



# The Feedline.

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**Dues: \$10, from April to March.**

***The August meeting of the Cary Amateur Radio Club will be held Thursday, August 27, at the White Plains United Methodist Church, 313 SE Maynard Rd., Cary, NC at our regular meeting place at 7:31 pm. When you enter the lower level of the Activities Building, go diagonally (left-right OR straight-left). The subject of the program will be: the upcoming JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) for the Boy Scouts and the Radio Merit badge requirements that will be addressed to instruct the Scouts on Oct. 17.***



*For those of you who have email capability, the Cary Amateur Radio Club will be sending meeting notices (and recent news items) in a PDF file called "The Feedline." This is a resurrection of the old Feedline that was sent out as hard copy via the USPS, years ago. Now, we are avoiding the printing and mailing costs of even the postcards we used in the interim. Some of you may be receiving this having not previously received a postcard. Now, we want to include as many as we can to enlarge the foot print of Amateur Radio.*

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## Roanoke Division Hamfests/Conventions

**09/05/2015 | Roanoke Division Convention (Shelby Hamfest)**  
**Location:** Shelby, NC **Type:** ARRL Convention  
**Sponsor:** Shelby Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://shelbyhamfest.org>

**09/12/2015 | Virginia Section Convention (Virginia Beach Hamfest)**

**Location:** Virginia Beach, VA    **Type:** ARRL Convention    **Sponsor:** Tidewater Radio Conventions

**Website:** <http://vbhamfest.com/>

**10/03/2015 | Rock Hill (SC) Hamfest**

**Location:** Rock Hill, SC    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** York County Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://www.rockhillhamfest.com>

**10/10/2015 | PARKERSURG/WOOD COUNTY HAMFEST**

**Location:** Mineral Wells, WV    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Wood Co. Emergency Communications

**Website:** <http://WC8EC.org>

**10/31/2015 | Grand Strand ARC "Beachfest" 2015**

**Location:** Conway, SC    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.w4gs.org>

**11/15/2015 | JARSFEST 2015**

**Location:** American Legion Complex    **Type:** Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Johnston Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://www.jars.net>

**02/06/2016 | South Carolina State Convention (2016 Charleston Hamfest)**

**Location:** North Charleston, SC    **Type:** ARRL Convention    **Sponsor:** Charleston Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://wa4usn.org>

**04/15/2016 | VHF Super Conference**

**Location:** Sterling, VA    **Type:** ARRL Convention pending Executive Committee approval

**Sponsor:** Southeastern VHF Society, North East Weak Signal Group & Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club. Hosted by the Grid Pirates Contest Group and Directive Systems and Engineering

**Website:** <http://vhfsuperconference.com/>



**Hello All,**

**This is to let you all know that the CARC plans to hold a JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) session at the Woodhaven Baptist Church at 4000 Kildaire Farm Rd. Apex on Sat., Oct. 17th. The Scout troop out of that church will be involved. We want to invite any other Scout troops that may want to attend and work on a Radio Merit Badge to be informed and to come if they want. We just want to know how many Scouts to expect. We have some details to work out, but we have the church's permission for that Saturday and Hams ready to be involved, (setup radios, antennas etc.).**

**Larry Schroeder, KD4HSL, Cary ARC President**



**Please Post or Circulate**  
Amateur Radio **Extra Class** License Course  
Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

Original Announcement Date: August 10, 2015

A seven session **Amateur Extra Class License Course** will be conducted by the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. To earn a specific license, one must pass that level exam plus pass all exams below that level. In this case, the Technician Class and General Class exams must be passed in addition to passing the Amateur Extra Class exam in order for the Amateur Extra Class license to be awarded.

**When:** Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14. The sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end around 12:30 p.m. Please note that this course will not be offered again until this time next year.

**Where:** Raleigh, NC. Specific location will be provided upon pre-registration.

**Volunteer Instructor:** Mike Murphy, WA4BPJ, has an Extra Class license and has been teaching since the 1970s and has conducted as many as 60 courses. In addition to this course, he also teaches the Technician and Extra courses.

**Fee:** The fee is \$10.00 (payable at the first session)

**Course Text:** The required manual is the current edition of: **The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual – Level 3, Extra Class License Manual, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition (ISBN: 978-0-87259-517-0)** (good until 2016-06-30 – we won't be doing another Extra course before then) and is available online (i.e. ARRL, Amazon, etc.).

**Examination:** An **optional** examination is scheduled for the afternoon of the last session for the convenience of the students. This is done by a separate group of RARS Volunteer Examiners and there is a separate fee.

**Pre-Registration:** E-mail me **your phone number and call sign**. A registration form and other details will be e-mailed to you.

**Next Course:** **Technician Class** course early 2016

You are probably on a contact list. E-mail me if you would like to be deleted from the list.

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## VA Beach Hamfest and Electronics Show

Saturday Sept 12 2015 - One day event - 9 am until 4 pm - Early Bird give-a-ways

Come and finish off the hot summer and enjoy the awesome Fall weather In the City of Virginia Beach by coming to the Va Beach Hamfest and Electronics Show. We are back in the beautiful Va Beach Convention Center As we have been the last several years. Plenty of FREE parking and ease To get in and out of the event. We have lots of returning vendors and Maybe even a new one or two. Check out our WEBSITE for the most up to date listing of vendors and suppliers. There is a change this year --- because of a change in hall space in the convention center, we WILL NOT be having any TAIL GATEING sales this year. However, you are more than welcome to come and RENT a table indoors and even set up your stuff on FRIDAY night by driving right onto the floor of the convention hall and unloading on your table. You might even find a helper of two to work with you and unload.

Tickets are still \$10 at the door the day of or \$9 in advance through the website. Or buying from a hamfest team member. Bring your friends and tell your club About us and we will see you come September. Attached is a flyer/order Form for tickets or a table.

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Hi to the Cary ARC Inc ( N4NC ) and its Members:

This is to invite the Cary ARC Inc ( N4NC ) and its members to participate in the 2015 US Islands QSO Party on August 29-30 (1200-0300 UTC). Nearly 3000 islands have been listed by the 21 year old US Islands Award Program and a little more than 2000 of these have been activated. There are many more islands in the USA and its territories that qualify for listing since an Island only need to be surrounded by water, at least 100 feet long and at least 50 feet from the main shoreline.

A mini-expedition to activate an island can be a fun club or individual Ham experience. This is especially true during USI's Spring One-Day Getaway and the August QSO Party. Being on the receiving end of relaxed pile-ups along with QSOs with other island stations and an expanding band of island collectors can be a rewarding activity for N4NC. Some QSO Party island expeditions will be to previously activated Islands while others will be activating listed but not yet activated islands or new islands they have had added to the list.

The first reported activators of an island have their callsign shown on the list of US Islands. Initial activations require at least 25 QSOs and contacts with at least two DX entities (usually the US and one other), but subsequent activations can be as few or many QSOs as you want to make.

Participating non-island stations are an important part of the USI QSO Party, so if Cary ARC Inc will not be operating from an island please consider having N4NC contact the island stations during the USI QSO Party.

Information about the US Islands, the QSO Party and a calendar to post your planned operations can be found at: <http://www.usislands.org/> It would be appreciated if this information were mentioned at your club meetings and in your newsletters with the hope some members would want to participate as a club or individual effort.

73,  
Ralph, NM5RC  
US Islands Award Program Committee Member

