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NEXT MEETING

The June meeting of the Tar River Amateur Radio Club will be held **Monday, June 2nd at BODDIE NOELL ENTERPRISES** located at 1021 Noell Lane in Rocky Mount. The 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.

Final planning for Field Day will be the topic of the meeting.

As usual any one interest in supper before the Club meeting can meet at the Texas Steak House about 5:30 PM.



CQ FIELD DAY de W4DCG

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable and restful Memorial Day weekend. I know that I am. I wish the fishing on the Pamlico River was a little bit better though.

I thought I would take a moment and give each of you an update once I have had time to reflect on the recent developments surrounding Field Day (FD). I find it to better for me to take the emotion out of issues before I respond to them.

As most of you are aware, a small number of members of the TRARC have elected to participate in FD at our historical location. See [this link](http://www.qsl.net/cidax/fieldday.html) “<http://www.qsl.net/cidax/fieldday.html>”. I want to personally wish them well and hope they have a successful FD. Even though this action takes resources away from our club effort, we are still in an excellent position to have a successful FD effort measured by the number of amateur operators, public exposure, and our overall score.

We have secured two bucket trucks and a 32 foot lift for our FD effort. We have all the antennas and rigs that we need. I want to assure you that the decision of some members will in no way impact our FD operations; however, it will be different without some of the familiar faces participating with the TRARC. If any of the members of this group want to change their mind, please feel free to come and operate with the club.

Your band captains will be meeting next week to discuss final site layouts, band plans, and operating schedules so that our June meeting will be a chance to review and fine tune this FD plan. Two of our band captains that excepted this club role are members of the group that will operate at our historical location. Their duties will be assumed by myself, Robin WA4WPD, and our other two band captains Marty W4MY and Roy WA4DOU due to the late notice given.

This is a critical point in the history of our club. I want to assure you that I will not be treating this issue as a potential problem for our club, but rather as an opportunity to

learn and grow as a group. I know that many of you may feel anger, betrayal, and disappointment, so if you need to talk with me before the June meeting, please feel free to call or email me. I have heard from several of you and I appreciate your input and continued support of our club.

I want to thank each of you for making our club as strong and successful as it is today and I look forward to our FD efforts and our other amateur radio activities.

73

Adam

KG4IWI

FIELD DAY T-SHIRTS



Anyone interested in purchasing a T-shirt for Field Day 2003. Please e-mail me the quantity and size you require, or let me know at the next meeting June 2. The deadline for the order is June 3. The color this year is heather grey with black logo.

The price is the same as last year, \$10.00 each. Sizes available are S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL.

The minimum total order for the club is 24 shirts, so please place your order as soon as possible to help us reach this requirement.

My e-mail address is harleyman_rbb@yahoo.com, or you may call me at 823-1463.

73's Bruce N4XUN

VE EXAM UPDATE

Bill, N2BT

The next VE exam session will be held on Saturday, June 7th 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)

Beginning July 1, 2003, the new technician question pool will go into effect.

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

August	2
October	4
December	6

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

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CLUB ACTIVITY CALENDAR

June

- 2 Tar River ARC Meeting
- 7 VE Session
- 19 RMARS Meeting
- 28-29 ARRL Field Day

July

- 1 Tar River ARC Meeting
- 17 RMARS Club Meeting
- 19 Cary Hamfest

ULS/CORES PART III

Marty Young, W4MY

In the series so far we have learned our FRN, obtained our ULS password, and prepared our computer for use on the ULS website. Its now time to make an application on line!

I will cover three reasons to file an application in this article. There are many more, like when a VE files for a new applicant who just passed their test, but I'll leave that to them. The most common applications are:

Administrative Update – changing your name, address, phone number and things like that.

Renewal Only – renewing your license within 90 days of its expiration

Modification – Requests for changing your call sign, using Vanity or sequential system

Go to <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/> and select “Online Filing” and then enter your FRN and password. The next screen will ask for your application purpose. There are many choices here, but one of the three above are used most of the time. Note, you may be tempted to select “Renewal/Modification” thinking you might as well renew at the same time as your modification. Don't select this one unless you are doing a modification within 90 days of your expiration date. Otherwise, your app will be dismissed.

You will navigate through a few more basic questions; press “continue” after answering each one. Now the fun begins. The Java starts now. If its your first application and you are using Iexplorer, the Java will begin to load. This will take a long time. (an hour or more!) Be patient. Eventually you will be prompted to give your permission for the Java session. Click “Grant All Sessions” button. The application will come up on the screen. Fill out the application just as you

would the paper one. This newsletter would have to be the size of a New York Times Sunday edition in order for me to cover every line, so I won't! Just read it carefully and make sure you follow the directions exactly. On the bottom of page 4 is a “Submit” button. Click that when you are ready. If there is a fee involved (as for a vanity call) you will be prompted for form 159 Voucher. There is no fee for an administrative update and renewal of non-vanity calls. That's it. You will receive a confirmation in the mail from Gettysburg.

I've tried to cover the basics and “gotcha's” in this series, but by no means is it intended to be a complete guide to the ULS. I hope I've been helpful in passing along my personal experience in using the ULS. It's really not as big and bad as it looks. I'll be glad to answer questions or help whenever I can. Feel free to e-mail me at w4my@tarriverarc.com any time.

Very best 73 SK

WEEKLY ARES NET

The 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.