



The Amplifier

Tar River Amateur Radio Club

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Next Meeting

The June meeting of the Tar River Amateur Radio Club will be held Monday, June 5, 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. The June program will be Final Field Day Planning.

2006 VE Exam Schedule

Bill, N2BT

The Tar River Amateur Radio Club, Rocky Mount, NC, will hold ARRL/VEC Amateur Radio Exams in 2006 as follows:

June 3	August 5
October 7	December 2

Exams will start at 9 a.m. and will be held at:
The Braswell Memorial Library
727 N. Grace Street (corner of Grace and Peachtree Streets)
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

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 \$14 payable to ARRL/VEC (checks preferred)

For further information visit our club web site at www.TarRiverARC.org or contact:

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President's Corner

Robin, WA4WPD

It's June. Time for Field Day. Time for hurricanes.

Field day will be here before we know it. It's going to be on the front lawn of Boddie-Noell Enterprises. Current plans are to run 2A. Rigs, boom trucks and antennas are scheduled. What about you? E-Mails have been sent out. We need to know how many folks to plan for supper. Need to know how many T-shirts to order. Please let me know.

June first, summer time, long days and hurricane season. Now is the time to make sure your survival kit is set. Consume all the food and water in last years kit. Did you like it? Want this years kit to be just as bad? Make sure you don't have any negative reactions to those power bars. Now is the time to replace your supplies.

What do you want to eat? I keep canned fruit, veggies, meat and crackers in mine. Want you're food cold? I have a single burner propane stove. Yes it's a camp stove. Of course that also means I need to have pots, soap and water to clean my cooking stuff. Makes the kit a little larger and heavier.

Same with the batteries. Take the old batteries put them in the kids toys. You want fresh batteries in your AM/FM radio and flashlight. What about your HT. Can you run it off of dry cells. You should have at least two things for your HT. A way to power it off of dry cells and an adapter to use it with your outside antenna.

Speaking of HT's. Do you have all the local repeaters programmed in it? What about the surrounding ones? Simplex frequencies? For that matter can you program it without the manual? Or the computer? Spend some time with it. Program in all the local frequencies. With out the computer please.

See Y'all at the meeting.

Vice-President's Ker-chunk

By Marty, W4MY

If anyone ever asks you what ham radio is, here's a pretty good explanation I read lately...

Radio is a kind of like a cat. A very, very long cat. You pull his tail in New York and his head is meowing in Los Angeles. And radio operates exactly the same way: you send signals here, they receive them there. The only difference is that there is no cat.

So, lets all get together Field Day and pull some cat tails!

Upcoming Hamfests

June 3 – Pig Pickin' Franklin, VA

June 10 – Winston Salem, NC

July 8 – Salisbury, NC

July 15 – Cary, NC

July 29 – Waynesville, NC

August 5 – Roanoke, VA

August 12 – Fayetteville, NC

September 2-3 – Shelby, NC

September 16-17 – Virginia Beach, VA

Contests

June 3 - 4

QRP TAQC Sprint Contest – CW

SEANET Contest

IARU Region 1 Field Day

Look Around in the Field Contest

June 10 - 12

ANARTS WW RTTY/Digital Contest

ARRL June VHF QSO Party

Portugal Day Contest – SSB

GACW WWSA CW DX Contest

June 17 - 18

Kids Day Operating Event

West Virginia QSO Party

ALL-Asian DX Contest – CW

SMIRK QSO Party

Quebec QSO Party

Summer Meteor Scatter Contest – FSK441

Spanish Islands Contest

June 24 - 25

ARRL Field Day

His Majesty King of Spain Contest – SSB

QRP ARCI Milliwatt Field Day

2006 Club Dues/ARRL Dues

This is just a reminder to everyone that the 2006 TRARC dues are now past due... \$15 per yr for individuals and \$21 for family's.

If you are interested in becoming a 'new' ARRL member, we now have a special form that you can completely fill out, pay thru the club, and the club keeps \$15. If you are RENEWING your membership in ARRL, you may now pay thru the club, and it keeps \$2. ARRL dues are \$39 for regular and \$36 for SENIORS per year. There are others options also.

Help support your club.

Pay your dues at the meeting or send your check to: Fred Winner KE4LXW, 8972 Lancaster Store Rd., Castalia, NC 27816.

Weekly ARES Net

The Northern Coastal Plain ARES net, covering Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax, and Wilson

counties, meets Tuesday nights at 8:30 p.m. on the 147.150 MHz repeater. Check into the net, participate in ARES training, and enjoy the informal rag-chew afterwards.

New Beacons

Robin, K4IDC, (not our Robin) has placed the following new VHF/UHF beacons in service from EM76ma at about 2100 feet above sea level:

50.068 MHz
144.300 MHz
222.068 MHz
432.298 MHz.

These beacons should be good indicators of band openings to the west.

Ham Gear for Sale or Trade

If you have any ham gear or other electronic gear to sell or trade, send a copy of your ad to W4FRA@trarc.org.

This is a list of the Items from WA4TCC's estate. If you desire to bid for any of these items please send a message to me mailto:rdkeller@nashvillenc.com... do not send to list (If you do....Everyone on the list will know your bid). Please specify WA4TCC Estate in the subject line and identify the item for your in the text of your message. Please include your contact information. If you desire to bid for more than one item, submit separate bids for each.

The highest reasonable bid will be accepted. That is, if an item is worth \$100, please don't waste our time by bidding \$5.00 for it. Please examine the list carefully. If it says "condition unknown" it means we are either unable or UNWILLING to turn the device on and test it.

There is no financing involved. All sales are final. Cash, no checks or credit. All proceeds go to WA4TCC's widow.

All sales must be approved by WA4WPD, N4JEH AND WT4S.

ADI AT-600 S/N 8350001047
VHF/UHF dualbander HT with external mic
replacement battery by W & W Manufacturing
One original battery
Manual

missing charger
Aerotron External Speaker
Hallicrafters S108 S/N 284925 / 29602
receiver
unknown condition
Missing Manual
Hallicrafters S120 S/N 120000D 44309
receiver
manual
unknown condition
Heathkit HD 1426 S/N 00816
Field strength meter
unknown condition
missing manual
Icom TV-R700 S/N 03753
video from a scanner unit
Kenwood PG-5A
TNC data cable
new in box \$15.00
KLM mutil 2700 S/N 93130
2meter 10 meter receive OSCAR
transceiver
unknown condition
missing manual
MFJ 280
compact speaker
MFJ 1278 S/N 3014854
TNC, CW, and RTTY decoder early 80's
model
condition unknown
power supply
interface cable for unknown radio
Parallel cable
missing manual
Mirage B108 S / N
5289-1181
Two meter AMP
condition unknown
missing manual
Realistic HTX 404 S/N 0075992
440 HT
works
charger
speaker mic
missing manual
Realistic BTX 124 S/N 70200578
commercial VHF business band radio
~~**Realistic BTX 124** S/N 70200579~~

commercial VHF business band radio

Vibroplex Vibrokey standard

Ham Key

Yaesu FV-107 S / N O C
030150

external VFO

Yaesu FP-107E S/N OG 020594

power supply

Yaesu FC-107 S / N O E
030700

Antenna Tuner

Yaesu FT-107M S/N OE 050118

160-10 HF transceiver

desk mic

Display malfunctions

missing manual

no WARC bands

Yaesu FTV 107/R S/N 040326

transverter 430 Mhz

new in box

was 229.95

Yaesu FTV 707 S/N 020170

2 meter transverter

Yaesu FTV 700 S/N 6K140050

6 meter transverter

FOR SALE – IC-735 HF RIG.... excellent
condition..... with manual..... asking \$500.

– Fred Winner, KE4LXW, 252-459-4332

Input Wanted

If you would like to see something in particular in YOUR newsletter, let me know. If you have an article of interest, send it to me. – Les, W4FRA.
