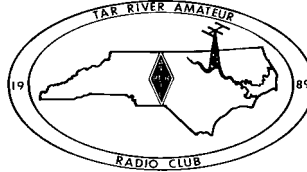


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## NEXT MEETING

The February meeting of the Tar River Amateur Radio Club will be held **Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

Bert Carter, WA4TLI will have a program on connecting a standby generator to your house wiring. That will be good information for the coming Spring thunderstorms.

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 next VE exam session will be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Exams are held at the Braswell Memorial Library, at the corner of Peachtree and Grace Streets, Rocky Mount, NC. Exams start at 9 am.

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 \$ 12.00 payable to ARRL/VEC (checks preferred)

The Tar River ARC VE exam schedule for remainder of 2003 is as follows.

April	5
June	7
August	2
October	4
December	6

For further information visit our club website at [www.TarRiverARC.com](http://www.TarRiverARC.com) or contact

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## CLUB ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### February

- 1 VE Session
- 9 Richmond Frostfest
- 3 Tar River ARC Meeting
- 15-16 ARRL DX Contest CW
- 20 RMARS Meeting

### March

- 1-2 ARRL DX Contest Phone
- 3 Tar River ARC Meeting
- 8-9 Charlotte Hamfest
- 20 RMARC Meeting

## V2 Antigua

**W**icky, W4LW and Fred, K4FMD will operate as V2/K4UP from Antigua from February 1 through February 8. Look for them on 10 - 20 meters SSB only. QSL direct via K4UP.

## WEEKLY ARES NET

**T**he Northern Coastal Plain 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.

## WELCOME

**T**wo new members have joined the Club this year. Welcome Robert Cookson, KM4IS of Wilson and Christina Young, KC4HDI of Rocky Mount and the wife of Marty Young, WB4OAR. We hope to be seeing you at the meetings.

## HEADS UP

Fred Winner, KE4LXW

**W**e will be planning a SKYWARN MEETING WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, before the severe weather season... If you have been to one, or not, you are due for a refresher class... I will keep you informed.

## MOBILE COMMUNICATION CENTER

The Stony Creek Repeater Association received a donation of a rescue body. They are in need of a chassis or heavy-duty trailer for it. Pictures by Robin Keller, WA4WPC.



*Anyone have a spare chassis or trailer?*

The unit is in good shape, no damage and is air-conditioned and plenty of room.

There is a compartment for a generator but no generator.



*Fred Winner, KE4LXW*



*Plenty of room for radio rear*



*Carl Briley, N4JEH checking out the A/C*