



# The Feedline.

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**Dues: \$10, from April to March.**



***The **March**, 2016, meeting of the Cary ARC will be held in the basement of the Activities Building of the White Plains United Methodist Church, 313 SE Maynard Rd, Cary, NC 27511, on Thursday, **March 24**, 7:31 pm. The program will be viewing a DVD of the recent K1N DXpedition to Navassa Is. The DVD was produced by Gary, KN4AQ, for Bob, Allphin, K4UEE, who headed up the group. The DVD is very well done and shows the great efforts DXers go to putting a very rare spot on the air. The meeting will be in the usual meeting room used by the Cary ARC, diagonally across the building from the entrance door.***

***BTW, White Plains UMC will be holding a Maundy Thursday Service that evening. Parking may be tight.***



*For those of you who have email capability, the Cary Amateur Radio Club will be sending meeting notices (and recent news items) in a PDF file called "The Feedline." This is a resurrection of the old Feedline that was sent out as hard copy via the USPS, years ago. Now, we are avoiding the printing and mailing costs of even the postcards we used in the interim. Some of you may be receiving this having not previously received a postcard. Now, we want to include as many as we can to enlarge the foot print of Amateur Radio.*

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## Roanoke Division Hamfests/Conventions

### **04/02/2016 | North Carolina Section Convention (Raleigh Hamfest)**

**Location:** Raleigh, NC    **Type:** ARRL Convention    **Sponsor:** Raleigh Amateur Radio Society  
**Website:** <http://rars.org/rarsfest>

### **04/09/2016 | Culpeper Amateur Radio Swapfest**

**Location:** Culpeper, VA    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Culpeper Amateur Radio Association  
**Website:** <http://w4cul.org>

### **04/10/2016 | Spring Fest**

**Location:** Chesapeake, VA    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Chesapeake Amateur Radio Society  
**Website:** <http://w4car.org>

### **04/14?/2016 | VHF Super Conference**

**Location:** Sterling, VA    **Type:** ARRL Convention    **Sponsor:** Southeastern VHF Society, North East Weak Signal Group & Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club. Hosted by the Grid Pirates Contest Group and Directive Systems and Engineering    **Website:** <http://vhfsuperconference.com/>

### **04/16/2016 | Catawba Valley Hamfest**

**Location:** Morganton, NC    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** McDowell Amateur Radio Association  
**C** <http://cvhamfest.com>

### **04/23/2016 | 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Down East Hamfest**

**Location:** Kinston, NC    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Down East Hamfest Assn.  
**Website:** <http://www.downeasthamfest.org>

### **04/23/2016 | Mon County ARC Hamfest**

**Location:** Star City, WV    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Walmart & CSC  
**Website:** <http://www.qsl.net/K8MCR>

### **05/01/2016 | JCARC HAMFEST**

**Location:** Ripley, WV    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Jackson County Amateur Radio Club

### **05/07/2016 | South Carolina Section Convention (57th Annual Hamfest)**

**Location:** Spartanburg, SC    **Type:** ARRL Convention    **Sponsor:** Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society  
**Website:** <http://brars.org>

## 05/14/2016 | 12th Annual Rockingham County Swapfest

**Location:** Reidsville, NC    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://N4IV.org>

## 05/28/2016 | DurHamFest

**Location:** Durham, NC    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Durham FM Association (DFMA)  
**Website:** <http://dfma.org>    **NOTICE: DurHamFest at a new location this year. See Page 5.**

## 06/19/2016 | Manassas Hamfest & Maker Technology Show

**Location:** Manassas, VA    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://www.manassashamfest.org>

## 07/09/2016 | 31st Annual Firecracker Hamfest

**Location:** Salisbury, NC    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Rowan Amateur Radio Society  
**Website:** <http://www.rowanars.org/firecracker-hamfest>

## 07/16/2015 | Mid-Summer SWAPFEST (Cary ARC)

**Location:** Cary, NC    **Type:** SWAPFEST    **Sponsor:** Cary ARC  
**Website:** <http://www.qsl.net/n4nc/>

## 07/30/2016 | WCARS Hamfest

**Location:** Waynesville, NC    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society  
**Website:** <http://wcars.org/>

## 08/07/2016 | 66th Annual Berryville Hamfest

**Location:** Berryville, VA    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://www.shenvalarc.org/hamfest>

## 08/13/2016 | 18th Annual Cape Fear ARS Swapfest

**Location:** Fayetteville, NC    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society  
**Website:** <http://www.cfarsnc.org/>

## 08/20/2016 | West Virginia State Convention (58th Annual Event)

**Location:** Weston, WV    **Type:** ARRL Convention    **Sponsor:** West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council  
**Website:** <http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/>

## 09/03-05/2016 | North Carolina State Convention (Shelby Hamfest)

**Location:** Shelby, NC    **Type:** ARRL Convention    **Sponsor:** Shelby Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://shelbyhamfest.org>

## 10/08/2016 | Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest

**Location:** Mineral Wells, WV    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Wood County Emergency Communications  
**Website:** <http://wc8ec.org>

## 11/12/2016 | GSARC "BEACHFEST 2016"

**Location:** Conway, SC    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://www.w4gs.org>

**Note: The above listings of Roanoke Hamfests, etc., were taken from the ARRL web site. It behooves a radio club, society, etc., to register their event with the ARRL even up to a year in advance. Not only does the ARRL provide support for your event, but calendar dates do tend to fill up quickly.**

**Please Post or Circulate**  
**Amateur Extra Class License Course**  
Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

Original Announcement Date: February 29, 2016

This seven session course will be conducted by the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. In order to be awarded an Amateur Extra Class (Level 3) license by the FCC, one must pass the Technician Class (Level 1) exam and the General Class (Level 2) exam in addition to the Amateur Extra Class exam.

**When:** Apr 16, 23, 30, May 14, 21, Jun 4, 11. (**Note:** These are not consecutive Saturdays.) The sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end around 12:30 p.m. Please note that **this course will not be offered again until fall of 2017.**

**Where:** Raleigh, NC. Specific location will be provided upon pre-registration.

**Volunteer Instructor:** Mike Murphy, WA4BPJ, has an Extra Class license and has been teaching since the 1970s and has conducted as many as 60 courses. In addition to this course, he also teaches the Technician and General courses.

**Tuition:** \$10.00 (payable at the first session)

**Course Text:** The required manual is the current edition of: **The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual – Level 3, Extra Class License Manual, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition (ISBN: 978-0-87259-517-0)** and is available online (i.e. ARRL, Amazon, etc.). (This Question Pool and Manual expire 2016-06-30.)

**Examination:** An **optional** examination is scheduled for the afternoon of the last session for the convenience of the students. This is done by a separate group of RARS Volunteer Examiners and there is a separate fee.

**Pre-Registration:** E-mail me **your phone number and call sign**. A registration form and other details will be e-mailed to you.

This course is also listed on the ARRL Website at: "Find a Class."

**Next Course:** **Technician Class** course starting Aug 6 and **General Class** course starting Oct 1.

You are probably on a contact list. E-mail me if you would want changes or to be deleted from the list.

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**Directions to the NEW location of the DurHamFest – For your GPS!!!**

**Durham Public Schools Staff Development Center  
M-1  
2107 Hillandale Road Durham, NC 27705**

**Northbound on 15/501 - Exit 174 Hillandale - right hand exit then left across bridge on Hillandale Road. Southbound on I85 - Exit 174B Hillandale - stay right onto Hillandale Road.**

**Guests should continue approximately 1/2 mile and turn left from center lane at 2107 Hillandale Road. Vendors and Tailgaters should continue to next stop light at intersection with W. Carver Road and turn left. From W. Carver make the first left into parking lot.**