



The Amplifier

Tar River Amateur Radio Club

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Next Meeting - Christmas Party

The December meeting (Christmas Party) of the Tar River Amateur Radio Club will be held Wednesday, December 7, at Mr. Ribbs Restaurant at Peddler's Village on Highway 301 South in Rocky Mount. The Party will start at 7:00 p.m.

2005 VE Exam Schedule

Bill, N2BT

The Tar River Amateur Radio Club, Rocky Mount, NC, will hold ARRL/VEC Amateur Radio Exams in 2005 as follows:

December 3

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

- Photo identification (drivers license)
- Social Security Number
- Original amateur radio license
- Copy of amateur radio license
- Original certificate(s) of successful completion
- Copy of certificate(s) of successful completion
- Test fee of \$14 payable to ARRL/VEC (checks preferred)

For further information visit our club web site at www.TarRiverARC.org or contact:

Bill Thomas N2BT
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Please bring the following items when attending a testing session:

President's Corner

Robin, WA4WPD

Well, it's the end of the year. Thanksgiving has past, Christmas is just around the corner. The new year is almost here. The Tar River Amateur Radio Club has had a great year.

Let's see.

Our new constitution is in place.

We did good at Field Day.

We had Great programs.

We helped Central Carolina Skywarn and the NWS with the Hurricane day.

We have officers for the next two years.

The accomplishments are many.

And..... We have also been offered a great challenge.

Marty and I went to the RMARS meeting. They are supportive of the Boy Scouts and have agreed to help. I have also contacted George Diering (W3GJD, President of the Wilson Amateur Radio Society and Wilson County EC), he expresses support.

I have contacted Tom Brown (N4TAB) and Doug Ferris (K4ROK). Tom wants me to advertise the event on the state wide ARES list. Doug supports us and has offered the use of the Pitt County comm. trailer. After this letter comes out I will post to the ARES list.

I need to stress. This is the request of the Tar River District Council of the Boy Scouts. They are the boss. Adam (WT4S) is the liaison between the local BSA and the Amateur Radio community. This is a large opportunity for Amateur Radio. The Boy Scouts has set the curriculum (see <http://meritbadge.com/>). All we need to do is follow their instructions.

So now I beg for help. If you know anyone who has experience with this please let Adam of myself know. I do know that the Winston Salem group has done this. I will ask them for advice shortly. Hopefully we will get lots of responses from the statewide ARES list.

Les has asked Adam to write a note also. Hopefully it will make it in time.

On other another topic. There has been unlicensed operation on two meters in the Nash - Edgecombe area. I have no idea how long it has been going on. There has been several attempts to DF the operators. We have coordinated most of our attempts on one of the local repeaters and national simplex frequencies. The operations seem to have ceased we advertised what we were doing. I hope this is the end of the matter. But to hedge our bets I would like all folks with scanners to listen up for us. If you hear anything funny please contact me.

One last topic. The Twin Rivers Chapter of the American Red Cross has asked me to teach a Technicians class. It has been scheduled for the last two Saturdays in January 2006. There will not be a special test session. The regularly scheduled test in February will be the next Saturday. If you are interested or if you know anyone who is interested please contact Denise Furr and the Red Cross (252-977-1720).

That's it for now. See everyone at Mr. Ribbs for the Christmas dinner.

JOTA

This space was reserved for an article that Adam, WT4S, wrote and sent to me, but my spam blocker ate the article. As soon as I can get Adam to send it again, I will forward it to the membership. Sorry for the problem, see everyone at the Christmas Party. - 73 - Les, W4FRA

Upcoming Hamfests

Dec. 3 - Gastonia, NC
Jan. 7 - Winston-Salem, NC
Feb 4 - Charleston, SC
Feb 19 - FrostFest, Richmond, VA
Mar. 11-12 - Charlotte, NC
April 2 - Kinston, NC
April 15 - Morganton, NC
April 23 - RARS Fest, Raleigh, NC

Contests

Dec. 2-4

ARRL 160 Meter Contest - CW
Top Band Sprint - CW/SSB
TARA RTTY Melee
Holiday Spirits Homebrew CW Sprint

Dec. 10-18

ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Great Colorado Snowshoe Run - CW
North American Meteor Scatter Contest

Dec. 17-18

OK DX RTTY Contest
Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge - CW
PSK31 Death Match
Russian 160 Meter Contest - CW/SSB
Croatian CW Contest
RAC Winter Contest

Dec. 24-Jan. 1

Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party

Dec. 25

DARC Christmas Contest

Dec. 31-Jan. 1

ARRL Straight Key Night

2005 Club Dues/ARRL Dues

This is just a reminder to everyone that the TRARC dues are now due... \$15 per yr for individuals and \$21 for family's. Most have already paid and we thank you !

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.

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@trarc.org.

This is a preliminary list of the Items from WA4TCC's estate. There are more. When I get additions I will post. All Bill's items will be listed here first, then the Rocky Mount Amateur Radio Club liaison then E-Bay. Timing yet to be decided.

If you desire to bid for any of these items please send a message to me mailto:rdkeller@nashvillenc.com... do not send to list (If you do....Everyone on the list will know your bid). Please specify WA4TCC Estate in the subject line and identify the item for your in the text of your message. Please include your contact information. If you desire to bid for more than one item, submit separate bids for each.

The highest reasonable bid will be accepted. That is, if an item is worth \$100, please don't waste our time by bidding \$5.00 for it. Please examine the list carefully. If it says "condition unknown" it means we are either unable or UNWILLING to turn the device on and test it.

There is no financing involved. All sales are final. Cash, no checks or credit. All proceeds go to WA4TCC's widow.

All sales must be approved by WA4WPD, N4JEH AND WT4S.

ADI AT-600 S/N 8350001047
VHF/UHF dualbander HT with external mic
replacement battery by W & W Manufacturing
One original battery
Manual

missing charger

Aerotron External Speaker

Hallicrafters S108 S/N 284925 / 29602
receiver
unknown condition
Missing Manual

Hallicrafters S120 S/N 120000D 44309
receiver
manual
unknown condition

Heathkit HD 1426 S/N 00816
Field strength meter
unknown condition
missing manual

Icom TV-R700 S/N 03753
video from a scanner unit

Icom IC-2800 S/N 01083
VHF/UHF dual band mobile
Manual
missing main unit bracket
screw for face plate bracket
power cord
choke for control head cable

Kenwood PG-5A
TNC data cable
new in box \$15.00

KLM mutil 2700 S/N 93130
2meter 10 meter receive OSCAR transceiver
unknown condition
missing manual

MFJ 280
compact speaker

MFJ 1278 S/N 3014854
TNC, CW, and RTTY decoder early 80's model
condition unknown
power supply
interface cable for unknown radio
Parallel cable
missing manual

Mirage B108 S/N 5289-1181
Two meter AMP

condition unknown
missing manual

Realistic HTX 404 S/N 0075992
440 HT
works
charger
speaker mic
missing manual

Realistic BTX 124 S/N 70200578
commercial VHF business band radio

Realistic BTX 124 S/N 70200579
commercial VHF business band radio

Swan WM 3000 S/N
peak reading watt meter
has NC 963847carved onto bottom

Vibroplex Vibrokey standard
Ham Key

Yaesu FV-107 S/N OC 030150
external VFO
Yaesu FP-107E S/N OG 020594
power supply
Yaesu FC-107 S/N OE 030700
Antenna Tuner
Yaesu FT-107M S/N OE 050118
160-10 HF transceiver
desk mic
Display malfunctions
missing manual
no WARC bands

Yaesu FTV 107/R S/N 040326
transverter 430 MHz
new in box
was 229.95

Yaesu FTV 707 S/N 020170
2 meter transverter

Yaesu FTV 700 S/N 6K140050
6 meter transverter

element, \$150; or \$825 for package deal. – Les,
W4FRA

Input Wanted

If you would like to see something in particular
in YOUR newsletter, let me know. If you have an
article of interest, send it to me. – Les, W4FRA.

FOR SALE – Icom IC-706 MkII G, manual, original
boxes, hand mike, separation kit, mobile mount, \$700;
DTMF mike for IC706, \$45; N9ZLE CIV cable with
software, \$15; Bux Comm Rascal interface with
cables, \$25; Heil Pro-Set Plus with IC element and #4