

THE QCWACKER

QCWA Piedmont NC Chapter #126

March 2025

Next Meeting: The next Piedmont Chapter 126 meeting will be held, **in person**, on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at the Best Food Cafeteria in Siler City, NC. ALL members and guests are welcome! Our meeting room will be in the Steakhouse. Go into the Cafeteria Gift shop and take an immediate right opposite the cash register. Wearing your Ham badge is encouraged.

Directions: The Best Food Cafeteria is at 220 East 11th Street, Siler City, NC, telephone number is 919-742-2475 and located on Highway 64 about 1.9 miles West of the intersection with Highway 421, and right across the street from Marsh Auto Parts.

When: Plan to arrive at 11:30 AM to socialize, dinner at 12Noon, business and program at about 12:45 PM. Board members are requested to arrive at 11 AM.

Program: By Tom, N4TL and will be a program on "The origins of Packet Cluster", and cover DX spotting and how it moved from VHF FM radio to the internet.

Tidbits: We recently learned from WS4NC of the passing of past Chapter 126 member Ken Weeman, WB2RFK of Archdale, NC on January 19, 2025. Our sympathies are with his family and friends. N3LTV has been brushing up on his cw skills. Doug has recently been selected as Manager of the NC Tarheel Emergency Net. W2ARP worked Antarctica and Pakistan. AF1E mentioned N4TE is now a SK. Joe and his wife make medical appoint runs to the Raleigh - Durham area now and then. N4RF has his 30L1 Collins Amp back that was

repaired by KX4P. We welcome Dave Wood, W4EJ as our new Director at Large and thank Tom Lewis, N4TL for his fourteen years of service as our Director at Large.

We welcome the newest Chapter 126 members, Bill Flaherty W1GY, of Greensboro, Peri Pantazes, KA2AHL of Greensboro, wife of W2ARP and Ron Tingle, K4ML of Waynesville. Ron suffered significant damage from Helene but is up and running.

WB4DCM finally completed WAS on CW after working the two last holdout states. We had a good ZOOM Meeting and a K4RGN Program on 1/11/25 in place of our regular in person meeting in Siler City. It was good to see some new faces. W4WHW has been acting NCS on the SWAN RADIO users Net. Bill has also been working on a remote antenna switching system. Many of us are still waiting for tax docs to get our taxes on the road. Several chapter members have earned Anniversary Award Certificates in 2025 and all should have received their certificates by now. Congratulations!

Here are the links to the next area Hamfests:

Charlotte/Concord March 7/8:

[Charlotte Hamfest – Sponsored by W4BFB – Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society, Inc.](#)

Raleigh April 5:

[RARSfest - The NC Capital Area Hamfest](#)

Winston Salem April 12:

Chapter 126 Weekly Net: About 3.853 MHz, 8:45AM each Saturday morning.

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Website: <http://www.qsl.net/qcwa126/>

The National QCWA Website: <http://www.qcwa.org/>

Chapter 126 Member Reflector Input:

QCWA-Chapter126@googlegroups.com

Your chapter dues go to Sue Meyer Parks, W2GHK. Local dues are \$7 a year.

National membership can be handled on the national website. **Check your e-mail for a recent limited special DISCOUNT Program on National Membership.**

I hope to see you all at our in person meeting in Siler City on March 15 and bring a fried!

73,

Chuck, K4HF