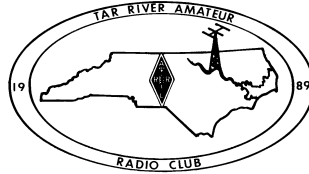


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NEXT MEETING

The July meeting of the Tar River Amateur Radio Club will be held **Monday, July 2nd 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.

Jim, N4PE will have the Field Day 2001 report at the meeting. Looks like contact wise we were about the same as last year.

Anyone with pictures or video please bring to the meeting for all to view.

FIELD DAY 2001 de W4DCG

This past weekend the Tar River Amateur Radio Club enjoyed the 2001 Field Day. The weather was perfect, but 10 and 15 meters were not up to par. Several visitors showed up including Gordon Dero the Wilson County Emergency Manager.



*Jim, N4PE & Gordon Dero, Wilson County
Emergency Manager*

Adam, KG4IWI and Marvin, KD4NLX had problems with networking the computers that took several hours to iron out. But just before the 2 p.m. deadline the computers were on line and working fine.



Rod N4BNO & Bobby NF4C

Just before the 2 p.m. deadline Sunday Rod and Bobby worked 80 CW contacts on 20 meters.



Bert WA4TLI & Rod N4BNO

Saturday afternoon Bert and Rod kept the 20 meter side band station smoking. Bert also finished up Sunday on 20 SSB pulling time from 5 am till Rod and Bobby took over on cw.

Bruce and Marvin spent much of their time on 40 and 80 meters and some on 10 meters. They worked Saturday and

Sunday on these bands. Robin, WA4WPD and Adam. KG4IWI worked the graveyard shift on both the 40 and 20 meter stations.



Bruce N4XUN & Marvin KD4NLX



John KR4SV & EU

John and EU Daniels worked the 15 meter station both Saturday and Sunday, and EU's son Keith, KD4PI operated Saturday night. Also Fred, K4FMD and Wicky, W4LW spent time at the 15 meter station.



There were plenty to eat include Jersey Mike Subs provided by Fred K4FMD. Mrs. Clark Lemon cake and other cakes and snacks by other XYL's.



FD 2001 T-SHIRT

Thanks to Steve, WA4FJK and Chris, KG4CZU for helping setting up and taking down and all the others I may have missed. I also missed some of you in the photos.

Many thanks to our host, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bridgers and Rod N4BNO & Peggy Bridgers for putting up with us another year.

VE EXAM UPDATE

Bill, N2BT

The next VE exam session will be Saturday, July 28th at 9 a.m. Exams are held at the JC Penney store, Golden East Crossing Mall. The exam fee for 2001 is \$ 10. Please contact Bill, N2BT, at 442-6131 for further information.

ARRL Bulletin 24 ARLB024
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT June 19, 2001
To all radio amateurs

ARLB024 Amateur Morse Testing Changes Effective July 1 New Morse code exam standards go into effect July 1 for all Volunteer Examiner Coordinators. The new standards call for Farnsworth character speed in the 13-to-15 WPM range and the end of multiple-choice questions for routine Morse code exams.

In the wake of restructuring and the establishment of 5 WPM as the sole amateur Morse requirement, the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators voted last July to set up the revised standards for the administration of Morse code examinations in the US.

ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, points out the required change to the Farnsworth protocol replaces the 18-WPM character speed ARRL VEC has used since 1989. "Standard 5 WPM messages with 5 WPM characters are available as an accommodation," he said. "Standard (non-Farnsworth) speed messages are

available upon special request from the ARRL VEC for ARRL VE teams."

In addition, the Morse exam audio frequency range should be between 700 and 1000 Hz for routine exams. Consistent with the revised standards, Jahnke said, ARRL VEC has set 15-WPM characters as its Farnsworth setting and 750 Hz as its audio-frequency standard.

Code practice transmissions from Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will reflect the new Farnsworth standard. W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, says transmissions using the new protocol will begin Monday, July 2. Code transmissions at speeds below 18 WPM will drop from 18 WPM to 15 WPM character speed. W1AW Web code practice files, at <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/morse.html>, will mirror the new standards too.

The new Morse examination standards also affect test administration. After July 1, Morse examinees will have to supply fill-in-the-blank answers for the 10-question Element 1 quiz. Multiple-choice type examinations no longer will be acceptable. Under the new testing regime, Morse code examinees must either correctly answer seven of the ten fill-in-the-blanks questions or correctly copy 25 consecutive characters.

Changes are on the horizon for the written examinations as well. Revised Amateur Extra question pool

will go into effect July 1, 2002. Reworked Technician and General question pools will become effective on July 1 2003 and 2004 respectively.

CLUB ACTIVITY CALENDAR

July

- 2 Tar River ARC Meeting
- 19 RMARS Meeting
- 21 Cary, NC Swapfest
- 28 VE Exams, Rocky Mount

August

- 6 Tar River ARC Meeting
- 16 RMARS Meeting
- 18 - 19 Lighthouse Weekend
(Currituck) K4UP (see
www.qsl.net/cidxa/currituck.html)

Upcoming Hamfest

Bill, N2BT

- July 21 Cary, NC Swapfest
- July 28 Asheville, NC (WCARS)
Hamfest
- Sept 1-2 Shelby, NC Hamfest
- Sept 22-23 Virginia Beach, VA Hamfest

ARES NET

Don't forget the Nash/Edgecombe/Wilson county ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) net every Tuesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Please check-in and become involved in emergency communications training.

DX NEWS

Bill, N2BT



Well known DX'er Pedro Allina, HK3JJH, from Bogata, Columbia will be featured guest at a reception at the Holiday Inn, Winstead Avenue, Rocky Mount. The reception will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2001 from 1 pm to 5 pm. This event is sponsored by Carl Smith, N4AA, publisher of The DX Magazine and the QRZ DX Newsletter. Carl is also the QSL manager for Pedro's recent HK0/M Malpelo Island DX operation.

The reception will be very informal, drop in any time for as long as you like. Soft drinks, coffee, and snacks will be available throughout the afternoon.

Pedro has operated several times from Malpelo Island (HK0/M), most recently in April 2001. Pedro has also operated from several IOTA's. QSL cards from these operations will be available at the reception. (Malpelo Island HK0/M is ranked 27th on the ARRL's most wanted DXCC countries list for 2001)

Pedro and his wife Cecilia, will be continuing on from Rocky Mount to New York, by way of Richmond, Washington DC and

Baltimore, to spend a few weeks with his son, who lives up there.



MORE FD PICTURES

