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President's Microphone

Hope to see all of you at the party on Saturday. Please remember to bring a covered dish.

Thanks for the good year
Scott

BCARES

With the holiday season fast approaching, there will be no meeting in December.

We will have a meeting in January, most likely at the EOC to check out the equipment. BCARES volunteers will be notified by email in advance of the time and date.

In the meantime, remember to check into the Wednesday evening net on "91" at 9-PM and also, if possible, check into the Tar Heel Net on 3923 at 7:30 each evening.

MEETING DATES & INFO

DEC 3, WCARS Christmas dinner, Hominy Masonic Lodge, Candler, NC at 1800.

JAN 5, WCARS regular club meeting, West Asheville Public Library meeting room at 1930.

FEB 9, WCARS regular club meeting, West Asheville Public Library meeting room at 1930.

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTE

The club meetings are subject to the following: Should Buncombe County offices close due to inclement weather, the library will close. If that happens, our meeting will be canceled.

**DECEMBER 3rd 6-PM
Annual Christmas Dinner at the
Hominy Masonic Lodge
(see the map-SEPARATE PAGE)**

Minutes of meeting November 17, 2011

Bob Dockery, WD4CNZ

The November 2011 Meeting of the Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society was held at the West Asheville Library.

The meeting was called to order at 1930 hrs. by Scott W4IYS, Club President.

He invited everyone to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then invited everyone to introduce themselves giving their name and callsign (if any) and QTH.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Steve N4SET, Club Treasurer. The report was approved by vote of those attending.

The 50-50 Raffle tickets were sold with half of the proceeds going into the club treasury and half servings as raffle prize.

The slate of officers for 2012 was presented and approved by vote of the attendees. The slate was published in the last issue of SMOKETEST (club newsletter).

Harry KC4EZN volunteered to coordinate the 2012 JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) with the Boy Scouts. The event is always the third week in October.

A need for a Hamfest Chair was announced for 2012.

A motion was made/seconded to give a year's membership free to those completing Norman's (N4NH) ham radio classes.

Discussion followed and approved to extend an INVITATION to join WCARS for anyone in WNC becoming newly licensed.

The annual Christmas Party will be on December 3rd at the Hominy Masonic Lodge starting at 1800 hrs. The Club will provide the turkey, ham, and gravy. Members were asked to bring a covered dish to help complete the meal. The Christmas Party is in lieu of a regular December meeting.

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Mark your calendar for the next WCARS meetings to be held at the West Asheville Library: January 5 & February 9, 2012.

Members were informed of a new HF net on Mondays at 1900 hrs on or about 3.883Mhz. Checkins are encouraged.

A motion was made and seconded and approved to donate \$30 to sponsor an award in the NC QSO Party.

Dean K2JB reported that he went and checked out the club repeater on the mountain and found the finals dead. A repeater was found in the storage unit and was set up and is now in operation for use. A controller is still needed and will be installed.

Consideration of adding ILRP capability was presented by Dean. He will investigate costs and needs for this feature to be added.

KC4EZN thanked the Club for the support and participation in the 2011 JOTA event. The event was enjoyable by everyone.

Dean K2JB thanked and "bragged" on Lee KB4QDQ who cleaned and organized the contents of the club's storage unit--a work still in progress and still being improved.

Three extra mobile antennas were found in the storage unit and will be offered for sale at the Christmas Party.

Dean showed a "potato launcher" that he had and explained its use in erecting antennas. He made comments on how he could improve the design.

No formal program was presented at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2040 with refreshments and fellowship following.

WCARS/VEC EXAM Schedule

ASHEVILLE (AB-TECH, ROOM 134, ELM BLDG)

9:00 AM on the THIRD SATURDAY of:
JANUARY, APRIL, JULY, OCTOBER,
VE TEAM LEADER: BOB HELTON, KS4FX
Phone: 828-712-5916

2:00 PM on the THIRD SUNDAY of:
FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST, NOVEMBER
VE TEAM LEADER: STEVE LANKFORD, AG4BY
Phone: 828-768-2141

BURNSVILLE - YANCY COUNTY LIBRARY

CONTACT VE TEAM LEADER
VE TEAM LEADER: DAVID McCARTY, W4TDM
Phone: 828-657-1044

COLUMBUS

CONTACT VE TEAM LEADER
VE TEAM LEADER: WAYNE ACKERMAN, W3GY
Phone: 828-894-5542

HENDERSONVILLE - MOUNTAIN HOME FIRE STN

9:00 AM on the SECOND SATURDAY of:
FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST, NOVEMBER
VE TEAM LEADER: SID HENDRICKS, W4IOE
Phone: 828-684-8130

LEICESTER - LEICESTER FIRE DEPT

9:00 AM on the SECOND SATURDAY of:
MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER
VE TEAM LEADER: LARRY YORK, K4MU
Phone: 828-683-1400

MARION

CONTACT VE TEAM LEADER
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Phone: 828-291-7521

RUTHERFORDTON - ISOTHERMAL COLLEGE

CONTACT VE TEAM LEADER
VE TEAM LEADER: BRUCE TESSINEER, AD4OJ
Phone: 828-657-5464

WAYNESVILLE

CONTACT VE TEAM LEADER
VE TEAM LEADER: AL SANDERS, WD4A
Phone: 828-926-8244

WEAVERVILLE - REEMS CREEK FD

9:00 AM on the FIRST SATURDAY of:
APRIL, JULY, OCTOBER, DECEMBER
VE TEAM LEADER: HARLEY BULLMAN, AJ4PI
Phone: 828-645-0889

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828-253-1192

Amateur Radio Operator License Training Classes

Training Classes will be offered for all persons interested in becoming Licensed Amateur Radio Operators. Emphasis will be placed on Emergency Communications in the event of a major disaster. Classes offered will take the student from entry level through mid level operator licensing. Successful Students finishing these courses and testing will be Licensed Amateur Operators upon completion!

Training: The ARRL registered instructor will be William Van Nuys, N4OOC assisted by other licensed Amateur operators

Location: Skyland Fire Department
9 Miller Street
Skyland, North Carolina 28776
(Second Floor Training Room)

Dates: Technician Class License
Weekly: 6:30 PM – 9:00PM Thursday nights beginning January 6th thru February 24th 2012

General Class License
Weekly: 6:30PM – 9:00PM Thursday March 1st thru April 19th 2012
Prerequisite must hold Technician Class License

Fees: \$50.00 Per Class, Payable and non-refundable prior to Class Start.
December 29th 2011 for Technician Classes, February 24th 2012 for General Class.

Fees include all training materials, testing, and licensing fees. Active members of Hearts With Hands, SMATT, and MMRC, qualify for some tuition assistance.

Contact and Registration: Contact William Van Nuys email n4ooc@arrl.net at least 1 week before class start date. **Class Size is Limited.**

Mailing Address is; William W. Van Nuys
57 Echo Lake Drive
Fairview, N.C. 28730
Phone: 828-551-3779

Amateur Radio **"TECHNICIAN" (entry level, no code) Licensing Class**

STARTS: Feb. 2012

**Classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday evening
until exam night at the end of the class.**

**6-9 PM at AB Tech,
Victoria Road, Asheville
Elm Bldg, Room 314**

**For info & registration contact:
Norman Harrill
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Spivey Mountain, Asheville, NC

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HF/VHF/UHF Net Information

NET NAME	Freq offset / PL	Day	Local time	Notes
6600	145.190 +	Saturday	9-PM	Many check-ins-Wide area coverage
Blue Ridge Traffic	146.610 -	Nightly	9-PM	ARES/Skywarn in bad weather
BRARC	146.640 - 91.5	Sunday	9-PM	
Buncombe Cty Emerg. Mgt.	146.910 - 91.5	Wednesday	9-PM	Directed net, ARES/RACES
Carolinas Net - Early	3.573	Daily	7-PM	CW Traffic
Carolinas Net - Late	3.573	Daily	10-PM	CW - 15-18 WPM Traffic
Carolinas Net - Slow	3.571	Daily	8-PM	Slow CW - 8 to 10 WPM Traffic
Franklin, NC - Winesprings Bald	147.240 + / 151.4	Daily	9-PM	
Good Morning	146.760 -	M-W-F	9-AM	Informal, Everyone welcome
Haywood County Roundtable	147.390 + 94.8	Monday	8-PM	Informal, Everyone welcome
K4UUQ Morning	7.228	Daily	7-AM	Ragchew
Madison Cty-AmRadComTeam	224.660 100	Tuesday	9-PM	Madison County Emergency Comm
Mount Mitchell 220	224.540	Monday	8-PM	Informal, Everyone welcome
Mount Mitchell Ragchew	442.225 + 107.2	Monday	9-PM	Directed, Everyone welcome
Mount Mitchell Sunrise Net	442.225 + 107.2	Thursday	9-AM	Informal - Everyone welcome
Mount Pisgah 220	224.260	Sunday	9-PM	Informal, Everyone welcome
NC Evening Traffic	3.923	Daily	6:30-PM	SSB
NC Morning Traffic	3.927	Daily	7:45-AM	SSB
Oasis Shrine Radio Corp.	145.190 +	Sunday	9-PM	
SATERN	14.265	Daily	3-PM	Salvation Army Team-Emergency
Tarheel Emergency Net	3.923	Daily	7:30-PM	Directed, NC Emerg. Mgt - Traffic
Volunteer	147.180 + 136.5	Friday	9-PM	Info, News and Swap
WCARS Information	146.910 - 91.5	Monday	9-PM	Informal, Everyone welcome
???	224.600			WB4PLA on Spivey Mtn. ???
W4YK	53.630 - 100	Friday	9-PM	???

WCARS 2011 Christmas Party

December 3rd - 6-PM

HOMINY MASONIC LODGE

The Hominy Masonic Lodge is located at 50 Old Pisgah Highway in Candler.

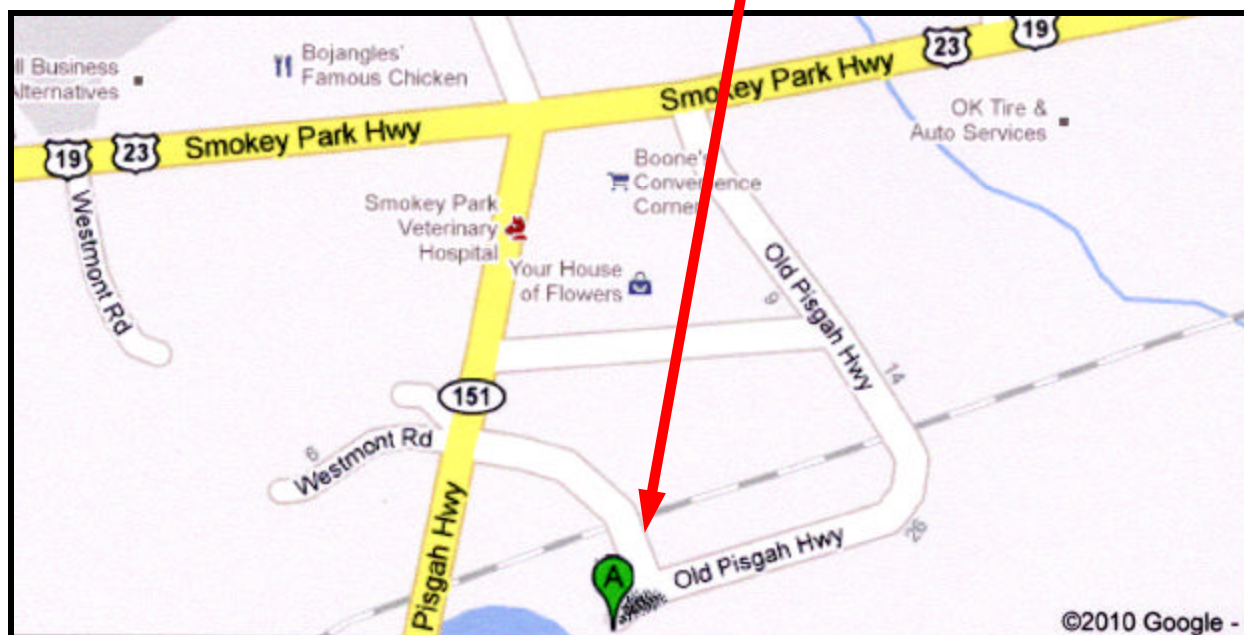
Take 19-23 to Candler.

Turn left at the traffic light in Candler at Boones Corner (NC 151).

Go 75 yards and turn left just before the bridge.

Come to the bottom of the hill.

**Cross the railroad tracks and you are looking directly at the lodge,
Labeled "A" on the map below.**



Meat and cornbread will be provided.

You are requested to bring at least ONE or TWO covered dishes,

containing food.