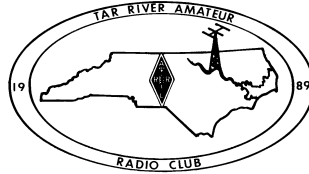


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Next Meeting

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

This month's meeting program will be demonstrating putting connectors on coaxial cable.

VE Exam Update

Bill Thomas, N2BT

The first exam session for 2002 was held on February 2nd at the new Braswell Memorial Library. There were 10 candidates in attendance, with 9 of them successful.

Area hams who upgraded were:

Adam Ipock KG4IWI Tech w/HF
 Cathy Ipock KG4OUA Tech w/HF
 Joe Alberts KF4MLF General
 John Faulkner KR4SV Extra
 Peter Herring - Technician

Congratulations to all.

Thanks to Volunteer Examiners:

Lloyd Boone, NG4V
Marvin Catlett, K4MLC
Robin Keller, WA4WPD
Bill Thomas, N2BT.

Congratulations to Rick, KF4NOV, who passed the 5 wpm code test and upgraded to General class. The test session was held on Saturday, February 23rd in Rocky Mount.

VE Exam

The next VE exam session will be Saturday, April 6th 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

March

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

April

- 1 Tar River ARC Meeting
- 5 VE Exam Rocky Mount
- 14 Raleigh Hamfest
- 18 RMARS Meeting

Upcoming Hamfests

March 9-10 Charlotte, NC Hamfest
March 24 Kinston, NC Hamfest
April 6 - 7 Timonium, MD Hamfest
(Baltimore)
April 14 Raleigh, NC Hamfest
May 17 - 20, 2002 Dayton, OH
Hamvention

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.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for the ARES NET on Tuesday nights. Call Fred Winner, KE4LXW if you are able to help out. ke4lxw@tarriverarc.com or 459-4332.

Special Olympics

If you can spare some time for the Special Olympics that are being held in Rocky Mount on March 15, 16 and 17 please call Fred Winner, KE4LXW. Volunteers are still needed.

TAR RIVER ARC Technician License Classes

Bill Thomas, N2BT

The Tar River ARC Technician License class started on Tuesday, February 12th. The class will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings at the Boddie Noell office building at 7 pm. The class will conclude on April 23rd with a VE testing session. Please welcome the following students into the Amateur Radio hobby.

David Jones
William Lawrence
Lisa Smith
Michael Davis
Eppie Brown
Conway Batchelor

Nash EOC

Fred Winner, KE4LXW

We have started installation of the vertical HF antenna on the Nash County Office building. Weather

permitting, and time, this should be completed this month. Due to budget restraints, the HF rig has not been ordered as hoped.

DX News

Bill Thomas, N2BT

The K4UP DX PacketCluster system continues to work well. The major software crashes and bugs have been fixed. You can connect to K4UP via telnet at k4up.tzo.com or by packet radio on 145.57 MHz.

Here is the upcoming major DX'peditions. Note that the Ducie Island VP6 is a brand new DXCC country. Everyone will need this one so it should be interesting in the pile ups.

Feb 17 - March 1 Cocos Island TI9
www.qsl.net/ti9

March 12 - 30 San Felix Island CE0X
www.cordell.org/SFX

March 12 - 30 Ducie Island VP6
April 11-22 Mellish Reef VK9ML
www.qsl.net/vk9ml/2002

FCC REDESIGNS AMATEUR SERVICE WEB SITE

Bill Thomas, N2BT

The FCC has redesigned its Amateur Radio Service Web site and changed the URL

<<http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/amateur/>>.

The new layout makes it easier to find information on topics most requested by amateurs, including licensing, amateur exams, filing an

application, changing an address or using the Universal Licensing System (ULS). The refurbished site also provides links to recent Amateur Radio-related news from the FCC.

"The new design is a part of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's continuing effort to meet the needs of the Amateur Radio Service operators as identified in focus groups, letters, phone calls, and e-mails," the FCC said in a news release.

The new design clusters FCC public notices, news releases, and other official documents affecting Amateur Radio operators on the right side of the page. On the left side of the page, the new navigation scheme displays information on the Amateur Radio Service, the sequential call sign system, licensing and vanity call signs as well as amateur-related communications policies such as reciprocal agreements. The site also offers links to information on the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1, the Part 97 Amateur Service rules and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and ULS sites.

The site, launched on February 20, includes a search engine for the entire FCC Web site <<http://www.fcc.gov>>. Direct questions or comments concerning the FCC's Amateur Radio Service Web site to Bobby Brown, bbrown@fcc.gov, or Jennifer Bush, jbush@fcc.gov. For information concerning the Amateur Radio Service, contact Bill Cross, bcross@fcc.gov; 202-418-0680.

Wayne Williams, K4MOB SK

Wayne Williams, K4MOB, of Colfax, North Carolina, died February 12 after an extended illness. He was 65. An ARRL member, Williams served from 1977 to 2000 as editor of the Southeastern Repeater Association's SERA Repeater Journal. As the proprietor of Williams Radio, Williams was a familiar and welcome presence on the hamfest and convention circuit in the southeastern US. Current Repeater Journal Editor Gary Pearce, KN4AQ, hailed Williams as a "driving force in SERA," the frequency-coordination body for eight southeastern states. During his tenure as editor, Williams transformed the Repeater Journal from a newsletter to its current color-cover magazine format. "Wayne touched the lives of thousands of hams in the Southeast," Pearce said. "We'll miss him." Williams' survivors include his wife, Gerry, KB4SEL, and two sons, Chris, W4CAW, and Wayne Jr (a third son, Gary, died in 2000). The funeral was February 14.

FS/K4UP DXpedition

Wicky Thorpe, W4LW and Fred Dunstan, K4FMD made 493 QSOs from the Island of St. Martin during their DXpedition.

Here are some photos of their DXpedition.





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Year 2002 Club Dues

The Tar River Amateur Radio Club
dues will be due in January. Full
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are \$10.00 and are for Non-license
persons only.

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For Sale

AEA PK 232 MBX TNC with cables
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Call Jay Morris 252 459-2810

Please make checks payable to the
TRARC, and bring to the March meeting
or mail to Fred Dunstan, the club's
treasurer.