

# THE QCWACKER

QCWA Piedmont NC Chapter #126

March 2024

**Next Meeting:** The next Piedmont Chapter 126 meeting will be held, **in person**, on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at the Best Food Cafeteria in Siler City, NC. ALL members and guests are welcome! Our meeting room will be in the Steakhouse. Go into the Cafeteria Gift shop and take an immediate right opposite the cash register. Wearing your Ham badge is encouraged.

**Directions:** the Best Food Cafeteria is at 220 East 11th Street, Siler City, NC, telephone number is 919-742-2475 and located on Highway 64 about 1.9 miles West of the intersection with Highway 421, and right across the street from Marsh Auto Parts.

**When:** Plan to arrive at 11:30 AM to socialize, dinner at 12Noon, business and program at about 12:45 PM. Board members are requested to arrive at 11 AM.

**Program:** By K3OS on the “The Reverse Beacon Net as a Tool for comparing antennas.” It would be great if members would go to [www.reversebeacon.net](http://www.reversebeacon.net) before the meeting to have a few images in mind.

**Tidbits:** Our prayers are with our Secretary Sue, W2GHK whose husband is seriously ill. Several members and family members reported having COVID. Several chapter members attended the Memorial Service for a local Raleigh ham KM4JRH recently. We welcome new Chapter 126 Member Bob Pantazes, W2ARP of Greensboro. Thanks to all for approving

all incumbent officers and directors for 2024. W4AG is enjoying working DX with FT-8 on the higher bands. Good to hear members Susan, WA4AKB from Raleigh and Robert, W4MBD from Morehead City on the net. K4RGN has started a 6 Meter ssb net in the Raleigh area on Monday nights at 8:30PM on 50.200 MHz. All are welcome. W2IKN is enjoying a new Heil Headset and use of a newly acquired military oscilloscope. We are glad to have Fin, NC4FG on the net to test some antennas to be used in the NC QSO Party February 25. NC4JP had to replace a Balun on his 160 Meter OCF Dipole. N3LTV is learning to use his new antenna analyzer. House water leaks have been plaguing some members. AF1E has been on a shack noise reduction adventure for some time. From Estate Equipment we still have an HT-37, SX-101M1 and a Drake Station available. Contact K4HF. W4WHW acquired a rare Swan 120 20 Meter monobander. He also has been assisting some family members to relocate from the coast to Cary. The NCSU Club Station W4ATC is back on the air with new beams with the help of our chapter members NC4FG, N4TL and WB4DCM. N4TL had a round with a chain saw; thankfully his hand has healed well. WB4DCM is again on the way to the coast to be a rare contact for the NC QSO Party. Some of us have let our QCWA National Dues expire. Check your status at [Members Only Webpage \(qcwa.org\)](http://qcwa.org) The least expensive plan is to renew for a 3-year term, which works out to about \$18 per year.

Don't forget the SC QSO Party on 2/23/24 and the NC QSO Party on 2/24/24.

The Carolinas Chapter of the Antique Wireless Association will again hold their Antique Radio Charlotte Conference at the Sheridan Charlotte Airport Hotel March 21-23. Vintage auctions, forums and fleamarket are highlighted. See URL below.

Several Chapter 126 members meet for lunch each Thursday at 11:15AM at the New York Diner in Knightdale. Join us any time. Our Saturday morning net continues running well thanks to our regular NC Stations. Our net frequency of 3.853 MHz has been satisfactory most of the time.

Upcoming Hamfests: AB4OZ Hamfest Raleigh March 2; Charlotte Hamfest March 8, 9; Carolinas Chapter AWA Conference Sheraton – Airport Charlotte March 21-23; Raleigh Hamfest April 6; Dayton Hamvention May 17-19.

Some Websites:

<https://charlottehamfest.org>

<https://www.rarsfest.org>

<http://cc-awa.club/images/brochure/2024.pdf>

<https://hamvention.org>

**Chapter 126 Weekly Net:** About 3.853 MHz, 8:45AM each Saturday morning.

**The Piedmont Chapter 126 Website:**

<http://www.qsl.net/qcwa126/>

**The National QCWA Website:** <http://www.qcwa.org/>

**Chapter 126 Member Reflector Input:**

**[QCWA-Chapter126@googlegroups.com](mailto:QCWA-Chapter126@googlegroups.com)**

Your chapter dues go to Sue Meyer Parks, W2GHK. Local dues are \$7 a year. National membership can be handled on the national website.

See you on March 16 and bring a friend!

73,

Chuck, K4HF