



The Feedline.

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Dues: \$10, from April to March.



The **April**, 2016, meeting of the Cary ARC will be held in the basement of the Activities Building of the White Plains United Methodist Church, 313 SE Maynard Rd, Cary, NC 27511, on Thursday, **April 28**, 7:31 pm. The April meeting of the Cary ARC will feature a presentation by the Forge Downtown, a group of youngsters and their advisors focusing on robotics and technology. All members are urged to attend and support young people, aged 5 and up, demonstrating their robots, 3D printers and other high-tech projects, while learning about this mission to interest the next generation in STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics.



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

05/01/2016 | JCARC HAMFEST

Location: Ripley, WV **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Jackson County Amateur Radio Club

05/07/2016 | South Carolina Section Convention (57th Annual Hamfest)

Location: Spartanburg, SC **Type:** ARRL Convention **Sponsor:** Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://brars.org>

05/14/2016 | 12th Annual Rockingham County Swapfest

Location: Reidsville, NC **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://N4IV.org>

05/28/2016 | DurHamFest

Location: Durham, NC **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Durham FM Association (DFMA)
Website: <http://dfma.org> **NOTICE: DurHamFest at a new location this year. See Page 5.**

06/19/2016 | Manassas Hamfest & Maker Technology Show

Location: Manassas, VA **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.manassashamfest.org>

07/09/2016 | 31st Annual Firecracker Hamfest

Location: Salisbury, NC **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Rowan Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.rowanars.org/firecracker-hamfest>

07/16/2015 | Mid-Summer SWAPFEST (Cary ARC)

Location: Cary, NC **Type:** SWAPFEST **Sponsor:** Cary ARC
Website: <http://www.qsl.net/n4nc/>

07/30/2016 | WCARS Hamfest

Location: Waynesville, NC **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://wcars.org/>

08/07/2016 | 66th Annual Berryville Hamfest

Location: Berryville, VA **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.shenvalarc.org/hamfest>

08/13/2016 | 18th Annual Cape Fear ARS Swapfest

Location: Fayetteville, NC **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.cfarsnc.org/>

08/20/2016 | West Virginia State Convention (58th Annual Event)

Location: Weston, WV **Type:** ARRL Convention **Sponsor:** West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council
Website: <http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/>

09/03-05/2016 | North Carolina State Convention (Shelby Hamfest)

Location: Shelby, NC **Type:** ARRL Convention **Sponsor:** Shelby Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://shelbyhamfest.org>

10/08/2016 | Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest

Location: Mineral Wells, WV **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Wood County Emergency Communications
Website: <http://wc8ec.org>

11/12/2016 | GSARC "BEACHFEST 2016"

Location: Conway, SC **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.w4gs.org>

Note: The above listings of Roanoke Hamfests, etc., were taken from the ARRL web site. It behooves a radio club, society, etc., to register their event with the ARRL even up to a year in advance. Not only does the ARRL provide support for your event, but calendar dates do tend to fill up quickly.



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

Original Announcement Date: February 29, 2016

This seven session course will be conducted by the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. In order to be awarded an Amateur Extra Class (Level 3) license by the FCC, one must pass the Technician Class (Level 1) exam and the General Class (Level 2) exam in addition to the Amateur Extra Class exam.

When: Apr 16, 23, 30, May 14, 21, Jun 4, 11. (**Note:** These are not consecutive Saturdays.) 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 fall of 2017.**

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 General courses.

Tuition: \$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, 10th Edition (ISBN: 978-0-87259-517-0)** and is available online (i.e. ARRL, Amazon, etc.). (This Question Pool and Manual expire 2016-06-30.)

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.

This course is also listed on the ARRL Website at: "Find a Class."

Next Course: **Technician Class** course starting Aug 6 and **General Class** course starting Oct 1.

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

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NOTE: This announcement probably is late for most folks. However, by the time this is read, you will have only missed two classes. Contact Murray, K4MHM, to see if you can attend.



Directions to the NEW location of the DurHamFest – For your GPS!!!

Durham Public Schools Staff Development Center
M-1
2107 Hillandale Road Durham, NC 27705

Northbound on 15/501 - Exit 174 Hillandale - right hand exit then left across bridge on Hillandale Road. Southbound on I85 - Exit 174B Hillandale - stay right onto Hillandale Road.

Guests should continue approximately 1/2 mile and turn left from center lane at 2107 Hillandale Road. Vendors and Tailgaters should continue to next stop light at intersection with W. Carver Road and turn left. From W. Carver make the first left into parking lot.