



Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Newsletter



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May's Club Program

Thanks to Tim Slay, NI4B, the North Carolina ARRL Section Manager for presenting his informative program on the ARRL. Tim highlighted how important the ARRL is to our hobby in so many ways.



FARC HAMFEST JUNE 9 Dixie Classic Fairgrounds

This Saturday! It's that time of year again. It would be nice for those who have jobs at the Hamfest, or who want to help, to drop by Friday night after 8PM. But most important, helpers please arrive the next morning around 6 AM. There are a few of us who will be there as early as 5 AM, but by 6 AM the coffee will be ready and the rush to set up will start. If you don't have a job please stop by and support the Club. Maybe buy something from one of our vendors. Better yet, bring something to sell. There are nearly 1000 hams in Forsyth County alone - I would really like to see most of them there on Saturday.

DAYTON HAMFEST

Dayton was May 18, 19, and 20. As usual a "gaggle" of FARC members made our way to Dayton for the Mecca of All Hamfests. We were not disappointed. Even though the event is three days, you can NOT possibly see it all. The weather was really great this year, cool, slightly overcast and no rain, except for a sprinkle early Sunday

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The new Hilberling transceiver attracted a lot of attention. This picture does not do it justice.

NC QSO Party

Results of the 2007 North Carolina QSO Party

The 2007 version of the NCQP offered all sorts of weather in the state of North Carolina - rain and sleet in the NW mountains, rain on the coast, and a clear cool day in the piedmont and sandhills. Still,



QRP out of state winner Paul W8TM from Ohio is congratulated by W2DZO at Dayton.

nothing stopped the dozen or so mobile operators and the other 100 or so ops from making our annual event one of the best ever. In fact, we received about 120 logs, the most we have ever received since the FARC began its sponsorship of the Party in 2000.

While most seem to be pleased with the goals and rules of the NCQP, there have been some inquiries about multi operator capabilities. We will take a look at all the comments and invite all to comment. The biggest issue we see is groups interested in multi-op operation. Our current rules allow multi op with only one transmitted signal at a time- and no band change limits. Several groups have expressed interest in a multi 2 operation, allowing 2 signals at the same time. Existing categories will mostly likely not be affected if we make any changes, and we'll publish any changes well before the next NCQP.

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Club Meeting, Monday June 11, 2007

We will meet, as usual, on the 2nd Monday of the month at 690 Coliseum Drive in the Red Cross Building at 7:30 PM sharp in Room 09, but come early, say, 7:00-ish, to "hob-nob" with your fellow hams.

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc is a non-profit (IRS 501(c)3) North Carolina corporation for the promotion of Amateur Radio, and for the education and training of hams and the general public primarily in Forsyth County, North Carolina.

FARC was originally incorporated as the Winston-Salem Radio Club on December 31, 1930 and has been in operation ever since. We currently maintain a state-of-the-art ham station in the basement of the Red Cross, 690 Coliseum Dr., Winston-Salem, NC and also maintain two 2-meter repeaters, 146.64 (100 Hz tone) and 145.47 (100 Hz tone).

FARC has a general membership meeting with a program on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Red Cross building, 690 Coliseum Drive in Winston-Salem. The club conducts its main business meeting (sometimes called the Board Meeting) on the 3rd Monday generally at the same location. This is where most of the club's business is conducted and all attending members have a vote. All club members are strongly encouraged to attend the business meeting. For more information about FARC mail us at FARC, Inc., PO Box 11361, Winston-Salem, NC, 27116; call 336-723-7388; or visit our web site at www.w4nc.com. Club email is to w4nc@triad.rr.com.

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We trade newsletters with other clubs, and many local clubs are on our mailing list. If your club has a newsletter and would like to trade please send us a copy.

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SINGLE OPERATOR

The single operator instate category features a repeat win by Russ AK4GY from Cabarrus county with Barry K4CZ with only 30 less q's from Durham county placing second. Tim K4TZZ picks up 3rd place and the instate mult title with 46 NC counties worked from Polk county.

Out of state it was Jeff N8II from WV edging out perennial QSO party stalwart Keith WA3HAE by 1 mult and 27 qsos. Jeff also took top NC mult honors. Third place was last years' top finisher John K4BAI from GA. The single operator out of state category continues to have the highest amount of activity.

QRP instate was a well deserved effort by Roy WA4DOU. His reputation preceded him, and no one else opted to participate in the category. I look for more players in this one next year.

The QRP out of state winner is another repeat performance by Paul W8TM from OH with Dan KE0G from MN coming in 2nd and Robert N3HU grabbing 3rd place from MD. Paul's 55 NC multipliers with 5 watts was a tremendous effort!

Ben K4GHS from Yadkin County picked up the FARC club prize in the SO column.

CLUB CATEGORY

The Carolina DX Association once again grabs the instate Club plaque for their 450 plus contacts from MEC with the BFB boys running 2nd place. Out of state it was the Cornerstone ARC from Florida winning the plaque again! Note to out of state clubs- I challenge you to try this category- Cornerstone is running out of room on their wall!!

MOBILE

This year's in state mobile competition was the closest, percentage wise, in recent years. Last year's winner Jeff NY4N and NCQP newcomer Marty W4MY both made over 500 contacts, but when the dust settled (and the log checking) only around 500 points separated the two. Jeff made more q's but Marty won the mult count and thus W4MY has been crowned the winner. We are awarding a second place plaque to Jeff because his effort was outstanding! Read the soapbox and you'll see how many people remarked on these 2 operations. Marty and Jeff really made our 2007 special (not to mention Ron AA4S who also made over 500 q's in the FARC from his mobile station to win the FARC competition.)

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NC QSO Party, Continued

The out of state mobile winner was Mike W5JBV who not only operated mobile from northern Florida but was also QRP- even more impressive! Welcome to the winner's circle, Marty and Mike- and thanks for playing our game. And drive carefully.

We hope everyone enjoyed the 2007 NCQP. Many people have worked many hours to get these results out in a timely fashion. It's all made easier with proper logging and summary sheets from all of the players. I want to thank everyone for sending the appropriate logs and summary sheets, being good sports and making our party so much fun. There are so many different parties, rules, contests, etc, and we are honored that you all opt to enjoy what the NCQP has to offer each year. Be sure to stop by Fleamarket space #3301 at the 2007 Dayton Hamvention and say hello. I hear the rain might hold off this year. Of course, if you can't make it to Dayton, do try to attend the FARC Classic Hamfest at the Home and Garden building in the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 9, 2007. The results are on the web page.

73, Henry, W2DZO

NC QSO Party SOAPBOX

FUN! FUN! FUN! Thanks to all for their participation in this event. Hats have to go off to all the mobiles that make this so enjoyable. Equipment: TS850S/AT @ 100W, KT34XA @ 57', 40 & 80 DIPOLES @ 55'. - Keith WA3HAE

Had an enjoyable time. Thanks for all you have been doing organizing this event. Without guys like you a lot of things would never happen. We appreciate it. - Eldon WIEND

A very nice showing of activity from fixed and mobile stations. Many thanks to the mobiles who braved rotten Feb Wx with freezing rain and fog. The Wx here was snow until about 4PM, so I had to stop and clear snow from driveway. I was surprised to work so many counties which will help towards USA-CA. It was fun; 40 died promptly at sunset. The mobiles who showed up on 80M had decent signals; you guys could have made a lot of phone Q's as well. Signals from the mobiles were very good on 40. W4MY was the loudest; sorry to hear of his flat tire in the pouring rain. - Jeff N8II

Enjoyed the party! 160 Qs, 77 mults. Started a little slow, but picked up. Dreary day, feel for the mobiles. 80 was the workhorse this time, some 40, very little on 20, and nothing on 10 and 15. Had to be home this year for family. Next year it's "on the road again"! - Tripp N4NTO

Couldn't hear the mobiles as good this year, so multiplier total was down. I also decided to stop at 01:30 to watch the Oscars. - Alan AA4FU

This year I wanted to pick up more in-state multipliers and do a better job of working the mobile operators. I did OK with the fixed stations but the rovers were scarce. (Special thanks to K4ATM for being the exception.) Still, it's the most fun I've had in a contest since last year. Keep up the great work. - Russ AK4GY

Finally bands opened a bit and had some fun after long weeks without condx to hear any Mobiles. Thanks for great activity in NC-QP. - Axel DL6KVA

A tip of my hat to the many North Carolina mobiles braving the hazards on the roads making contacts for us up here in the snow country. - Don K3GY

Thanks for having the contest. Despite high noise level here enjoyed it. - Jim K4AMC

Thanks for all the time and work you and the rest of the volunteers do to make this event a lot of fun. - Jon K5AEM

Good to hear mobiles on CW and a few fixed stations on CW. Just enough activity to keep me awake. - Ed KN4Y

A lesson in making sure you're prepared beforehand. I never altered my multiplier file in my program for the right 3 letter abbreviations. Also, I logged my first 20 contacts with the wrong combination and was handing out DAV instead of DVD. Except for some mic and tuner issues, things went well for something that was setup a week ago and untested. - Ed KU4BP

This was my first attempt at operating the NCQP mobile, and I brought a couple of

friends (Dick - N4ARO and Julius - N2WN) who have lots of experience with fixed-station contesting, but who had not had the mobile experience. I would love to be able to keep it short like Julius Caesar and say, "Veni, vidi, vici!", but it didn't work out that way. We started the contest at the NC/TN state line between Asheville and Johnson City (TN), and immediately suffered every kind of equipment dysfunction imaginable. The Hustler tuned to 40-m CW wasn't getting out (or else the mountains were sucking up all the RF); inverters providing AC power to the PCs running our logging/operating programs suddenly decided to add killer hash to the received signals; and a controller driving the wiper to one of our tunable Hi-Q antennas flaked out. We had planned to drive up the Blue Ridge Parkway, but it was rainy and quite foggy up there, and I missed the on-ramp. We never even got on the Blue Ridge. Over 2 hours had passed in the contest by that time, and we only had 20-something QSOs; so we decided to head south out of the mountains and see if there was better propagation in the flats. Sho'nuff, we finally got cranking and logged 327 QSOs on 40 and 80 CW to add to the 4 we got earlier on 20 m. We called it quits and logged our last QSO a little early at 0128 Z. They may never want to operate mobile again, but both Dick and Julius say they now have greater appreciation for the mobiles they work in these QSO parties! - Jim KY4L

It was great fun, can we add the RTTY mode for next year? - Ron N4WYR

This was our first time participating in the North Carolina QSO Party after moving from Texas and getting our new Club Call - NC4KW. We decided to open up our house to operators from our local club - OCRA, Orange County Radio Amateurs - to come and get a taste of HF as many will soon be upgrading. It was great to have so many stop by including: Gary (AI4GT), Chris (KG4HNC), Adriano (KI4OTN), Peter (KI4GWB), Meg (KI4LLL), Kate (KI4LLM), Woody (K3VSA), Lisa (KG4PFB), Michaela (daughter of Woody and Lisa) and Randy (friend of Meg and Kate.) For some, this was the first time operating HF. For others, it was their first time using contest software (WriteLog) and computer generated CW. After a few Qs, we could see confidence growing and nervousness going away. We are confident that many of these folks and hopefully more from our local club will join us for future HF contests and other on-the-air activities. You will be hearing more about NC4KW when the towers and antennas are finally up. Thanks for a great QSO party - see you next year. - Laurie N1YXU & Bruce N1LN aka: NC4KW

We're back again this year. Had a great time. Cold rain, hot chili, great company. Thanks for hosting the contest. - Dave KV4CN @NC4PC

We had another fun QSO Party, the gang was here per usual with plenty to eat and a lot of rag chewing. If we keep this up long enough maybe we'll hit a weekend that is warm and sunny with good propagation! Randolph ARC always enjoys the Party. - Butch, WS4H

Lots of fun but changes in the times would be a big improvement (24 hours)- Herman NO4Y

Had a great chasing all the mobile stations. Hope band condx are better next year.- David NU4N

13 new ones to work yet in NC for my USA-CA and it seemed ages ago since I worked a new one there. My last QP contact dated back from 2003 anyhow. Was aware of Ron's (AA4S) route which included 5 new ones in his first 6 to drive through. First hour only copied "aurora" type sigs and only copied Jeffrey (NY4N) weak. After 18.00Z though the sigs suddenly popped out of the receiver and when Ron appeared on 20m and signed ASH I realized he had indeed a very optimistic plan (Thank God). Worked all the 5 new ones and after Burke as the last his sigs vanished into the noise (was not in for 40m after 2 tiring contest weekends in my belt). Also worked DUR as nr 6 but missed NY4N in STO (probably) because of an interfering station which started calling CQ. A party only for 3 hours which I will not forget. TKS RON !! and thanks Jeffrey and all other stations I worked, in particular also the K4CZ station. CU in 2008. - Harry PA3ARM

Had a good time between chores. This was just an 80/40m test form NJ. Nothing heard on 20M. Tnx to all the mobiles who really made the QSO party. Need a few more counties so I'll be back next year! Tnx for a fun party and keep the format. - William W2UDT

Thanks again to the organizers of this fine qso party. I always enjoy operating in this contest. Hope to be back next year. Rig: Yeasu ft1000mp field; Antennas: dipoles for 80 and 40 - Norm VE3NBJ

Poor conditions. Better next year? Elecraft K1 & G5RV. - David W0PQ

'Big-Fat-Boy' is back... after a long time. We enjoyed working the contest. Thanks for hosting it. -- Mecklenburg ARS Jodie Rowland - KI4CXO - President

Many thanks to the stations that followed me. Sorry I wasn't too apt and asked for many repeats, but if you had been there, you'd understand. Rain, bumpy roads (take your laptop on the roller-coaster and see how well you type!), lost XYL driving, soaking wet from changing a tire (that explains my sudden disappearance in Swanson County), keyer problems. Hi! Wouldn't trade any of it for the world! Glad to work many DX stations, DL, OK, CU, LY, wow! 40 was the band. Never did go to 80 as the static crashes were 60 over s9 with a sustained atmospheric noise level of 20 over. After about 7pm stations left 40 meters, so slim pickings in the last 4 counties. Had a great time, the lovely and gracious Christina, KC4HDI, drove me the entire trip, and I would like to publicly thank her for that. She was a real trooper living off of Wheat Thins and water for 10 hours! Keep up the good work, can't wait till next year! - Marty W4MY

Had a great time with KI4IWS and KE4TZN along for the ride! We covered Pitt, Beaufort, Hyde, Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, and Edgecombe Counties during our expedition! -Eric W4OTN

I was doing well until I got to Pender County and the skies opened up! My antennas don't like rain. Next year if there is rain in the forecast, I'll operate from home. Thanks to all the folks that pulled my signal out of the noise. -Bill W4WNT

Very tough band conditions. I also had freezing rain affecting my G5RV during the entire contest. I still had fun but had one less county than last year. - David W9QL

Thanks for sponsoring the NC QSO again this year!!! -John WB2NHQ

I love this contest. The hollerin' hillbilly, WK4P, was active again from Ashe County, in the NW corner of NC for the 2007 NCQP. This was my 4th year in the NCQP and every year I seem to have new goals and new challenges. For 2007 my goals were: 1. Win single op instate. 2. Repeat as the most NC counties/instate plaque winner. 3. Make 100 CW contacts. 4. Have fun.

Results: 1. I didn't win, probably didn't come close. Just plain didn't get enough mults. Probably spent too much time calling CQ and not enough looking for counties. 2. I didn't work enough counties. I was down 24 counties vs. last year. Again if I had called less and S&P more I might have found those I missed. 3. I made 126 CW contacts, double last year's total. I also learned how far I have to go as a good CW op. For the past month I've been playing at various CW contests, trying to get my speed up. I thought I was doing pretty good, at least until I got on the other side and started calling CQ.

All of a sudden I couldn't copy, couldn't send or anything. I figured out part of the problem, when I took my hand off the keyboard to reach for the number pad on the right side I lost track of the CW. I'm not quite sure how to fix that but at least I know part of the problem. Then I'd get frustrated and couldn't send. Growing pains I guess. I did somewhat better toward the end of the contest as I realized I just needed to slow down and go at my own speed. Tnx to all who took the time to bear with me and get the contact. Maybe next year I'll have the kinks worked out.

4. I had a blast. My first contacts in the contest were on 10 meters so some of our local club members could exercise their new technician privileges. On 20 phone I worked many /AG stations, several for their first HF contact, that was pretty cool. Then while calling on 80 I was pleasantly surprised to hear KI4LPR using his new HF tech privileges to give me a CW contact.

Two contacts later his brother, KI4LRD did the same. I must have grinned like a 'possum when I heard those two calls. With about 10 minutes to go in the contest, still needing my home county of Ashe, I sent my son, KI4IAC, out to the truck to make his first HF contact on 10. With all the excitement generated by these new privileges how could one not have had fun in the contest.

So I met two of my four goals this year, not too shabby at all. Now if I can improve my operating skills maybe my two other goals will become reality next year. Peace and 73 to all. - Adam WK4P

Had too many interruptions to give my full attention to the QSO party. I enjoyed it very much. Thanks to the mobiles especially who endured my weak signal! - Ed W7GVE

Had lots of CW fun... many thanks for the sponsorship! -Garie K8KFJ

Too tired from 4 hours of sleep due to 160 contest- I chased mobiles and base stations for 3.5 hours, then parked on W4MY's frequency for a 5 county run while relaxing. Jumped to 80 for 6 more qsos. Thanks to all the participants, including many mobiles buried in the noise who tried so hard to be there for us. Special thanks to the sponsors for another great contest. - Bill VE3CRU

Short Circuits

Field Day

An idea has been put forward to do Field Day slightly differently this year. We will still be at Hobby Park. We will still be putting up all the antennas like before. We will still have our picnic (yum!). But the idea is to use all QRP on battery power. The rules are being reviewed to see what that entails - but the biggest issue is that the generator would stay at the Red Cross. Part of the idea is to also use paper logs (no computers) and check sheets like the (not-so) good old days. Raja, KB6MTH, and Don, WS4NC, have agreed to loan their FT-817's for the weekend. The Club's FT-920 can be turned down to 5 Watts. It would make set-up and take down somewhat easier and would more closely simulate a real emergency, which is part of what Field Day is about. Your thoughts will be solicited at the May Club meeting.

We would need to change the oil in the generator, since field day is our annual generator tune up. We may also purchase some solar panels to recharge the batteries. We believe that we can get some big, new 12-volt batteries donated.

Upcoming Hamfests & Other Ham Dates

June 2 - Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest, Marietta, Ga.

June 9 - Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, NC

June 9 - Tennessee State ARRL Convention, Knoxville, TN

June 11 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

June 18 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

June 21 - PVRC NC-West Meeting, Location TBD, Winston-Salem

June 23 & 24 - Field Day - Hobby Park, Winston-Salem

July 7 - FireCrackerFest, Salisbury, NC

July 9 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

July 16 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

July 21 - Mid-Summer Swapfest, Cary, NC

July 23 - PVRC NC-West Meeting Location TBD, Winston-Salem

July 28 - Western Carolina Hamfest, Waynesville, NC

August 4 - Roanoke Hamfest, Vinton, VA

August 13 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

August 20 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

August 27 - PVRC NC-West Meeting, Location TBD, Winston-Salem

August 31, Sept. 1 & 2 Shelby Hamfest, Shelby, NC

September 10 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

September 17 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

September 15 & 16 - Va. Beach Hamfest, Virginia Beach, VA.

September 24 - PVRC NC-West Meeting, Location TBD, Winston-Salem

October 6 - Rock Hill Hamfest, Rock Hill, SC

October 8 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

October 15 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

October 20 - Pfafftown Hamfest, Winston-Salem, NC

October 22 - PVRC NC-West Meeting, Location TBD, Winston-Salem

October 26 - 28 - CQWW Contest

October 29 - Fifth Monday of the Month!!

November 12 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

November 19 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

November 26 - PVRC NC-West Meeting, Location TBD, Winston-Salem

December 10 - FARC Club Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

December 17 - FARC Board Meeting, Red Cross, Winston-Salem

December 24 - Christmas Eve - No PVRC Meeting

December 31 - Fifth Monday of the Month!! Also New Years Eve.

ARES NET

Just a reminder, please join us on the Forsyth County Ares Net Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. on the W4NC repeater, frequency 145.47 Mhz

. 73, John, N0KTY, Forsyth EC

Forsyth County ARES Reports

April 12, 2007

Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - N4PAA Carl

Check-ins - 10. Stations were KG4ECI Dan, KF4EOD Mike, N0KTY John, KC8OEX Terry, WB9SZL Dale, NA4P Fred, WF4DD Wake Forest Club, W4ASH Steve, KF4PLQ Woody and N4PAA Carl.

There was one announcement by NA4P Fred that the WF4DD Net will be at 9 PM or after the ARES net tonight.

N0KTY John conducted the formal session. The MS Walk will be on April 28th in Kernersville. John has enough operators for this event. The Three Mountain Madness event will be June 3 starting in Pilot Mountain. Operators are still needed for this event and having 11 meter capability is needed for at least three stations. Also keep September 15 and 16 open for the Tour to Tanglewood. Formal Session - 16 minutes. Informal Session - 8 minutes. Total time -24 minutes. - *N4PAA Carl*

April 19, 2007

Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - KC8OEX Terry

Check-ins - 15. Stations were N4PAA Carl, KB6MTH Raja, KD4CFS Hubert, KG4FGC Ken, KF4EOD Mike, KG4ECI Dan, WA4NOT Jim, K4NH Holly, K4PK Steve, KE4ZFN Bryce, KC4WSK Van, NA4P Fred, KI4IRK Robert, WD4DLP Darren and KC8OEX Terry

There was one announcement by KG4FGC Ken that the WF4DD net will follow the ARES net or at 9 PM this evening.

No EC was available for the formal ARES meeting. The Emergency Management "Are you Ready" class that was held in Kernersville this evening was discussed briefly by N4PAA. Formal Session - 19 minutes. Informal Session - 15 minutes. Total time - 34 minutes. - *N4PAA Carl*

April 26, 2007

Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - KG4ECI Dan

Check-ins - 18. Stations were KG4FGC Ken, KC8OEX Terry, WB4QXG Fred, N4PAA Carl, NA4P Fred, KE4ZFN Bryce, W4ASH Steve and KG4ECI Dan.

There was one announcement by KG4FGC Ken that the WF4DD net will follow the ARES net or at 9 PM this evening.

No EC was available for the formal ARES meeting. Formal Session - 10 minutes. Informal Session - 6 minutes. Total time -16 minutes. - *N4PAA Carl*

May 10, 2007

Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - N4PAA Carl.

Check-ins - 10. Stations were WX5AAA Raymond, KG4FGC Ken, WF4DD WFU Club, KF4EOD Mike, K4GHS Ben, KC8OEX Terry, KE4ZFN Bryce, KC4WSK Van, W4ASH Steve and N4PAA Carl.

There were two announcements. KG4FGC announced there will be Skywarn Spotter Training Classes at the main Kernersville Fire Station on Bodenhamer Street on Wednesday, May 16. There will be a Basic Spotter Class from 2 to 4 PM and again from 7 to 9 PM. Call Michelle Brock at 767-6161 to reserve a place.

The WF4DD Net will be at 9 PM or after the ARES net. The topic will be Hurricane Readiness.

No EC was available for the formal ARES meeting. Formal Session - 15 minutes. Informal Session - 10 minutes. Total time -25 minutes. - *N4PAA Carl*

May 17, 2007

Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - KC8OEX Terry.

Check-ins - 8. Stations were KG4FGC Ken, WF4DD WFU Club, KJ4IC Bob, KF4KYD Jim, N4PAA Carl, WO8L Rick, W4ASH Steve and KC8OEX Terry.

There was one announcement by KG4FGC Ken that the WF4DD net will be at 9 PM or after the ARES net this evening.

Our EC was headed to Dayton for the Hamfest and not available for the net meeting. Formal Session - 12 minutes. Informal Session - 7 minutes. Total time -19 minutes.

Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - N4PAA Carl. - *N4PAA Carl*

May 24, 2007

Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - N4PAA Carl.

Check-ins - 11. Stations were KG4FGC Ken, WF4DD WFU Club, KF4EOD Mike, KJ4IC Bob, N0KTY John, KI4NHP Boyce, KI4NHQ Karen, KC4WSK Van, KC8OEX Terry, KE4SOJ Jason (Mobile passing thru) and N4PAA Carl.

There was one announcement by KG4FGC Ken that the WF4DD net will be at 9 PM or after the ARES net this evening.

N0KTY John conducted the ARES meeting. Volunteers are still welcome for the Three Mountain Madness bicycle event on June 2. John briefly went over what to expect at that event. He also reminded us of the FARC Hamfest coming up on June 9. Formal Session - 10 minutes. Informal Session - 6 minutes. Total time -16 minutes. - *N4PAA Carl*

May 31, 2007

Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - N4PAA Carl.

Check-ins - 15. Stations were KG4FGC Ken, WF4DD WFU Club, KF4EOD Mike, K4GHS Ben, W4ASH Steve, N0KTY John, KJ4IC Bob, KF4KYD Jim, KG4JWU Steven, KC8OEX Terry, NA4P Fred, WX5AAA Raymond, WB9SZL Dale, WD4DLP Darren and N4PAA Carl.

KG4FGC Ken made two announcements. The WF4DD Net will meet this evening after the ARES net or at 9 PM, whichever is later. There will be an Advanced Skywarn Spotter Training class at the main Kernersville Fire Station on Bodenhamer Street starting at 7 PM on Thursday, June 28. Classes are free but confirm a space with Michelle Brock at Forsyth EMS, phone 767-6161.

WX5AAA Raymond announced that a preview of his film titled "Katrina Ham" covering his experiences with that storm in Mississippi is now on the web. It is on YouTube under WX5AAA\KatrinaHam.

N0KTY John held the ARES meeting, which consisted of details and assignments for the Three Mountain Madness bicycle event this Saturday starting at the Armfield Civic Center in Pilot Mountain. We were also reminded that hurricane season started the next day and the second tropical storm of the season was working up Florida and the Atlantic coast with much needed rain. NOAA was predicting 17 named storms this season, so we have 15 more to go. John also reminded us of the FARC Hamfest next Saturday, June 9. Formal Session - 19 minutes. Informal Session - 14 minutes. Total time -33 minutes. - *N4PAA Carl*

Newsletter Classifieds

Looking for some Rohn 25 tower sections. Three and a top section would be good. Use will be a for my VHF antennas and will be mounted against the house. I may be in the market for more later on as a 70ft tower is in the plans. *Ed KU4BP* [email: ku4bp@triad.rr.com]

I've a few items that I need to move. I'll be at the W/S hamfest but would like to move them from here beforehand:

MFJ-259B Antenna Analyzer - \$135

Dell Latitude Laptop. 500Mhz CPU, 10Gig HD, 256 RAM. Will preinstall either Win98 or Win2K(service pack 4) - \$225

Radio Shack DSP - \$15
Kenwood MC60A Mic - \$90

Ed KU4BP [email: ku4bp@triad.rr.com]

I have a 600' run of 7/8" Hardline I took down off a working system with conn. Im willing to part with, I can provide a TDR readout, If interested email me. *Robert Whitaker, KG4NEP* [email: kg4nep@yahoo.com]

Other Ham News:

Ham Radio in Wilmington Newspaper

NC ARRL Public Information Officer Bill Moraine N2COP had a great article in the Wilmington Star about the need for ham radio in emergencies, hurricanes in particular. He stressed the importance of antennas and the value of this taxpayer cost-free communications system. Bill also praised the action of the NC State House in passing the recent act that accommodates ham antennas.

The full article is at:

<http://www.starnewsonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070531/OPINION04/705310344&SearchID=73282858674778>

W4NC License Renewed

Thanks to the eagle-eyes of Tom Gallagher N4IOZ who noticed that the W4NC license was about to expire! Tom noticed that we only had a week to go. Bill Gates KJ4IC, the Trustee for W4NC renewed the license on line. Thanks guys! And special thanks to Bob, who is generous enough to take the job as trustee. It's his license that is on the line. Now where was that music I was about to broadcast . . .

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

New Licensing Class!

There are plans to hold a new licensing class on the Saturdays August 11, 18, and 25. Austin KI4KNS is heading up the planning. He will be looking for volunteers at the next Club meeting. We are going to follow the ARRL Instructor's Guide, which lays out an easy to follow outline. This is a chance to help some new hams get into the hobby.

AMATEUR RADIO APPRECIATION WEEK DECLARED BY GOVERNOR

North Carolina Governor Mike Easley has declared Field Day week, June 17-24, as "Amateur Radio Appreciation Week". The text of the proclamation is posted at www.ncarrl.org. Thanks to our Section Public Information Coordinator, Bill Morine, N2COP for his work on this great recognition!

*73, Tim Slay, N4IB
NC Section Manager*

Editor's Corner

Summer is here and it is a good time to make sure that you have an up-to-date "go bag" with gear for emergencies. Don't forget a few water bottles. Emergency batteries are no good if they are not charged, and if the power is out that's a problem. I like to keep a small 117-VAC inverter in my truck for emergency power. I'm thinking about getting a bigger one and wiring it in permanently. Just something to think about. All for this month!

73, Don WS4NC

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morning. In my group was Henry W2DZO, myself WS4NC, Melissa W4RXG, Don-Don, KT4KV, John W4IRE, Woody, KG4PLQ, Megan KI4KNM, and Austin KI4KNS. Below are a few more pictures of Dayton.

