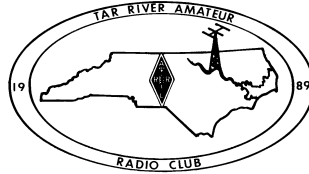


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NEXT MEETING

The January meeting of the Tar River Amateur Radio Club will be held **Monday, January 6th at BODDIE NOELL ENTERPRISES** located at 1021 Noell Lane in Rocky Mount. The supper meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

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

Anyone interested in eating at the Texas Steak House on Monday before the Club meeting ??? If so, stop by the Texas Steak House about 5:30 PM.

VE EXAM UPDATE

Bill, N2BT

The Tar River Amateur Radio Club, Rocky Mount, NC, will hold ARRL/VEC Amateur Radio Exams in 2003 as follows:

February	1
April	5
June	7
August	2
October	4
December	6

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
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- Test fee of \$ 12.00 payable to ARRL/VEC (checks preferred)

For further information visit our club website at www.TarRiverARC.com or contact

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CLUB ACTIVITY CALENDAR

January

- 4 Kid's Day
- 4-5 ARRL RTTY Rounhup
- 6 Tar River ARC Meeting
- 16 RMARC Meeting
- 19-20 ARRL JAN VHF Sweep-Stakes

February

- 1 VE Session
- 2 Tar River ARC Meeting
- 15-16 ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX Contest
- 20 RMARS Meeting

WEEKLY ARES NET

The Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax, and Wilson county ARES net meets Tuesday nights at 8:30 pm on 145.290

MHz, 146.805 MHz, 224.220 MHz, 444.500 MHz, 444.700 MHz and 443.700 repeaters.

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

CONGRATULATION

Congratulation to Adam Ipock, KG4IWI and Cathy Ipock, KG4OUA on passing the General Class License at the last VE Session.

Marvin Catlett, K4MLC and Wicky Thorpe, W4LW achieve their DXCC Certificate. They now have 100 counties confirmed.

THE PRESIDENT 2-CENTS

I hope that everyone had a great holiday season and I wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

On December 13th and 14th I worked the 10 meter contest. I installed the 10 meter beam on a 30 foot mast and used a 25 watts rig. I must say it was great. Even with the low power I worked 56 countries and 37 states. I made 302 contacts overall. I understand why you guys "chase DX" so devotedly. Cathy made her first contact with a Poland station on Monday morning. The band was in usable shape with Europe open in the morning, Africa at midday and the states in the evening. I really had a great time and I look forward to other contests.

I know that we are going to try and participate in the Kids Day Contest on January 4th. Our sons Nicholas 8, and Christopher 4 are looking forward to it.

I look forward to seeing you at the January meeting.

73

Adam
KG4IWI

CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



Cathy KG4OUA & Adam KG4IWI Ipock



Bill Thomas N2BT & Adam Ipock KG4IWI



Bob WA4WPC & Jane Keller



Bruce N4XUN, Lorine KC4SEV Batchelor & Margie Clark



Fred KE4LXW & Marie Winner



Mike & Kathy KF4KCN Davis



Linda & Rick KF4NOV Hasal



Christina KC4HDI & Marty WB4OAR Young



Robin WA4WPC & Kathy N4DCZ Keller



Marvin K4MLC & Juanita Catlett



Wicky Thorpe W4LW