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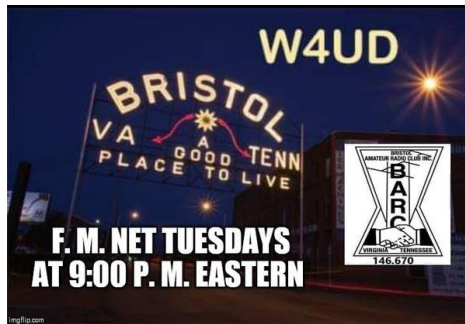
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

Upcoming Meeting

Our next meeting will be February 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the conference center at [Bristol Regional Medical Center](#). Check the monitor for room assignment.

The February meeting program will be presented by Adam Dye N4NT on The Amateur Radio call sign system.

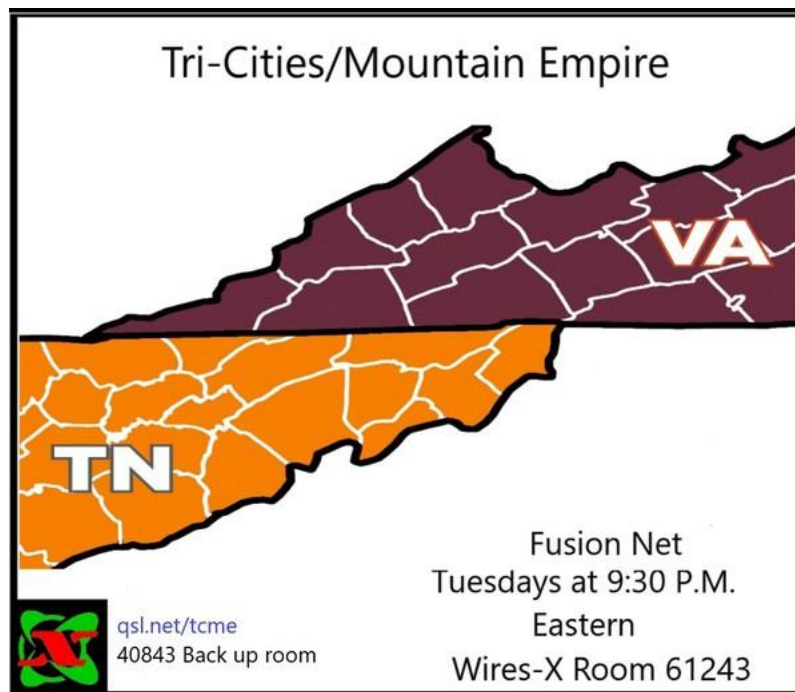
Weekly Club Net



Remember to check into the Club 2 meter FM net. It meets every Tuesday at 9pm on 146.670 (no PL tone). The repeater now transmits a 67.0 tone for user convenience, a tone is not required to use the repeater.

We are currently in need of a new net control. N4NT has been filling in but is unavailable the first Tuesday of each month.

Weekly Fusion Net



Check out the new regional fusion net on Tuesdays at 9:30 P.M. (or after the F.M. net should it run longer). This net uses Wires-X room 61243 (Bristol-ARC). Multiple states regularly check in with us as well as other countries. 146.670 & 443.000 connect to the net as well as others each week.

Net website qsl.net/tcme

Check in with net control Adam Dye, N4NT

Whenever possible Adam, N4NT records both nets and uploads them to our [YouTube](#) channel. He also broadcasts them live on Facebook

Join us for the nets on [Netlogger](#), the program is available for free download.

Wires X room 61243 Bristol-ARC is set to 146.670 in digital mode. If you know someone that is out of the repeater range and would like to contact us please let them know.

Club Dues

Club dues are \$15.00 per year plus \$7.50 per family member. Dues run from January 1st through December 31st of the same year.

You can give them to Gary Maiden at the next club meeting or mail a check to:

BARC, Gary Maiden
1065 Aberlea Valley Circle
Piney Flats, TN 37686

License Testing Session

A license test session will be held after the regular meetings by the Volunteer Examiner team. There is a small processing fee: the correct change is appreciated. A photo I.D. and a copy of your current license are required.

For more information, contact Ben Morris, KT4O, at utben1997@gmail.com, or 276-791-0102.

Some items for discussion at next meeting

1. Review prices for membership cards
 2. Review prices for club decals
 3. Discuss special event and appoint committee
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THE FIRST HAM IN BRISTOL

Fred Dulaney “FD” 1908-12

By Russ Robinson, W4UD

[NOTE: The following was excerpted from the December 1974 issue of The Virginia Hamnewsletter. It was written by Russ Robinson, then W4UD, of Bristol. Russ was first licensed in 1933 and held the callsign W4UD from 1967 until his death in 1981. For many years Russ, who was the chief engineer at WCYB, was a very active member of the Bristol Amateur Radio Club. In 1996 BARC, with the consent of Russ' widow, acquired W4UD as a memorial tribute to Russ.]

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I thought you would want to know about one of the first amateurs here in the town of Bristol. His name was Fred Dulaney, and he used the call “FD” in the years between 1908-12, prior to when amateurs were assigned callsigns.

Believe it or not, I was in a QSO with a Novice in Florida last month (1974), who is just getting back on the air at the age of 84, and he inquired about “FD”!!! The Novice said he remembered well his contacts on spark when he was on the air in 1909.

Fred's father owned the first street car system in Bristol, and also ran the local power generating plant, which supplied power for the street cars and a few businesses. The residential area did not have electricity at that time. Fred built his first spark transmitter in his father's electrical shop in 1908.

Fred operated from the shop and from his home on Windsor Avenue. He ran a line from the trolley line in front of his home to his 1 KW spark transmitter and since power regulation was not too good, it is reported by residents of that day that when he sent CW on his spark rig they could feel it in the trolley seats due to the change in power feeding the trolley motor! Fred never became a licensed ham as he gave up his amateur work before the 1912 law became effective. Many old timers still remember “FD” as their first Tennessee - Virginia contact back in those years.

Unfortunately Mrs. Dulaney, no longer has any logs or written records of Fred's operations. In 1974 the old electrical shop still stood with the sign “Dulaney's Electrical Shop” on it.

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Submitted by W4JH

ARRL Contest Calendar

To access general information regarding upcoming ARRL contests, as well as third-party contest calendars, go here: <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

February 2020

10-14 **School Club Roundup**

15-16 **International DX – CW**

[21-23 CQ 160 \(SSB\)](#)

Click on each contest for information.

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