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Tar River Amateur Radio Club

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Next Meeting

The August meeting of the Tar River Amateur Radio Club will be held Monday, August 4, at BODDIE NOELL ENTERPRISES, located at 1021 Noell Lane in Rocky Mount. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. The August program will be NTS messaging.

2008 VE Exam Schedule

Bill, N2BT

The Tar River Amateur Radio Club, Rocky Mount, NC, will hold ARRL/VEC Amateur Radio Exams in 2008 as follows.

August 2
October 4

December 6

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
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- Test fee of \$14 payable to ARRL/VEC (checks preferred)

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

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President's Corner

Robin, WA4WPD

August. I'm late getting this to Les. Again. Les really needs a pat on the back.

Wish I knew how the bands are. Haven't gotten much operating time myself. I have re-done some of my dipoles. Getting ready for the fall contest season. Well maybe not ready. But at least I should be able to do something.

Last month I was asked to hold a program on NTS messaging. OK. Will also cover the new FEMA form and address some of the differences between them. Also on the agenda will be to establish the programs for the rest of the year. Any subject will be entertained. Please bring your suggestion

See ya at the meeting.

Upcoming Hamfests

Aug. 9 – Fayetteville, NC
Aug. 30-31 – Shelby Hamfest, Dallas, NC
Sept. 20 - 21 – Virginia Beach, VA
Oct. 12 – Maysville, NC
Nov. 16 – JARSfest, Benson, NC

Contests

Aug. 2 - 4
TARA Grid Dip Contest
National Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend
10-10 Summer Phone QSO Party
European HF Championship
ARRL UHF Contest
North American QSO Party – CW
SARL HF DX Contest

Aug. 9 - 10
Worked All Europe – CW
Maryland-DC QSO Party

Aug. 16 - 18
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
SARTG WW RTTY Contest
Keymen's Club of Japan Contest – CW
Russian District Award Contest
Silent Key Memorial Sprint – CW
North American QSO Party – SSB
New Jersey QSO Party

Aug. 23 - 24
Hawaii QSO Party
Ohio QSO Party

Aug. 30 - 31
YO DX Contest
ALARA Contest
SCC RTTY Championship

2008 Club Dues/ARRL Dues

This is just a reminder to everyone that the 2008 TRARC dues are now due... \$15 per yr for individuals \$6 per additional family member 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.

NC Section News

FIELD DAY A BIG HIT!

The 2008 Field Day event was a big success in the North Carolina section! The state of North Carolina ranked seventh in the nation for the number of registered operations, with 51 Field Day sites in the ARRL database. Many of you took advantage of the PR potential for Field Day and we received great media coverage. Congratulations on all your hard work! One interesting statistic I noticed in the Field Day reports I received was that most Field Day participants aren't ARES members. The biggest reason we have Field Day is to keep ourselves prepared for a disaster. Why not expand your interest in disaster preparedness by contacting your local EC and joining the 1,800 ARES members in North Carolina? You can find your EC's contact info at www.ncarrl.org/ares.

CHARLOTTE HAMFEST MOVES IN 2009

The Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society has announced that the Charlotte Hamfest is moving. The 2009 event will be held at the Cabarrus Arena off Highway 49, just north of Harrisburg, NC. It's just minutes away from North Carolina's most visited tourist destination, Concord Mills Mall (believe it or not!). The MARS club says that everyone will enjoy the excellent facilities. Cabarrus Arena is only six years old and very well maintained. Since the weather in March is so iffy - it can be cold, wet, warm, or even snowy - so the Charlotte Hamfest will continue to be an indoor show. MARS says feedback from attendees and vendors indicated that the high cost of parking and food were the biggest concerns about their old location. Concessions at the new facility should be improved, but the biggest change will be free parking! The 2009

Charlotte Hamfest will be held March 14-15 and will be the ARRL's Roanoke Division Convention.

The Charlotte Hamfest joins the Shelby Hamfest in moves to new facilities. The Shelby Amateur Radio Club announced earlier this year that they had signed a five year contract at Biggerstaff Park near Dallas, NC in Gaston County. The 2008 Shelby Hamfest is coming up soon on held August 30-31.

NEW OFFICIAL RELAY STATIONS

Participants who completed Mark Rappaport, W2EAG's on-air traffic handling course are encouraged to submit applications to become ARRL Official Relay Stations. More info and an application are available online at www.arrl.org. Also, keep your new skills sharp by participating in one of the North Carolina section traffic nets. The SSB nets include the North Carolina Morning Net (NCMN) on 3927 kHz at 0745L and the North Carolina Evening Net (NCEN) on 3923 kHz at 1830L. Our CW nets are the Carolinas Slow Net on 3571kHz at 2000L, the Carolinas Net (Early) on 3573kHz at 1900L and the Carolinas Net (Late) on 3573kHz at 2200L. From there you can take traffic to your local areas for delivery or liaison to your local (VHF/UHF) traffic nets, as the need may be. Another option would be to participate with your local nets: The Eastern North Carolina Traffic Net (ENCTN), the South Eastern North Carolina Traffic Net (SENCTN), the Piedmont Coastal Traffic Net (PCTN) or the Central North Carolina Traffic Net (CNCTN).

NEW ARRL APPOINTEES

Congratulations and thanks to the following who have this year been appointed to ARRL volunteer positions in the North Carolina section. Thanks to these folks and all 218 ARRL appointees in our section for your willingness to fill for these important positions

Larry Sloop, WB4UYY: EC, Wilkes County; John Sprouse, N4VJJ: EC, Beaufort County; James Craig, KI4OCC: EC, Gaston County; James Wright, KS4O: EC, Craven County; Phillip Whisnant, K4PDW: EC Rutherford County; Robert Rodgers, KC4TVO: EC Mitchell County; James Johnson, KI4TAT: PIO; Dewey Cook, KJ4BYU: PIO; Cliff Fox, KU4GW: EC, Alexander County; Mark Bradshaw, KJ4WY: ORS; James Stevens, WB4JFX: EC, Lee County; George Walden, ORS.

ARRL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GRADUATES

105 amateurs in North Carolina have completed at least one of the ARRL's Emergency Communications courses. The following have completed all three courses and I wanted to recognize them for their commitment:

KE5ABB, W4VU, WK4P, W4JEE, W4OH, WD4MKU, W1FAI, AF1E, K4ZXX, K4VHO, NW4O, N4QVM, KG4OQA, N4UBH, KG4FCD, NA4P, W4CC, WA1WHD, KG4HOM, AD2H, WI1L, W4DK, N9JZX, N2TU, W0CJV, W1HO, K8YC, WX4ES, N1KFC, KF4CQS, KV4CN, W3GYK, W4YQY, K3RXX, WA4UFS, KB5WY, WA4NID, KJ4AST, AI4RT, W4DNA,
ARES RECOGNIZED BY CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

The mayor of Kings Mountain, NC issued a proclamation on June 24 naming ARES the "Outstanding Volunteer Group" for the 9th Annual Over the Mountain Triathlon. An article on the recognition appeared in the Shelby Star. ARES members from Cleveland and Gaston counties furnished communications for the event. "It kept things safe," said Ellis Noel, Special Events Director for the city. "I'm usually pretty nervous at these things and having ARES really had me calmer."

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 26: WCARS Hamfest, Waynesville
August 9: Cape Fear Swapfest, Fayetteville
August 30-31: Shelby Hamfest, Dallas
October 11: Pfafftown Hamfest
October 12: Maysville Hmfest
October 18: State ARES Meeting, Morganton

JUNE TRAFFIC

K4IWW 252, W4DNA 219, W2EAG 176, N3BW 168, WA4OBR 94, KJ4WY 67, W4FAL 67, W4TTO 57, W3HL 56, W4EHF 42, KI4YV 41, KD4WAX 40, KE4AHC 34, WA2YBM 32, KD4SM 18, KD4ZPS 12, KC4PGN 11

JUNE PSHR

W4DNA 330, K4IWW 140, K2EAG 140, W4FAL 130, NC4VA 127, W1REP 117, W4TTO 110, W4WNT 99, WA2YBM 93, KI4YV 84

JUNE ARES MEMBERS: 1,828

ARRL North Carolina Section

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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@arrl.net.

FOR SALE – Garmin GPS V – paid almost \$300, will sell for \$100. Includes owners manual, quick start guide, box, 12 VDC power cable. This unit is handheld with AA batteries.

– Fred Winner, KE4LXW, 252-459-4332

FOR SALE - Kenwood TH-215A w/manual \$50; Azden PCS-7200 220 MHz w/manual \$200; KLM Beam Antenna, KT-34A, 10, 15,20M w/manual \$100; 5 Rohn 25 tower sections, HyGain Mark IV Rotator, Mast, Thrust Bearings, package \$300; Radio Shack DC Power Supply, regulated, 3 Amp, w/manual \$25; Icom IC-03AT, 220 MHz, \$100; Radio Shack HTX-202, \$50.
- John Faulkner, KR4SV, 252-442-7946

FOR SALE – I have moved to New Bern and have a few ham antennas for sale. Please let the club members know.

I am asking about half price for each. All have manufacturer's assembly and installation manual and include the cables and related galvanized steel masts:

Cushcraft R7 vertical for 10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, & 40 Meters - estimate new about \$510, will sell for \$250

Cushcraft AR-6 vertical for 6 Meters - estimate new for \$108, will sell for \$55

Cushcraft 13B2 boom Yagi for 2 Meters SSB/CW/FM - estimate new for \$160, sell for \$80

I also have an Alinco DR-600 (works ok but needs a new lithium battery) and a mobile hand-held Icom (buttons stick). Make an offer.

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HAM RADIO GEAR FOR SALE

1. ROHN 50' TOWER (5) SECTIONS (ON GROUND) w/ tapered top section (good shape)... with Hazer w/top bearing, crank & cable, house bracket, and Hy-gain rotator with cable. Complete package \$500.00 (or best reasonable offer)
 2. Commercial HD tapered tower (3 sections) and with tapered top (57'+/-)... \$300.00
- Call - FRED WINNER 459-4332
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