



# The Feedline.

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

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***The **January, 2018**, meeting of the Cary ARC will be held at the White Plains UMC, 313 SE Maynard Rd., Cary, on **Thursday, January 25, 7:31 pm**. The meeting of the Cary ARC will feature: "KnightLites: An informal, unstructured group of QRP enthusiasts," by Joe White, WA4GIR.***

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*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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**Dues are due (!?!?) during March and April. The dues are \$10 USD. Checks are preferred, so that you may have an immediate receipt with the canceled check. Cash is accepted provided you have proper ID!!! Silver and gold pieces may also be received, at a reduced rate of exchange, of course!!!. Bitcoin is being considered!!!**

Joe White, was first licensed in 1962 as WN4GIR in a small town of Trinity in Piedmont NC. As the then, non-renewable Novice license expired in one year, he became a Technician, WA4GIR, and was mostly active on 6-m using a homemade AM transmitter and ARC-5 receiver with a converter. Over the next few years, his ham radio interests rose and fell, but he maintained the interest in building electronics as a hobby and professionally during a 40+ years at RTI. In 1978, Joe "blundered" into the Extra class ranks when the FCC was administering exams at the RARS Hamfest. Due to some quirk in the government's ability to levy fees, there was no

fee required for licensing, so Joe took the Extra class test just see what the code was like, and unexpectedly passed. However, old timers remember that the CSCE had not been invented at the time so, you had to pass all code and written elements for each class at the same sitting. So, his luck continued with passing of the Advanced and Extra class written tests that day.

Joe's main interests have been in building simple rigs and operating CW. Early rigs included the Knight T-50, Globe Chief, ARC-5 transmitter and receiver, SB100 before upgrading to the KX3. In the mid-80's, Joe signed on as a VE with the RARS VE team and now heads with that team along with his wife, Liz, KO4CK as co-contact VEs. While not an accomplished contester, he enjoys the low-pressure contests such as Field Day and the various QRP contests and sprints. The most notable of these were QRP contests done with fellow KnightLite members including Field Day at Paul (AA4XX) Stroud's farm, Balsam Knob, and Falls Lake; FYBO and the Skeeter sprint at Harris Lake. While not a charter member of the KnightLites, Joe became active in the Club in its early days and participated regularly in the Club activities. He serves as NCS for the weekly 80m KnightLites QRP CW net and along with his wife host the annual fall KnightLites Pig Pickin' at their house.

"Sir" Joe is going to share how this group of Hams have more fun than most Hams have a right to enjoy!!!

## Roanoke Division Hamfests/Conventions

### **02/03/2018** | South Carolina State Convention (Charleston Hamfest)

**Location:** North Charleston, SC    **Type:** ARRL Convention pending Executive Committee approval

**Sponsor:** Charleston Amateur Radio Society    **Website:** <http://wa4usn.org>

### **02/03/2018** | Virginia State Convention (Frostfest)

**Location:** Richmond, VA    **Type:** ARRL Convention    **Sponsor:** Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society    **Website:** <http://frostfest.com>

### **03/09-10/2018** | North Carolina Section Convention (Charlotte Hamfest)

**Location:** Concord, NC    **Type:** ARRL Convention    **Sponsor:** Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://charlottehamfest.org>

### **03/18/2018** | Winterfest 2018

**Location:** Annandale, VA    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Vienna Wireless Society

**Website:** <http://viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest/>

### **03/24/2018** | Charleston WV Hamfest and Computer Show

**Location:** Charleston, WV    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Charleston Hamfest Committee

**Website:** <http://www.w8gk.org/>

### **03/31/2018** | North Carolina State Convention (Raleigh Hamfest)

**Location:** Raleigh, NC    **Type:** ARRL Convention    **Sponsor:** Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://rars.org/hamfest>

### **04/21/2018** | Catawba Valley Hamfest

**Location:** Morganton, NC    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** McDowell Amateur Radio Association

**Website:** <http://cvhamfest.com>

### **05/05/2018** | 59th Blue Ridge ARS Upstate SC Hamfest

**Location:** Spartanburg, SC    **Type:** ARRL Hamfest    **Sponsor:** Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://brars.cc>

## 06/03/2018 | W4OVH Manassas Hamfest

**Location:** Manassas, VA **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Ole Virginia Hams ARC

**Website:** <http://manassashamfest.org/index.html>

## 07/07/2018 | 33rd Annual 2018 Firecracker Hamfest

**Location:** Salisbury, NC **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Rowan Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://www.rowanars.org/firecracker-hamfest/>

## 07/21/2017 | Cary (NC) ARC – Mid-Summer SWAPFEST

**Location:** Cary NC, Ritter Park **Type:** ARRL SWAPFEST **Sponsor:** Cary Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.qsl.net/n4nc>

## 07/28/2018 | WCARS Hamfest

**Location:** Waynesville, NC **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://wcars.org>

## 08/05/2018 | 68th Annual Berryville Hamfest

**Location:** Berryville, VA **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.svarc.us/hamfest>

## 08/11/2018 | 20th Annual Cape Fear ARS Swapfest

**Location:** Fayetteville, NC **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://www.cfarsnc.org>

## 08/24/2018 | West Virginia State Convention

**Location:** Weston, WV **Type:** ARRL Convention **Sponsor:** West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council

**Website:** <http://qsl.net/wvsarc/>

## 08/31-09/02/2018 | Roanoke Division Convention (Shelby Hamfest)

**Location:** Shelby, NC **Type:** ARRL Convention **Sponsor:** Shelby Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://shelbyhamfest.org>

## 09/22/2018 | Coal Country ARC Hamfest 2018

**Location:** Madison, WV **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Coal Country Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.wv8ccc.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 good support for your event, but calendar dates do tend to fill up quickly.



Good tip from Tom Lewis, N4TL, about some good stuff going on at the NC State Univ., McKimmon Center. The following URL is given in upper case so that you may get it correctly. Check it out!!! <HTTPS://MCKIMMONCENTER.NCSU.EDU/OLLI/>