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Official Newsletter of the Bristol Amateur Radio Club

June 2020

Special Field Day Edition

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

Upcoming Meeting

Our next meeting will be June 4, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

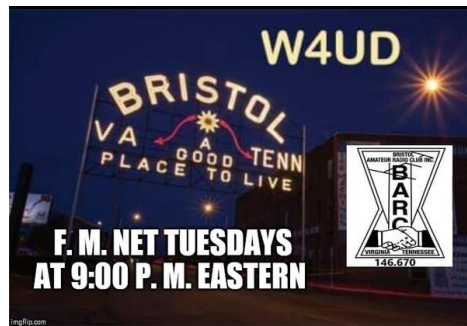
Due to the COVID-19 issue we will not be meeting at Bristol Regional. The meeting will be conducted on the 146.670 repeater in FM mode. Please see the Presidents column for details. We will once again utilize Netlogger and Youtube.

The meeting program will be suspended for this meeting.

At this time there has been no word on when we will be able to use the conference rooms at BRMC again.

We will not have a meeting or newsletter in July. Please see below for information about Field Day.

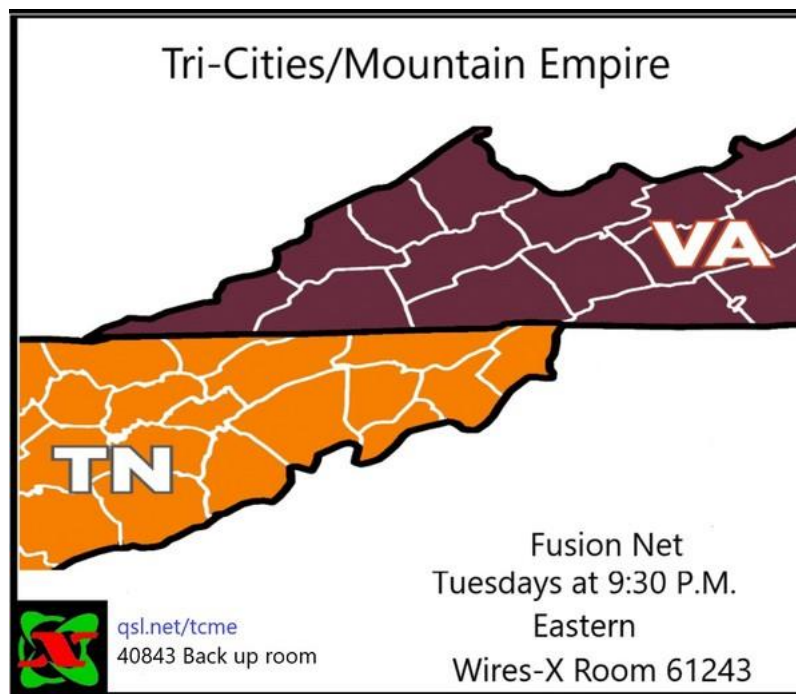
Weekly Club Net



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.

Check in to the net with net control Chris Brooks, K4XMN

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 the Ham Radio Zone [YouTube](#) channel. He also broadcasts them live on YouTube or 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 mail a check to:

BARC, Gary Maiden

1065 Aberlea Valley Circle

Piney Flats, TN 37686

****The club voted at the April meeting to extend the cut off period until we can meet in person again. ****

License Testing Session

The license test session has been canceled due to COVID-19. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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

Presidents column

The club meeting info is once again posted below.

On air club meeting procedure.

- The meeting will be held on 146.670 (analog FM mode)
- The start time is 7 pm. I will be on the air early to take check-ins, call to order will be 7pm
- We ask that only current members check-in. (Paid or complimentary membership due to new license)
- Net logger will be used to keep track of attendance. (Free download at netlogger.org)
- Meeting will be live on the BARC YouTube channel and the comment box will be monitored.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmBMWxObdM9f2BVOE9YY5Ug>
- If you are outside the repeater coverage area and do not have wires-x you can participate via YouTube chat or Net logger AIM.
- The Bristol-ARC wires-x room will be switched to analog for the meeting.
- After the list is made regular meeting procedure will be followed. (Call to order, prayer, pledge etc.
- Any votes that need to be taken will be done in a roll call fashion. The current roster will be available to verify membership.
- Opportunities to check in late will be given before any votes are taken or the meeting concludes.

Thank you

Adam Dye N4NT

Bristol Amateur Radio Club President

Field Day 2020 A Different Kind of Year

As we roll into early June, we are usually planning on our club Field Day activity from one of our local parks, how many HF station will we have, what kind of antennas, and most importantly what kind of good food and fellowship we will be having. However, COVID 19 has changed all of that for this year. In light of us not being able to gather in persons for Field Day, the ARRL has encouraged folks to operate from home by allowing stations in the 1D class to count contacts with each other. This is not typically the norm.

With this special exception to the rule this year, they are allowing folks to operate from home and submit their scores for the club. This is exciting due to the fact that this may spurn some of us to try a new antenna at home or a new mode like FT8. It might encourage you to operate 6 meters. A 6-meter dipole is easy to put up and is small. This should add more local activity to 6 which is exciting. As Tom Shuttles has said, by getting on and operating you will learn a wealth about the real capabilities of your station from radios, antennas, and computers connected to radios.

So, in this time of social distancing we will do the responsible thing but also maintain the fun spirit of Field Day as we put together a big group of logs to submit with our club's name on them. We will submit under the name **Bristol (TN) ARC**. There are many logging programs out there that support logging for Field Day. I would suggest looking for one that is easy to use for you and what you want to do. I am always available if you have any questions.

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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>

June 2020

13-15 [June VHF](#)

20 [Kids Day](#)

27-28 [Field Day](#)

Another good site for other contests the WA7BNM Calendar.

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/index.html>

Send your contest logs to barc.w4ud@gmail.com to have them included in the newsletter.

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