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### President's Microphone...Scott - W4IYS

The annual Hamfest on July 28<sup>th</sup> was WCARS opportunity to work diligently to "sell" amateur radio to the rest of the world. It is not just the chance to get a good deal on an item, or to browse the merchandise in the tailgater section. This was the perfect opportunity for all operators to be able to put a face and personality with the voice heard on the frequencies over time. The personal contact that we get from attending has a positive effect on us. I hope that you all got to come out, and have fun. 73

### July Minutes...Karen - KG4OUP

Meeting was called to order by the president at 7:32 p.m.

The pledge to the flag was given.

Introductions were made. 42 were in attendance.

Scott – W4IYS announced the club is 100 members strong.

Karl – K4PCY gave the treasurers report.

Dean – K2JB reported on the Hamfest coming up July 28th.

A vote was taken to make WA4NUO – Ralph Roberts a life member for all his work on the web.

Chet – KE4VXC reported on Field Day. No totals yet, but we completed 6 Alpha.

Door prize was won by Jack – WD4IJT.

50/50 was won by Borden – K7DXF.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

<http://www.WCARS.org>

The WCARS website has undergone many changes with the attention lavished upon it by K2JB and N4NTA. Close attention will reveal new pages accessible to the user. Additions

now include a welcome message, breaking news, club meeting dates, net activities, events calendar, area repeater listing, WCARS newsletters, field day, club van, VE testing, invitation to join WCARS, how to become a HAM, previous hamfest activity, member biographies, club officers, photos, maps, club constitution, silent keys, and amateur resources/links. Note that the actual address for the WCARS homepage remains unchanged. Bookmarks saved in web browsers prior to the latest changes should still be valid for the current WCARS homepage.

KF4TVD - Steve

### KB4C Award

Larry Withrow, AF4HX, of Marion, NC was awarded the Miriam Smith, KB4C memorial award for outstanding contributions to amateur radio emergency and public service communications in Western North Carolina at the WCARS hamfest on July 28th, 2007. Larry has participated in many SET's and simulated Disaster drills and almost single-handedly coordinated the 15 county participation in the Homeland Security terrorist & hostage drill held in 2005. Larry and the Marion club (MARA) pulled it off almost flawlessly.

The award is named in honor of Miriam Smith, KB4C who became a silent key in July 1995. She was one of those amateur radio operators who felt deeply about her license and commitment to emergency and public service communications.

She was ARES Emergency Coordinator/RACES Radio Officer for Buncombe County in the 1970's. After her passing, it was decided to establish an award in her honor to recognize an amateur radio operator each year who has demonstrated a commitment to emergency and public service communications through the ARES/RACES program.

This is the eleventh year of this award.

Congratulations Larry.

73, K4BNP - Tommy

### Ham License Plates - A Special Meaning?

I was out on the interstate not long ago and stopped to assist a little old lady (nope, not kidding) with an overheated radiator. I pulled off ahead of her and asked how I could help. I happened to have just what her radiator needed, a jug of water, and was able to send sweet thang on her way, but not before an interesting conversation...

She asked me what my "Amateur Radio" license tag meant? I explained that ham radio operators in the state could have their on-air callsign on the license plate for identification purposes. She said she had noticed several of them in western Carolina and saw that some had weird antennas and some didn't. "I figured it had somethin' to do with emergencies. But, she said, "all of 'em seemed to be right good drivers. So ya'll must be doin' a good job."

Now anyone in business who has their name lettered on their truck or a magnetized sign on their car can relate to this. When you choose to put a "sign" on your vehicle, you are *always* advertising, whether you realize it or not. People see (in our case) that Amateur Radio license tag and associate and judge all of ham radio by our actions on the roadway - just as they do the company with its name on that pickup or big rig.



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So, next time you are tempted to issue the single-digit salute to the jerk who cut you off from two

lanes over, think twice. The next time you really want to lean on your horn in a Merrimon Avenue backup, reconsider. With that ham tag on your car you're representing amateur radio, all of us, whether you like it or not. Let's advertise and represent our avocation well, it deserves the best.

73, K4ML - Ron

### Hamfest Calendar

#### August 4

Roanoke Valley ARC - Roanoke Valley Hamfest, William Byrd High School, 2910 Washington Ave., Vinton, VA

<http://www.w4ca.org>

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#### August 5

The Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club - 57th Annual Berryville Hamfest, Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds, Business Rt. 7, Berryville, VA, , <http://www.svarc.us/hamfest>

Talk-In: 146.820 -

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#### August 11

Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society - 9th Annual CFARS Swapfest, Reeves Auditorium, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC Talk-In: 146.910(-) 100hz

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#### August 25

West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council - West Virginia State Convention, WVU Convention Center -Jackson's Mill 4-H Conference Center, Route 1, Box 210 Weston, WV, <http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc>

Talk-In: 145.39 (Alt. 147.33)

Contact: Patrick Shea, N8MIN  
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**August 31 - September 2**

Shelby ARC - Cleveland County Fairgrounds  
Highway 74 Business East, Shelby, NC  
<http://ShelbyHamfest.org>

Talk-In: 146.28/146.88

Contact: Robby Hamrick, WA4RH  
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**WCARS August Meeting**

The next WCARS meeting will be August 2, 2007, 7:30 p.m. in the Simpson Auditorium, Simpson Bldg, at AB Tech. Program: To be announced.

**Smoketest Editor**

Members please send any material of interest for inclusion in the newsletter to [KF4TVD@ARRL.NET](mailto:KF4TVD@ARRL.NET) ... 73 Steve - KF4TVD

## Ham Repeaters for Western North Carolina

City	Frequency	Offset	Tone
Asheville	53.270	-	
Hendersonville	53.130	-	100.0
Mt. Mitchell	53.630	-	100.0
Spruce Pine	53.050	-	151.4
Asheville	146.835	-	
Asheville/ Mt. Pisgah	146.760	-	
Asheville/Spivey Mtn.	164.910	-	91.5
Bakersville	145.310	-	
Boone/Rich Mtn.	147.360	+	103.5
Brevard	147.315	+	
Burnsville	146.955	-	
Burnsville	147.375	+	
Canton	146.805	+	
Forest City	146.670	-	114.8
Hendersonville	146.640	-	91.5
Hendersonville	147.105	+	
Hendersonville/Berwlw	145.270	-	
Hendersonville/Penic	147.255	+	
Hickory	145.490	-	94.8
Hickory/Brt. Mtn.	146.850	-	
Lincolnton	147.015	+	141.3
Mars Hill	147.180	+	
Morganton	146.745	-	94.8
Morganton	147.150	+	
Mt. Mitchell	145.190	-	
Robbinsville	145.110	-	151.4
Spruce Pine	146.895	+	
Sylva	147.345	+	151.4
Tryon	145.330	-	
Tryon	147.285	+	
Waynesville	147.270	+	
Waynesville	147.390	+	
Wolf Laurel (Mars Hill)	147.180	+	138.5
Andrews/Robbinsville	224.880	-	
Asheville	224.520	-	91.5
Asheville	224.600	-	
Asheville/Mt. Pisgah	224.260	-	
Big Knob/Mars Hill	224.660	-	100.0
Burnsville	224.740	-	
Canton	224.820	-	
Hendersonville	224.960	-	
Hendersonville/Berwlw	224.240	-	
Marshall/Duckett Top	224.360	-	
Mt. Mitchell	224.540	-	

City	Frequency	Offset	Tone
Robbinsville	223.940	-	
Andrews/Robbinsville	442.600	+	151.4
Andrews/Robbinsville	443.650	+	
Asheville	442.550	+	
Asheville	442.650	+	
Asheville	443.275	+	103.5
Boone/Rich Mtn.	444.575	+	77.0
Brevard	442.850	+	
Bryson City	443.400	+	151.4
Burnsville	443.650	+	
Canton	443.475	+	156.7
Columbus	442.075	+	103.5
Forest City	443.300	+	114.8
Franklin	444.375	+	131.8
Hendersonville	442.450	+	
Hendersonville/Berwlw	444.250	+	
Hickory	442.375	+	
Hickory	444.000	+	
Hickory	444.800	+	94.8
Lincolnton	442.350	+	
Morganton/Walker Top	442.300	+	94.8
Morganton	443.800	+	T
Mt. Mitchell	443.600	+	114.8
Newton	442.625	+	
Old Fort	444.775	+	
Spruce Pine	443.925	+	
Valdese	442.600	+	
Waynesville	444.450	+	
West Jefferson	443.500	+	107.2
Waynesville	927.6625	-	131.8
Echolink (Alexander)	147.555	simplex	

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