an 8F category participant, scores will be totaled and published later. Hope to see everyone at the next club meeting.
73's Dean - k2jb

KB4C Award for outstanding contributions to emergency and public service communications in Western North Carolina will be announced at the WCARS Hamfest on July 26th.

This award is to honor an area amateur who is active in serving the community through amateur radio. Previous recipients of this award were: K4AIF, WD4CNZ, K7DXF, K4YYR, KF4MRH, AE4HJ, KC4QPR, N2JLE, WA4GTT, K4BNP, KF4ZDS, W4DK, and AF4HX.

The award is named in honor of A-1 operator Miriam Smith, KB4C who became a silent key in July 1995. She was one of those amateur radio operators who felt more deeply about her license and commitment to emergency communications than many of the "hams" in the area.

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June 5th Minutes...Steve - KF4TVD

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Pledge to the flag recited.

Motion to accept Treasurers report as published in Smoke Test made, seconded and carried.

K2JB - WCARS needs band captains for FD - all logging to be done on PC. VHF QSO party is next weekend.

K4BNP - Thanks to all who worked the Meals on Wheels bike ride May 31st. MOW to host the ride again next year - wants WCARS to work with them as well.

KE4KZS - Hamfest volunteers are needed to contact potential visitors. Vendors list is set.

K2JB - Set up for FD - Need to bring a covered dish and socialize.

KI4VIR - Presented the Treasurers report, \$3950.48 in savings, \$2389.24 in checking.

N4NH - Buncombe County Emergency Management Director, Jerry Ve Haun (WA4GTT) was to present the evening program, but was unavailable. Members shared their ham experiences.

50/50 was won by Linda Harris.

Door prize was won by K4AVL.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and carried at 8:57pm.

Upcoming Events

July 12 Rowan County ARS Hamfest, Salisbury

July 19 Area 13 ARES Meeting, Gastonia

July 19 Mid-Summer Swapfest, Cary

July 26 WCARS Hamfest

ARES The next Buncombe County meeting is scheduled for July 17th. Each member is encouraged to become actively involved. New members are welcome.

Hamfest Calendar

Jul 12

Rowan Amateur Radio Society, Salisbury Civic Center, 315 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. South, Salisbury, NC <http://www.rowanars.org>

Talk-In: 146.13/146.73 (PL 94.8)

Contact: Ralph Brown, WB4AQK

1621 Emerald Street, Salisbury, NC 28144

Phone: 704-636-5902

Email: rkbrown5902@bellsouth.net

Jul 19

4th Annual MCARC Hamfest, McMinn County Amateur Radio Club, Athens Regional Park, Highway 30 East, Athens, TN

<http://www.mcminnarc.com/fest/fest.html>

Talk-In: 145.310(-) (PL 141.3)

Contact: Scott Duckworth, NA4IT

522 County Road 783, Etowah, TN 37331

Phone: 423-263-1989

Email: na4it@yahoo.com

Jul 26

Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society, Haywood County Fairgrounds, NC Route 209 Waynesville, NC

<http://wcars.org/hamfest.html>

Talk-In: 146.91, 146.76, 147.39

Contact: F. M. Thornal, KE4KZS

PO Box 1488, Asheville, NC 28802-1488

Phone: 828-577-1336

Email: ke4kzs@arrl.net

Aug 2

Roanoke Valley ARC, William Byrd High School 2902 Washington Avenue, Vinton, VA

<http://www.w4ca.com>

Talk-In: 146.985- (PL 107.2)

Contact: Phil Roark, K4WFO

405 Yorkshire Street, Salem, VA 24153

Phone: 540-387-4487 Fax: 540-387-4487

Email: k4wfo@arrl.net

Aug 3

58th Annual Berryville Hamfest, Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club, Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds, Business Route 7, Berryville, VA <http://www.svarc.us/hamfest>

Talk-In: 146.820 -

Contact: Laura Stewart, N4LLS

c/o SVARC, PO Box 139, Winchester, VA 22604

Phone: 540-533-2626, Fax: 540-869-7067

Email: hamfest@svarc.us

Special Events July 2008

Jul 5

1400Z-2030Z, Williamsburg, VA. Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club, K4RC. Celebrate the Proclamation of the Declaration of Independence. 14.261 7.261 3.951. QSL. KU4FP, 132 Druid Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Certificate offered for stations working all three of our Historic Triangle Events.

www.k4rc.net/special.event.htm

Jul 5

1600Z-2300Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway CV-41 Museum Radio Room, NI6IW.

Commemorating Independence Day. 14.325 7.250 14.060 7.040. QSL. USS Midway CV-41 Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. af6ha@yahoo.com.

Jul 12-Jul 20

0100Z-2359Z, Cedar Rapids, IA. Rockwell Collins Amateur Radio Clubs, N0CXX. 50th Anniversary of the Collins S-Line. 14.285 14.050 72.85 7.050. QSL. Rockwell Collins Amateur Radio Club, North Campus, 10211 Hall Rd, Cedar Rapids, IA 52411. Collect 4 or more QSLs from 4 different facilities and mail to W0CXX for special certificate (QSLs will be returned). w5rok.us or w0cxx.us

Aug 2-Aug 3

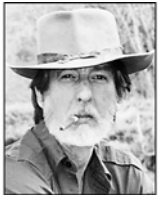
1200Z-2000Z, Groton, CT. Submarine Base Amateur Radio Club, N9N. 50th anniversary of USS Nautilus's trip to North Pole, 1958. 14.343 14.243 7.279. QSL. Don Keith, N4KC, 40 Red Stick Rd, Indian Springs Village, AL 35124. n4kc@bellsouth.net

Field Day (FD)

WCARS FD concluded on June 29th with numerous contacts logged. This year's event should put the clubs participation in category 8F for scoring purposes. Text and pictures will be included in next months Smoke Test.

Silent Keys

With deep regret WCARS records the loss of fellow amateur Gary L. Bartlett, Swannanoa, NC, who died Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2008, peacefully, at his home. A U.S. Air Force veteran, Mr. Bartlett was known in the ham community as N4ZOT (KC4QMN).



WCARS must also say goodbye to Mr. John Thomas Ledford, Vale, NC, who died Sunday, June 15, 2008, at Grace Hospital. Known as W4JL (N4GOQ), Mr. Ledford served as treasurer of the Shelby Amateur Radio Club, was a former Hamfest chairman for the club, and performed numerous other functions in furtherance of amateur radio and his club.



ARRL VE Exam Schedule

July 5

Greenville, South Carolina - 8:30 AM, Red Cross Building, 940 Grove Road, Walk-ins normally accepted, Sue L. Chism, N4ENX, 139 Mustang Circle, Simpsonville, SC 29681-5753 864-967-0001

July 19

Asheville, North Carolina - 9:00 AM, Room 134, Elm Building - AB Tech Walk-ins only, Bob Helton, KS4FX, 84 Hemlock St. Arden, NC 28704 828-684-0249 Don Lovelace, W4TMT P. O. Box 766, Spruce Pine, NC 28777 828-243-1921**345

July Meeting

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

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



ARRL Continuing Education Online Course Registration

(Jun 26, 2008) -- remains open through Sunday, July

6, 2008 for these online course sessions beginning on Friday, July 18, 2008: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002), Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003R2), Antenna Modeling (EC-004), HF Digital Communications (EC-005), VHF/UHF -- Life Beyond the Repeater (EC-008), and Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011). Each online course has been developed in segments -- learning units with objectives, informative text, student activities and quizzes. Courses are interactive, and some include direct communications with a Mentor/Instructor. Students register for a particular session that may be 8, 12 or 16 weeks (depending on the course) and they may access the course at any time of day during the course period, completing lessons and activities at times convenient for their personal schedule. Mentors assist students by answering questions, reviewing assignments and activities, as well as providing helpful feedback. Interaction with mentors is conducted through e-mail; there is no appointed time the student must be present -- allowing complete flexibility for the student to work when and where it is convenient. To learn more, visit the Continuing Education course-listing page or contact the Continuing Education Program Coordinator.

WCARS-VE Exams were conducted in late April and into June. License Class Codes are: T=Technician, G=General, E=Extra. Madisonville, TN; WD4HQL Sloan, Gerald R, Madisonville, TN, E: Gainesville, GA; KI4YMD Fowler, Christopher D, Buford, GA, E: KJ4DEA Becker, Shane D, Lawrenceville, GA, G: Hickory, NC; KJ4ENK Shepherd, David E, Hickory, NC, T; KJ4ENL Raines, Lance C, Hickory, NC, T
WCARS congratulates each licensee on his/her accomplishment. Thanks to each VE team member for their volunteer efforts in furtherance of amateur radio.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks for coming out to support Meals On Wheels and the Wheel Ride for Food event! Your dedication and desire to see Meals On Wheels succeed in all endeavors is awesome. Time is valuable and the time a volunteer gives to Meals On Wheels is greatly appreciated. Because of your help, our first cycling event was a great success! We had a total of 138 riders and hope to have quite a few more next year. We hope you will keep us in mind for next year. Our second annual Wheel Ride for Food event will be on May 30, 2009.

Thanks again,

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*Tommy + HAM Radio
Thanks for EVERYTHING!!! Tommy, you were
such great help! I appreciate all your help in
getting the HAM Radio Operators coordinated. The
cycling event wouldn't have been as successful
without your help!!! It was such a pleasure to work
with all of you & I hope you will keep us in
mind for next year!
Thanks,
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From K4BNP - Tommy

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<small>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.</small>				

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