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Tar River Amateur Radio Club

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Next Meeting - *NOTE DATE*

Tar River Amateur Radio Club meets on the first Monday of the month (**except when it is a holiday**). The September meeting of the Tar River Amateur Radio Club will be held **Monday, September 13, at the Rocky Mount American Red Cross Offices, 326 S. Franklin Street**. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. Talk-in on WA4WPD repeater: 145.290-, PL Tone 107.2. The September program will be FEMA ICS 200.

2010 VE Exam Schedule

Bill, N2BT

The Tar River Amateur Radio Club, Rocky Mount, NC, will hold ARRL/VEC Amateur Radio Exams in 2010 as follows.

October 2

December 4

Walk in candidates are welcome. No preregistration required.

Exams will start at 10 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
- Test fee of \$15 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

Unlike some of us, Robin has to work for a living, and sometimes that interferes with writing a column for the newsletter. We hope his column will resume next month. – Editor.

Upcoming Hamfests

September 4 – Shelby – Dallas, NC
September 11 – Virginia Beach, VA
October 2 – Rock Hill, SC
October 9 – Pfafftown, NC
October 10 – Maysville, NC
November 21 – JARSfest, Benson, NC

Contests

Sept. 3 - 7

NS Weekly Sprint – CW
All Asia Contest – Phone
Russian Radio RTTY WW
ARRL EME Contest
DARC 10-Meter Digital “Corona”
Colorado QSO Party
IARU Region 1 Field Day
Straight Key Party – CW
Tennessee QSO Party
ARS Spartan Sprint – CW
Labor day Sprint – CW

Sept. 8 - 13

CWops Mini-CWT Test – CW
070 Club KA3X Memorial Sprint
Straight Key Weekend Sprint – CW
WAE DX Contest – Phone
Arkansas QSO Party
Ohio State Parks On the Air
ARRL September VHF QSO Party
QRP ARCI VHF Contest
North American Sprint – CW
Classic Exchange – CW

Sept. 18 - 20

ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest
Connecticut QSO Party
Scandinavian Activity Contest – CW
CIS DX Contest
South Carolina QSO Party
Feld-Hell Monthly Sprint
Washington State Salmon Run
QCWA Fall QSO Party
North American Sprint – Phone
Classic Exchange – Phone
Fall VHF Sprint – 144 MHz

Sept. 25 - 28

CQ WW RTTY Contest
Texas QSO Party
Fall VHF Sprint – 222 MHz
Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint – CW

2010 Club Dues/ARRL Dues

It is the end of the year and Fred is now accepting 2010 dues payments. TRARC dues are Please pay early and let's all try to recruit one new member this year.

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 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.

DX Info

{TNX to various ARRL email newsletters and ARNL}

BAHRAIN, A9. Dave, A92IO has been QRV on 6 meters around 1530z and around 0330z. QSL direct.

ANGOLA, D2. Valeriy, UA0QV is QRV as D2QV. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.

DJIBOUTI, J2. Freddy, F5IRO will be QRV as J28RO beginning July 6 and is expected to be here for 2 years. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. His activity will be mainly on the weekends and around 1200 to 1300z. QSL direct via F8DFP.

MONGOLIA, JT. Ken, K4ZW is QRV as JT5DX from Zuunburen and has been active on 20 meters using CW around 1230 and 1500z. QSL via JT1CO.

NAMIBIA, V5. Derek, V51DM is QRV until August 4 and active on 20 meters using SSB and PSK daily. This also includes activity on satellite AO-51. QSL direct.

ZAMBIA, 9J. Katsumi, JF1OKX, will be active as 9J2KK from Lusaka until the end of September 2011. Activity will be on 80 through 6 meters, concentrating on the digital modes (PSK31 or 62, RTTY, WSJT and SSTV), with some SSB and CW. QSL via JK1NSR.

SARDINIA, IS0. Flaviano, I2MOV, will be active as IS0/I2MOV until the end of September. Activity will be on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 meters using mainly CW. QSL via his home call sign, by the Bureau or direct.

PUERTO RICO, KP4. Members of the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League (PRARL) will activate special event station K4C until August 1 to celebrate the XXI Central American and Caribbean Games that will take place in Mayaguez. QSL direct to KP4ES.

CROATIA, 9A. Special event station 9A10P is QRV until the end of 2010 to celebrate the city of Djurdjevac. QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bureau.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 9Q. Patrick is QRV as 9Q50UN and has been active on 20 meters around 1400 to 1600z and then around 2300 to 0030z. QSL via ON4BR.

TAIWAN, BV. In celebration of its 100th anniversary, special event station BP100 is QRV until December 31, 2011. Special event station BV100 will be QRV from October 10 to December 31, 2011. QSL via BX4AQ and BV2KI, respectively.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Luke, SQ9IVD will be QRV as EA8/home call from Fuerteventura Island, IOTA AF-004, from July 19 to August 5. Activity will be on the HF bands using mostly CW, and possibly SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

BURKINA FASO, XT. A group of operators are QRV as XT2EME as well as XT2CVC, XT2LW and XT2HLV from Ouagadougou until August 2. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and PSK. QSL all calls via HB9EQU.

RWANDA, 9X. Tom, DL2RUM is QRV as 9X0TL while on work assignment in Kigali and is here until the end of August or early September. He is active on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

Down the log a bit plan for S79K to be active from Mahe in the Seychelles during the CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest on October 30th and 31st. QSL via G3NKC.

Members of the Czech and Slovak OM0C Contest Crew have announced another DXpedition to Gambia to take place between November 18th and December 1st. They plan to renew the call signs from their previous 2007 operation as C50C or C52C. The special call sign C5A has been reserved for use during the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest. For more details and updates, visit their Website at tinyurl.com/334e79q

F4DBJ, will be active as 5R8HT from Madagascar between September 5th and November

28th. Operations will be on 80 through 10 meters. QSL via his home call sign.

DL4HG and DL5XAT will be active from Gozo Island between November 23rd and the 30th. They plan to be active as 9H3TX during the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via DL5XAT.

F2JD is back to Manila for the next 5 months or so and is now signing portable DU1. He plans to be active on all bands and modes during his stay. He will also try to activate some Islands on the Air while there. QSL via F6AJA.

F5RBB and F0FRL will be active stroke TK between September 12th and the 25th. F5RBB will operate on 80 through 10 meters using SSB and some of the digital modes, while F0FRL will be on 2 meters using SSB. QSL as directed on the air.

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Crozet Island, FT5WO, for the period from December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009. If QSOs were rejected for this operation, send an email to dxcc@arrl.org with the date of your submission.

NC Section News

75th ANNIVERSARY FOR ARES – in the September issue of QST you will see articles celebrating the 75th anniversary for Amateur Radio Emergency Services. We in North Carolina have a great ARES team so we salute all the ARES volunteers who have contributed their services during and after disasters over the past three quarters of a century. For those of you going to the Shelby Hamfest, Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Tom Brown, N4TAB, and Central Branch Asst. Section Emergency Coordinator (ASEC) Steve Misel, K4WEB, will host an ARES forum on Saturday at 12:30 PM to discuss the many positive changes in North Carolina ARES.

NORTH CAROLINA BROADBAND EXPANSION

– Gov. Perdue recently announced \$255 million will be used to extend broadband services across the state. Some Hams have expressed concerns that this expansion might include Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) systems. Many will remember that utilities in North Carolina experimented with such technologies, some of which did cause interference in Amateur Radio frequencies. This new proposal will consist of both wired and wireless technologies. We will monitor the types of systems which are proposed to be installed, and should we identify any technologies which will adversely impact Amateur Radio, we will work to get such systems changed to ones which do not cause

Amateur Radio interference. If you ever have concerns about any state initiatives or would like help in crafting a response to state officials about this or other state issues, feel free to send a draft copy first to our section State Government Liaison (SGL) Bob Conder, K4RLC, at k4rlc@arrl.net. Bob will gladly review your material and make sure your content is factually accurate.

STATE ANTENNA LAW – Cleveland County (Shelby, Kings Mountain) is revising its ordinance regulating antennas to come into compliance with the 2007 North Carolina state antenna law. Many municipal zoning officials are still unaware or unfamiliar with this law. A reminder to all that the state antenna law does not bring relief to those living in subdivisions or neighborhoods with deed or covenant restrictions. However, if you live in an area where only city or county ordinances regulate antennas, the state law does apply. You can find a copy of the law at <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/PDF/H1340v4.pdf>

MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS REUNION – The Veteran Communicators Reunion (VCR) is an informal organization of former military communicators and electronics techs, MARS operators, ham operators, and civil servants, who served in military communications (all services) through the decades. They will have a reunion in Charleston, South Carolina October 7-10. More information at www.veterancommunicators.org

HAMFESTS – Shelby (the “Granddaddy”) Sept. 4-5, 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Highway, Dallas, NC 28034 Talk-In 146.88 and 147.12 Details at shelbyhamfest.org. Virginia Beach Hamfest (an official Roanoke Div. Hamfest) Sept. 11, Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, VA Talk-In 146.97 More info at vbhamfest.com

PUBLIC SERVICE – Sept. 11-12, MS Mile Bike Ride, New Bern; Sept. 18-19, Ride Without Limits, Camp Kanata, NC; Sept. 25, ADA Step Out Walk for Diabetes, RTP, NC. For all previous events go to www.hampublicservice.org ; Sept.25-26, MS Breakaway to the Beach Ride, NC & SC. Details at <http://ms150maps.com> ATTN: Public Service leaders: after a public service event please submit an ARRL Public Service Activity Report at <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%20Service/fsd157.pdf>

JULY NTS REPORTS – QNI (Net station check-ins) 2,519. Messages passed -389. STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS (SARs) K4IWW 428, W2EAG 247, W4DNA 103, W4TTO 55, W3HL 40, KE4AHC 33, KC4PGN 21, NC4VA 20, WK4P 18. JULY PUBLIC

SERVICE HONOR ROLL (PSHR) NC4VA 256, K4IWW 130, W4DNA 130, W2EAG 125, W4TTO 100, KD4KFR 79.

ARES – Members – 672, ICS credentialed 170, DEC/EC reports: 36 out of 100 counties. ATTN ECs and DECs - if you're not filing your monthly reports, your ARES members aren't included in section reports.

LAST WORD – In a 1943 movie called “Falling Hare”, Bugs Bunny coined the phrase, “What’s all the hubbub, Bub?” I’ve been hearing similar questions being asked of me at hamfests and in emails concerning North Carolina ARES. Some Hams have questioned if all I’m doing is concentrating on ARES. Nothing could be further from the truth, but a lot of exciting things have been happening in ARES in the four months since I’ve been Section Manager. First, at the state ARES meeting in Raleigh in April, we adopted the policy that all ARES volunteers who serve as county Emergency Coordinators (ECs) or higher, or who want to volunteer for government deployments or disaster deployments, must have completed ICS courses 100, 200,700 and 800b. I am pleased that almost half of North Carolina’s 100 counties now have ECs with all four ICS courses completed, and we expect 75% compliance by the end of the year. Secondly, ARES is celebrating its 75th year of existence. Not many disaster response organizations can claim such longevity, and we plan to recognize ARES’s Diamond Anniversary through the end of the year. Does this mean I’m playing favorites with ARES? Hardly. It’s true that about half of all ARRL North Carolina Section field management appointments are ARES volunteers, and ARES has been the organization receiving virtually all government grants and funding. So when there is news to share, I want to share it, even if much of the news comes from one organization. My belief is, however, that Hams become better operators when they get on the air and practice, whether that’s through NTS, DXing, contesting, experimentation, net participation, ragchewing or, yes, ARES. As time goes on you’ll see this column cover many aspects of Amateur Radio other than ARES, but for now, Happy 75th Birthday to ARES, and thanks for three quarters of a century of dedicated service.

73 de Bill Morine, N2COP

North Carolina Section Manager

For the latest news about Amateur Radio in North Carolina, go the section's website at www.ncarrl.org. Follow Section Manager Bill Morine on Facebook under his name and under NC ARRL

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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 – TARHEEL Model 10-80 Screwdriver HF Antenna with whip, 20 ft. control cable, and rocker switch control....(just never used much)....paid \$300+.....asking \$175. [KE\\$LXW@touchnc.net](mailto:KE$LXW@touchnc.net)
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