

# The Feedline.



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

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The July, 2016, meeting of the Cary ARC will be held in the shelter of Ritter Park, 301 W. Lochmere Dr., on Thursday, July 14, 6:30 pm. The program for the July meeting of the Cary ARC will be the final touch-up of the plans for the Mid-Summer SWAPFEST. It will be Saturday, July 16, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be no other business discussed at the meeting.

FCC License exams will be available at 10:00 am for walkins at the Resurrection Lutheran Church at the corner of Kildaire Farm Rd., and W. Lochmere Dr., thanks to the RARS VE team. This is a great chance for your friends and releatives to get a license or upgrade. You will need \$15 and an ID.

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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

#### 07/16/2016 | Mid-Summer SWAPFEST (Cary ARC)

Location: Cary, NC Type: SWAPFEST Sponsor: Cary ARC

Website: http://www.gsl.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.gsl.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.

#### **Technician Class Exam Preparation Course**

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society (RARS.org)

Original Announcement Date: June 21, 2016

The **Technician Class** license, Level 1, is the first of three levels of licensure. Level 2 is the **General Class** and Level 3 is the **Amateur Extra Class**. The Technician course assumes that you know nothing about electronics, communications or advanced math.

**Children/youth:** We highly encourage the participation of children and youth especially as a means to acquaint them with science and technology (i.e., STEM). It is recommended that the child be at least 13 (7<sup>th</sup> grade). It is a struggle for children of younger ages, although we have seen some pass the test. Parents are encouraged to attend the sessions with their children (at no cost if they are not getting a license). **Boy Scouts** have an **Amateur Radio Strip** that can be worn on the uniform of a scout who has an Amateur Radio license.

**When:** This course has four sessions: Aug 6, 20, 27, Sep 10. (There are two gaps: Aug 13 and Sep 3 when there is no session.) The sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end around 12:30 p.m.

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

**Volunteer Instructor:** Curt Phillips, W4CP, has an Extra Class license.

**Tuition:** \$10.00 (payable at the first session). There is no tuition for RARS members who are attending (auditing) a course of which they already have a license.

Course Text: The required manual is the current edition of: The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual – Level 1 Technician, 3rd Edition (April 2014) (ISBN: 1-62595-013-0). The student is responsible for the purchase of the manual which can be obtained 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 an additional fee.

**Pre-Registration:** E-mail me back with **your phone number** (in case I need to get a hold of you quickly). 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:** General course (4 sessions) is scheduled to start: Oct 1, 2016

You are probably on a contact list - e-mail me if you would like your name to be deleted.

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