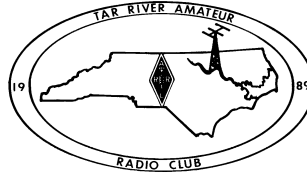


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## NEXT MEETING

The August meeting of the Tar River Amateur Radio Club will be held **Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:n2bt@arrl.net).

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

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome George Diering, W3GJD from  
Montpelier Maryland. George will be  
moving to Wilson around July of next  
year.

Also welcome Dr. Julian Brantley,  
KG4TTX from Rocky Mount. Julian  
joined the ranks of Amateur Radio last  
month. Welcome to Amateur Radio and  
the Tar River ARC.

## CLUB ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### August

3	VE Session
5	Tar River ARC Meeting
15	RMARS Meeting
17-18	LightHouse weekend
31-1	Shelby Hamfest

### September

2	Tar River ARC Meeting
19	RMARC Meeting

## LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND

Fred Dunstan, K4UP

International Lighthouse Weekend is less  
than a month away...Saturday August 17  
and Sunday August 18.

We have planned to operate near the  
Currituck Beach Lighthouse at Corolla  
on the Outer Banks of North Carolina  
using K4UP. More info is on the club  
website.

I have made arrangements with Piney  
Island Club for us to use the clubhouse  
and facilities for the weekend. It is  
located near Coinjock, NC about 30  
minutes east of Elizabeth City. The house  
has 8 bedrooms and sleeps sixteen guests  
in single beds.

Plans are to arrive Friday afternoon or  
evening in time for a Currituck seafood  
dinner at the club and setup one or more  
stations inside the house for use the  
entire weekend. On Saturday we plan to  
travel to the lighthouse by boat (weather  
permitting) or car (30 miles) and operate  
during the day outdoors. Dinner will be  
served on Saturday night again at the  
club. On Sunday we will operate from  
the clubhouse and depart morning or  
afternoon as you desire. The schedule is  
flexible and you can participate as you  
wish.

We can prepare breakfast and lunch  
ourselves. There will be enough food in  
the fridge.

This year the club has set up a fee  
schedule for its use and cost of its food.  
Each guest will be asked to pay \$60.00  
for the weekend that will cover the cost

of meals, linens and lodging. Please bring your own alcoholic beverages if you desire.

Please let me know if you can attend. As you can see there are a limited amount of beds. Please e-mail me or call my office 985-2673 or home 443-3301 and sign up.

73 de K4UP Fred



*Piney Island Gun Club*

## K4MLC FIRST HAMVENTION



**First Hamvention:**  
Marvin Catlett, K4MLC, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, said his friends have been hounding him for years to go. "And I finally made it," he said. "You get lost real easy, I'll tell ya!"

Marvin Catlett, K4LMC got his photo in the August issue of QST. I was thumbing through QST when I came across his photo and thought is looked familiar and sure enough it was Marvin. Good snap shot Marvin!

## "Little Pistol"

The famous, and not so famous N2BT "Little Pistol" DX station is off the air. Carole and I will be moving on July 26<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup> to a temporary location at:

5517 Minnie Trail  
Elm City, NC 27822  
252-442-6131

Please note that the telephone number does not change. I expect to have my wire antenna back up within the next few weeks.

73 Bill N2BT

## ANTENNA PARTY

Here is some old news but thought it would be interesting. Bobby Griffin, NF4C had an antenna party back in May just before my hard drive crashed on my computer. That's why this news is old! He had a good crowd to showed up and things went pretty smooth. Everyone enjoyed himself and even got the antenna in the air. Reports are it is working great!

Bobby replaced his KLM tri-bander with a Mosley TA-33-M-WARC that covers the WARC bands.

John Faulkner, KR4SV is the proud owner of the KLM now.



Marvin, K4MLC at top of tower



Marvin, K4MLC and David, KR4AA making preparations for new beam.



Tower looks much taller now. KLM HF tri-bander and on top 2 meter, 220MHz, and 440MHz beams.



John, KR4SV overseeing, - Bobby, NF4C helping and Rod, - N4BNO doing the engineering.



Same crew at work.



Rod Bridgers, N4BNO making last minute engineering changes.



Tower crew ready for antenna.



Rocky Scott, KC4JPY down after trading places with David on top of the tower.



Ground crew pulling up antenna.



Ground crew preparing to pull up new antenna on a rope side.



Tower crew doing the final touches.