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NEXT MEETING

The July meeting of the Tar River Amateur Radio Club will be held **Monday, July 1st 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.

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, August 3rd 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
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- Test fee of \$ 10.00 payable to ARRL/VEC (checks preferred)

The Tar River ARC VE exam schedule for remainder of 2002 is as follows.

October	5
December	7

For addition information, contact Bill Thomas, N2BT, at 442-6131 or n2bt@arrl.net.

The new Amateur Extra class question pool takes effect on July 1, 2002.

CLUB ACTIVITY CALENDAR

July

1	Tar River ARC Meeting
18	RMARC Meeting

August

5	Tar River ARC Meeting
15	RMARS Meeting

FIELD DAY 2002

The Tar River Amateur Radio Club held Field Day on June 22nd and 23rd at the Bridgersville Campground in Bridgersville North Carolina. Many thanks to our host, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bridgers and Rod N4BNO & Peggy Bridgers for putting up with us another year.

The weather was near perfect, breezy and some clouds Saturday and a few rain sprinkles that night but no

thunderstorms. Some of the members worked Friday evening getting the campers, two beams and the dipoles and canopy set-up. Adam Ipock was in charge of the computes and networking which worked like a charm. The 1948 military generator purred with a couple of hiccups but never died for the twenty-four hours, and all the radio gear and computers made it through the ordeal with only the power GFI kick-out in the main power box from the generator. The CW station went to battery and solar power. Rod got the other stations back on the air in a matter of minutes. Glad to report that Bert, WA4TLI had no problem with the gas leak detector. Thanks to all who help out this year

Unofficial contacts for the 2002 Field Day are:

FIELD DAY 2002

CW Contacts 605

SSB Contacts 1796

TOTAL CONTACTS 2401

FIELD DAY 2001

Last year's rundown:

CW Contacts 80

SSB Contacts 2718

TOTAL CONTACTS 2803

The CW contacts counts two points each with the SSB contacts count one point each. Also bonus points and the GOTA (Get on the Air) points have not be added.

At 2 pm Sunday, after 24 hours operating, Field Day camp was broke, packed up, and cleaned up by 3:30 pm.

See you at Field Day 2003!!!

CQ FIELD DAY
from
W 4 Dog Charlie George 3
Alpha North Carolina
&
W 4 R M T



The American Flag flying high above Field Day on the boom truck with the tri-band beam.



The ARRL flag on the second boom truck along with the ten-meter beam.



Chris Plumblee, KG4CZU and Bert Carter, WA4TLI on 20 meters with an IC 756 PRO.



Bobby Griffin, NF4C working CW at the CW station.



Bruce Batchelor, N4XUN and Lorine Batchelor, KC4SEV at the GOTA station.



Adam, KG4IWI, the President of the Club presenting Margie Clark with a 2002 Field Day Tee-Shirt



Canopy and campers



Cathy Ipock, KG4OUA and Adam Ipock, KG4IWI cooking chickens for the Club members. Also Cathy fixed potato salad, baked beans and brownies.



Wendell Peed, KC4UVT and his son working the Get on the Air station.



Fred Winner KE4LXW working 20 meters.



Bert Carter, WA4TLI on dinner break from 20 meter SSB. This picture is like rare DX. At FD it is hard to get Bert away from the microphone.



Marvin Carlett, K4MLC and Fred Dunstan, K4FMD working Marvin's IC 756 PRO.



Roy Lincoln, WA4DOU and Rod Bridgers working the CW station.



Robin Keller, WA4WPD setting up the GOTA station.



Ryland Cain, KA4BQM operating the CW station. Ryland is from Garysburg.



Marvin Catlett, K4MLC operating 10 meters on his IC 756 PRO.



George Diering, W3GJD from Montpelier MD. He and his wife will be moving down this way next year about this time.



YLs