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Next Meeting

The first meeting of the year 2002 of the Tar River Amateur Radio Club will be held **Monday, January 7th at BODDIE NOELL ENTERPRISES** located at 1021 Noell Lane in Rocky Mount. The meeting will start at 7 pm.

Please enter the building through the main entrance. Parking is available in front of the building or in the parking lot.

The Presidents 2-Cents

Adam Ipock, KG4IWI

The year 2001 has been a great one for the Tar River Amateur Radio Club. I hope you and yours had a great holiday season. We had a great field day,

participated in our annual ARES SET, and saw our group come together for informative meetings. I really had a great time at our annual Christmas dinner. Thanks to everyone for making the evening great.

Our thanks go to our outgoing officers for there may years of service to our club. Your dedicated service has made the Tar River ARC what it is today and we thank you!

The year 2002 holds many challenges for us. First, we need to "recruit" and "mentor" non-amateurs in our area. We really need to work on filling up our upcoming amateur radio class. Second, we really need to work on having a program for each of our meetings. At our first meeting we will discuss this and ask for volunteers to provide a program for our eleven remaining meetings of 2002.

Third, we need to start holding executive meetings for the officers to "brainstorm" on the future direction of the Tar River ARC. I am sure that there are more ideas that we can discuss at our first meeting of 2002.

As we begin 2002, I pledge to you that the officers of the Tar River ARC will do everything that we can to further our club and our hobby.

73
Adam
KG4IWI

VE Exam Schedule 2002

Bill Thomas, N2BT

Please note the new location and dates for 2002. The Tar River Amateur Radio Club, Rocky Mount, NC, will hold ARRL/VEC Amateur Radio Exams in 2002 as follows.

February	2
April	6
June	1
August	3
October	5
December	7

Exams will be held at the Braswell Memorial Library, at the corner of Peachtree and Grace Streets, Rocky Mount, NC. Exams start at 9 a.m.

Please bring the following items when attending a testing session.

- Photo identification (drivers license)
- Social Security Number

- Original amateur radio license
- Copy of amateur radio license
- Original certificate(s) of successful completion
- Copy of certificate(s) of successful completion
- Test fee of \$ 10.00 payable to ARRL/VEC (checks preferred)

The test fee for 2002 will remain at \$ 10.00

Club Activity Calendar

January

- 7 Tar River ARC Meeting
- 17 RMARS Meeting

February

- 4 Tar River ARC Meeting
- 10 Richmond FrostFest
- 21 RMARS Meeting

ARES Net

Don't forget the AREA 7 ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) net every Tuesday evening at 8:30 p.m. on the following repeaters:

444.700 MHz N4JEH/R Rocky Mount
444.500 MHz N4JEH/R Tarboro
442.125 MHz KG4IWI/R Henderson
145.310 MHz N4WFU/R Roanoke Rapids
146.805 MHz W4DCG/R Rocky Mount
224.220 MHz NF4C/R Rocky Mount

Please check-in and become involved in emergency communications training.

New Club Officers 2002-2003

President Adam Ipock KG4IWI
Vice-Pres. Robin Keller WA4WPD
Secretary Bill Thomas N2BT
Treasurer Fred Dunstan K4FMD
Director Wicky Thorpe W4LW
Director Bert Carter WA4TLI

Your new club officers look forward to serving the club.

Remaining from 2001

Newsletter Editor Lonnie Pridgen
WB4BZZ
VE Director Bill Thomas N2BT
Webmaster Bert Carter WA4TLI
Trustee W4DCG Bill Thomas N2BT

Technician License Classes

Bill Thomas, N2BT

The Tar River ARC will be conducting Technician class license classes beginning later in January. Final details have not been set as of press time. Please contact Fred Winner, KE4LXW or Bill Thomas, N2BT for details.

UPCOMING HAMFESTS

The Richmond Frostfest will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2002. (please note the date change from previous years). The hamfest will be held at the The Show Place 3000 Mechanicsville Turnpike Richmond, Virginia

Advanced tickets are \$ 6.00 each. For further information and ticket orders visit www.frostfest.com

DX NEWS

Bill Thomas, N2BT

Upcoming major DX'peditions

February 3 - 18 Niger 5U

www.qsl.net/niger-2002

February 17 - March 1 Cocos Island

TI9 www.qsl.net/ti9

March 12 - 30 San Felix Island CE0X

www.cordell.org/SFX

April 11 - 22 Mellish Reef VK9ML

www.qsl.net/vk9ml/2002 (yes, some of us still need this one)

The final testing of the new K4UP AR Cluster DX Packetcluster node is about complete. Look for the new node to be fully on-line by early January. The telnet address will be <telnet://k4up.tzo.com> and the 2 meter packet access will be on 145.57 MHz via RWILAN.

For the latest in DX news and events, visit the Castalia Island DX Association website at www.qsl.net/cidxa

Winter Contest Schedule

January 19 - 21 ARRL January VHF Contest

January 25 - 27 CQ 160 Meter CW Contest

February 17 - 18 ARRL DX Contest CW

February 22 - 24 CQ 160 Meter Phone Contest

March 2 - 3 ARRL DX Contest Phone

March 30 - 31 CQ WPX Contest Phone

For additional information, visit the Contesting On-Line website at www.contesting.com

The North Carolina QSO Party

Bill Thomas, N2BT

This year's NC QSO Party will be sponsored by the Forsythe Amateur Radio Club and will be held on Sunday February 24th. For a further information, visit the W4NC website at www.w4nc.org/ncqsoparty.html

Six Meter Bonanza

Bill Thomas, N2BT

Our resident 6 meter enthusiast, Rick Hasel, KF4NOV, has told me that 6 meters has been absolutely wild during the holiday week. The band was open every day, with many European, Carribean, South American, as well as West Coast U.S. stations heard. The amount of 6 meter DX spots on the DX

Packetcluster also confirmed the flurry of activity.

Year 2002 Club Dues

The Tar River Amateur Radio Club dues will be due in January. Full Membership is \$15.00 and Family Full is \$6.00 each. Associate Membership dues are \$10.00 and are for Non-license persons only.

Fred Dunstan, K4FMD
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Please make checks payable to the TRARC, and bring to the January meeting or mail to Fred Dunstan, the club's treasurer. Please complete the application form at the end of the Newsletter.

TAR RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ CALL _____

ADR _____ CLASS LICENSE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ COUNTY _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADR _____

ARRL MEMBER (Y or N) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

FULL MEMBERSHIP \$15.00 _____ FAMILY FULL \$6.00 _____

NOTE--ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FOR NON-LICENSE PERSON ONLY

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP \$10.00 _____ FAMILY ASSOCIATE \$1.00 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____ Cash or Check -- DATE ____/____/____