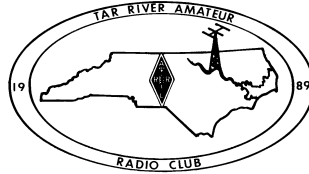


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Next Meeting

The February meeting of the Tar River Amateur Radio Club will be held **Monday, February 4th** 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.

VE EXAM UPDATE

Bill, N2BT

The next VE exam session will be Saturday, February 2nd at 9 a.m. Exams are held at the 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)

Dates for the remaining Test Sessions:

April	6
June	1
August	3

October 5
December 7

Club Activity Calendar

February

4 Tar River ARC Meeting
10 Richmond FrostFest
21 RMARS Meeting

March

4 Tar River ARC Meeting
9-10 Charlotte Hamfest
24 DownEast Hamfest, Kinston
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.

Technician License Classes

Bill Thomas, N2BT

The Tar River ARC will be conducting Technician class license classes beginning February 12, Tuesday night, 7pm and continue for 11 weeks. The classes will be held at **Boddie Noell**

Enterprises. Please contact Fred Winner, KE4LXW or Bill Thomas, N2BT for details and to register. Price is \$25, which includes study materials.

HAMSHACK

This month's feature is the QTH of Bobby Griffin, NF4C. Bobby spends a lot of time on the HF bands, 220 MHz repeaters and 2 meter repeaters and also packet.



NF4C Operating Position

Bobby's HF rig is an Icom 751 that drives a Kenwood TL 922A kilowatt amplifier. The 922A uses 2 3-500 output tubes.



Icom 751

This spring Bobby will be adding a Mosley TA33-M WARC Beam. Which will cover 10, 12, 15, 17, and 20 meters.



Kenwood TL922A

He is active on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and the WARC bands. On the opposite end of coax from the TL 922A is a KLM KT34A tri bander 4 element beam at about 60 foot. Also used is a Gap DX Challenger vertical that covers 160, 80, 40 and 20 meters.



Gap DX Challenger



KLM K34A

Bobby has a 75 meter sloper off the tower.

The QTH has an Icom IC 38A for 220MHz and an Icom IC 2000 for 2 meters. Antennas are beams mounted above the K34A Tri-Bander



Packet Station and home computer

Bobby's packet station consists of a Kenwood 4000 dual band 2 & 440 and a MFJ 1270 TNC.



Bobby is also a member of the Castalia Island DX Association.

The Presidents 2-Cents

Adam Ipock, KG4IWI

January is almost gone and alot has been done to further our hobby. We set up an amateur radio class to be held at Boddie-Noell. Thank you Fred, KE4LXW, and Bill, N2BT, for coordinating the class.

We have agreed on a program schedule for the year. See newsletter for details. Thank you Robin, WA4WPD, for giving the program on ARES and emergency power at our January meeting.

What will February bring? The program for the next meeting will be on the new AR Cluster Bert, WA4TLI, will lead the program. We still have November open at this time. Let me know if you would like to lead a program of interest for the group.

Please remember that your dues need to be paid for 2002 and if you can, bring a friend to the meeting.

73

Adam

KG4IWI

FS/K4UP

Wicky Thorpe, W4LW and Fred Dunstan, K4FMD will be on the air starting February 2 through February 8 from the island of St. Martin (French side) and will be using the callsign FS/K4UP.

Our plan is to use SSB mainly 10, 15, 20 and possibly some 80 meter frequencies. We will try to be on 28.495, 21.295, 14.195, 14.260 and 3.795. Most of our time on the air will be after dinner or around breakfast time with other air time as much as possible. (We have our wives with us and have to devote some time to vacation.)

We are taking a Yaesu 900, G5RV, and a Carolina Windom 20 and a laptop. If computer connections are available we'll connect to the K4UP cluster.

Hope to be able to qso with all of you from FS. QSL via K4UP.

NEW REPEATERS

Two new repeaters are now on the air sponsored by the Stoney Creek Amateur Repeaters.

The 145.29 WA4WPD repeater, tone of 107.2, is back on the air and providing excellent coverage for the Nash County area. It complements the other 2 meter repeaters very well. This repeater can be linked with the 440 repeater system on demand. Give it a try as well as all the other repeaters in the area.

Also a new 440 repeater is on the air in Castalia 444.975 N4JEH/R, tone of 107.20. Part of the Stoney Creek system linked full time.

If you have any questions regarding the Stoney Creek Amateur Repeaters, please contact Adam KG4IWI.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2002

Feb	AR Cluster Bert WA4TLI
Mar	Connectors Lon WB4BZZ and Bobby NF4C
April	Radio Night/ Video Bring HT's and Bill N2BT Video
May	Logging Training
June	Logging Training
July	Dayton Experience
Aug	SERA Frank Lynch Tentative
Sep	Video Bill N2BT
Oct	Community Service Program Carl N4JEH
Nov	OPEN

Dec Christmas Party

New ARRL VE Examiner

Robin Keller, WA4WPD has his ARRL VE examiner certification.

RM AMATEUR TELECOMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

Adam Ipock, KG4IWI has called an impromptu meeting of the Rocky Mount Amateur Telecommunication Association W4RMT.

The meeting will be held at the Texas Steak House on February 4th at 6pm.

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 ____/____/____