



Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

# Newsletter



## FARC NOW 80! Founded December 30, 1930

March, 2011

### Notice of vote to amend FARC Bylaws

A proposal to amend the Bylaws of The Forsyth Amateur Radio Club has been made. It is the intention of The Board to place this proposal before the membership meeting to be held at 7:30 PM on Monday, March 14, 2011 at the American Red Cross Chapter House, 690 Coliseum Drive in Winston-Salem. The nature of the proposal is to streamline the sections regarding Membership Dues to reflect current practice. The exact wording of the revision can be examined by contacting The Secretary at the Club's postal address or at <n4ioz@w4nc.org>.

### 440 Band in Danger!

*JIM N2ZZ  
Division Legislative Action Coordinator*

As you may have read, Rep. Peter King (R-NY) has introduced the "Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011" and the bill has been assigned HR 607 as its number. The full story about the Bill's introduction can be found on the ARRL web at

<http://www.arrl.org/news/spectrum-management-bill-threatens-amateur-frequencies>

As you will read, while the ARRL supports spectrum for the Public Safety needs, we oppose HR 607 in its current form because of the inclusion of the 420-440 MHz spectrum (most of the Amateur 70-cm UHF allocation) as part of a spectrum swap.

This represents a true and real threat to our 70-cm UHF allocation, and must be addressed immediately!

We understand and support the principle that Public Safety and First responders should have the D-Block frequencies. Our opposition to the bill stems from the inclusion of the 420-440 MHZ Amateur allocation as part of the proposed "frequency swap".

### MARCH MEETING

Dale Mierisch, WB9SZL, will be the presenter at the 14 March meeting of the Forsyth Area Radio Club. Dale gave great presentations last year on the Echolink capability of our repeaters. The 14 March presentation will cover broader aspects of our repeaters including many "what's and how's", but will also cover the Repeater architecture, autopatch capability, DTMF codes and speed dial listings. An updated handout on autopatch, DTMF codes and speed dial listings will be forthcoming soon.

At the request of ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, the ARRL Grassroots Program is being activated. We request that ALL ARRL members read the above story and contact their local Representative asking them to oppose HR 607 in its current form.

Please go to <http://www.arrl.org/sample-letters>. On that webpage, you will find 1) A sample letter opposing HR 607 in its current form; 2) A link to the ARRL Webpage that

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**NC4RC**

Date	UTC	Band	RST	2X
27-Feb-2011	20:27	40m	59	SSB

Tnx NCQP QSO - no card needed *Kay*  
73, YL Kay N3KN

CQ Zone 5 / ITU Zone 8  PSE QSL  TNX

President, ARRL

**ARRL President N3KN joined in the fun on the NCQSO Party. More on NC QSO and from Kay on page 4.**

**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 336-245-5740; or visit our web site at [www.w4nc.com](http://www.w4nc.com). Club email is to [info@w4nc.org](mailto:info@w4nc.org).

Officers for 2011 are:

President: Terry Brown, AK4D

Vice-President: Eric Bowen, WK4CW

Secretary: Tom Gallagher, N4IOZ

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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.

## 440 BAND IN DANGER!

gives ARRL members contact information for their Members of Congress; and 3) A link to information on how to send your letters to our Washington lobbyist to hand-deliver to Capitol Hill.

Second, some background information:

I sent out an e-mail last year describing the ARRL Grassroots program: <http://www.arrl.org/grassroots>. Individual members writing, calling or visiting their elected representatives to guide legislation is considered to be highly effective. I do realize that each of us has limited time, and that lack of time may deter us from taking part in the political process. My goal was to provide resources so that all members could "make a difference" with very little time expenditure, perhaps 5-10 minutes. Fortunately, the ARRL has already made this possible, with their <http://www.arrl.org/sample-letters> webpage. This has all the tools and resources needed to make your voice heard! Personalizations of the sample letter are encouraged, but please keep comments on point, and not get sidetracked. If you know your representative personally, a face to face visit is likely to be more effective than a written communication, and is also encouraged.

After my e-mail last year, a number of concerns were voiced. One was whether a non-profit organization (ARRL) is allowed to become part of the political process, at the risk of losing their non-profit status. The answer is that a non-profit organization may INFLUENCE legislation, but not become involved in any activities that favor or oppose an individual for elected public office. As ARRL CEO Dave Sumner states, "Amateur Radio and the ARRL are staunchly non-partisan....Over the years, we have been fortunate to win many friends on both sides of the aisle. We want to keep them."

Another concern is why we involve our lobbyist John Chwat as an intermediary for our letters to our elected



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officials. Due to security concerns, physical letters sent directly to our legislators may be delayed for several weeks for screening procedures. By sending a letter, fax or a signed letter as an attachment to an e-mail to Chwat and Company, it is virtually guaranteed to make it to the proper congressman's office in a timely manner. Additionally, if John Chwat is able to talk directly with a congressman, his efforts are much more likely to be successful if he is able to present a handful of constituent letters during his visit.

In regards to non-members, the ARRL cannot ask someone who is not a member to help support an issue. However, if a member wishes to bring information to a club meeting or similar gathering, anyone can individually decide whether to support the issue at hand (Asking them to join the ARRL is OK too!).

Legislation is rapidly affecting all of us, in all our endeavors. It is ESSENTIAL that we as Amateur Radio Operators make our individual as well as our collective voices heard on Capitol Hill. I ask (and challenge) ALL Roanoke Division ARRL Members to take time to become part of the political process, and send out a letter to your representative today!

*For the future of Amateur Radio,  
'73 de JIM N2ZZ*

*Division Legislative Action Coordinator  
ARRL Vice Director  
Roanoke Division  
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## Visiting with Tag K4TAG

*Don, WS4NC*

A long time ago, and an entire universe away, a geeky pre-teen kid was introduced to a God of ham radio. This particular God had a National NCX-5 and NC-2000 amplifier. And a tower that with a beam that went all the way to heaven. The God was very indulgent toward the



**Top left is Tag's Silver Award from JY1, top right is his Vagabonds Certificate. Bottom is a view of Tag's beams.**

kid. Encouraged him even. The kid was me. The God was Tag Bowers, then WA4CXZ.

Tag is well known among the DX community. He's long been a member of the DXCC Honor Roll and I'm amazed how many people know him. No matter where I have traveled in ham radio people who find I am from NC have asked me "Do you know Tag?" Yes, more than any other person Tag is responsible for my being in ham radio. I have never done enough to say "Thank you."

Recently, on my way back from Mocksville I had to stop in and see Tag. There is now an even bigger tower, Rohn-45. The NCX-5 has been replaced by a Yaesu MP-1000. The NC-2000 had been replaced with a Henry 2K, which sadly has been moved on to another one of my ham buddies from the past. Tag now has a pacemaker and amps are verboten. But with a 6-element Telrex 20-meter beam, and a matching 15-meter beam it hardly matters. Besides, Tag has worked everybody and that melodious voice would break through any pileup.

The old desk is still there but moved across the room. And the QSLs from the world have been replaced by ham license plates from everywhere and everyone, including Admirals. Tag even has one of the very rare Silver Awards personally signed by Ky1 King Hussein-SK of Jordan. It's on the wall with the, um, nearly as prestigious, Vagabond Net certificate. As I said everyone the world over knows Tag. Thank you Tag for being my "Elmer". It really meant the world to me.

## February Meeting

By now you should now that we postponed our February meeting. The program is about how "NOT" to put up a tower. It was quite a hit. And we had a big turnout! One of the best club meetings in a long time.

## Ham Radio License Testing

Amateur radio testing for new applicants as well as upgrades will be given the 2nd Monday of every month, except December, prior to the FARC regular meeting. All test participants are invited to attend the meeting. The time is 6:30 PM and the place is the Red Cross building on Coliseum Drive in Winston-Salem. Pre-registration is required via e-mail, listing the elements you wish to take and your phone number. You may pre-register or get additional information via e-mail to info-at-w4nc.org, attention Dale Mierisch WB9SZL. Replace -at- with the usual symbol. Other dates/times will be published as we schedule them.

Dale Mierisch WB9SZL

Session Manager - Forsyth Amateur Radio Club  
1-336-766-9675

## KJ4IC passes through WS

### And the View from the Orlando Hamfest

W4NC Trustee Bob KJ4IC passed through this passed week just in time to make the FARC Board meeting. He and his dad were down in Florida for the winter. While there Bob made the required pilgrimage to the Orlando Hamfest, as well as some other FL hamfests. Bob reports that Orlando was a great hamfest. But, like the hamfests here, the same stuff seems to show up at each hamfest. At Orlando Bob ran into Mike W4VE and also AC-DC Electronics.



## 2011 NORTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY

The 2011 North Carolina QSO Party was on Sunday, February 27 and from all indications it appears to have been a great success. As of the writing of the newsletter we have received over 80 logs (in just 3 days!)

Several changes were put in place this year including outside sponsorship of many of the winning plaques, the addition of several new categories designed to get newer hams more involved, and the addition of NI4BK located aboard the USS North Carolina as a bonus station.

W4NC was manned by Don WS4NC, Jacob KG4VGT and Henry W2DZO and logged over 200 qsos. The stories are just starting to drift in but one of the highlights appears to be QSL cards received by several operators from the President of the ARRL, Kay Craigie, N3KN who participated in the NCQP!

This year was the first year that the station on the Battleship North Carolina NI4BK, sponsored by the Azalea Coast ARC was a bonus station. They operated on both SSB and, on the original 1940's gear, CW. The WWII CW station had a *distinguished* sound (yeah, that's what we'll call it, *distinguished*).

Even ARRL President Kay N3KN joined in on the NC QSO Party fun. The front of her QSL in on page 1. Below is the back of her QSL to Dave NC4RC. Thanks Kay! We'll have more details on NCQSO Party next month!

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the national membership association for Amateur Radio operators in the United States. Its services and publications further the advancement of radio experimentation, emergency service networks, governmental representation, and the friendly collaboration of all radio amateurs. Since December 1915, ARRL has published QST magazine, its monthly journal devoted entirely to delivering the latest ham radio news and information to members. ARRL was founded in 1914 by Hiram Percy Maxim (1869-1936). Maxim's personal call sign, W1AW, is used at the ARRL Headquarters station in Newington, Connecticut as a permanent memorial.

*Regards to all  
the club  
members.  
73 - Kay*



## FARC MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank you, thank you, thank you to those who returned the renewal cards. Most of the membership cards were sent out with this Newsletter if they weren't picked up at the January or February meetings.

## SNAZZY NEW NAME TAGS

### Or “Where’s my name badge?”

*Question:* Why didn't I get a name badge?

*Answer:* Did you return the card that was sent out in December or January? Are your dues current? It is highly likely that I missed getting a card out to some people. That what this is all about getting the Club records up-to-date. It is also possible I simply missed yours - let me know.

*Question:* You mis-spelled my name. Can I get that corrected?

*Answer:* It would easier (for me) if you would change your name legally to Jhon. But yes, I'll fix it.

*Question:* There is another mistake on mine - can I get another one?

*Answer:* If I boo-booed on something then yes I'll print you another one. I'm sure I made some mistakes.

*Question:* I lost mine. Can I get another?

*Answer:* That depends. Do you have \$3 exact change only?

*Question:* Why \$3?

*Answer:* So you won't lose it again. Next time it's \$5, exact change only.

*Question:* Why did you print my friend's name, Joe Toe K4JT in bigger letters than my name? Is it because you like him better? Quince Shetland Georg Wormblat, III “Buddy” WB4QSW/P1AXQ

*Answer:* Well Buddy (or should I call you Quince?) the letters are stretched or compressed to fill the space and since Joe Toe is shorter than Quince “Buddy” Shetland Georg Wormblat, III the letters will be bigger. And to answer your second question yes.

*Question:* Also his call is bigger than mine. Why? Quince Shetland Georg Wormblat, III “Buddy” WB4QSW/P1AXQ

*Answer:* See above. (And Quince, why did your mother name you after a fruit? I would guess that she didn't like you either.)

*Question:* Why did the club spend so much money on this?

*Answer:* The club bought the lanyards. The printing, lamination and punches and the rest were a donation.

*Question:* Why did you send me a purple lanyard?

*Answer:* Because you didn't show up at the January or

February FARC meeting to pick out your color.

*Question:* I don't like this lanyard. Can I get another lanyard?

*Answer:* Yes, go to any office supply store and buy one. They usually sell them in batches of ten.

*Question:* What if I forget to wear it to a Club meeting?

*Answer:* We just might institute a \$1 fine (aka donation) just to make sure you remember it.

## ARES Announcements

*Eric WK4CW*

Hello everyone,

Our ARES group in Forsyth County is currently preparing for an active and exciting year in 2011. We are in the process of collecting information from hams wishing to participate with ARES this year.

There will be several important emergency preparedness and public service events going on, one of which will take place in April. The local Emergency Management office will be holding a drill on Saturday, April 30, and they have requested that Amateur Radio participate. Public service events such as the Three Mountain Madness bicycle event that will take place on June 4th are great opportunities to showcase amateur radio to the public.

Those that wish to participate with ARES must register, which is filling out a piece of paper with your basic contact information. Other than that, all that is required is a valid amateur radio license and a will to serve. There is also a RACES program which membership requirements include being an ARES member in addition to having taken the four required NIMS courses (IS 100.b, IS 200.b, I S 7 0 0 . a , I S 8 0 0 . b , f o u n d a t [http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/NIMSTrainingC](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/NIMSTrainingCourses.shtm)ourses.shtm).

In Forsyth County, we have a distinction between ARES and RACES, and RACES members will be the first to be called upon during an ARES activation that requires working with served agencies ( Red Cross, FEMA, Civil Defense, etc.) I always urge ARES members to complete the NIMS training, as it allows you to be utilized in full capacity if needed. Our weekly ARES net is on Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. on the 145.470 ( PL 100) Sauratown Mountain repeater and we encourage all hams to participate. In your spare time, experiment with different modes of communication as well as power sources and

antenna arrangements to get ideas on what may or may not work during communications emergencies. Our main goal is to be prepared for whatever may arise, and be able to provide accurate and reliable communication when it's needed most. If you wish to join ARES/RACES or need information on the program, feel free to contact me at wk4cw@w4nc.org. Thanks and look forward to working with everyone this year.

73's  
*Eric Bowen - WK4CW*  
*ARES Emergency Coordinator*

## **ARES Reports**

*By Carl, N4PAA*

### **Feb. 3, 2011 - Forsyth County ARES Net Report**

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

Check ins - 18. Stations were WK4CW Eric, KA4JRL Jason, WB9SZL Dale, KG4JWU Steven, KF4ELD Larry, KG4FGC Ken, AK4D Terry, WA4NOT Jim, WA8IHW Jack, N4PAA Carl, KC8OEX Terry, WA4ZKI Jerry, KC4WSK Van, KE4ZFN Bryce, KD4ENV Ron, KF4EOD Mike and KG4ECI Dan.

There was no traffic this evening.

KG4FGC Ken announced that the WF4DD net will start at 9 PM or after this net tonight. Also, there will be a Basic Skywarn Spotter Training Class on Thursday, Feb. 24 at the Single Brothers Workshop in Old Salem from 7 to 9 PM. No sign up needed - just be there if you want to take it.

Our EC - WK4CW Eric held the formal ARES meeting. He is renewing his ARES membership data. Forms will be passed out at the Feb. 21 FARC meeting. If you can't make the meeting, contact Eric at wk4cw@arrl.net and get your info updated. There will be a county wide Emergency Operations Center run exercise on Saturday, April 30. This will be an all day event and more details will be passed out as they become available. WA4NOT Jim is liaison for this event.

Formal Session - 22 minutes. Informal Session - 15. Total time - 37 minutes.

### **Jan. 13, 2011 - Forsyth County ARES Net Report**

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

Check ins - 17. Stations were WK4CW Eric, WA4NOT Jim, KG4JWU Steven, KG4FGC Ken, AK4D Terry, WB9SZL Dale, KC8OEX Terry, WA4ZKI Jerry, KC4WSK Van, KD4ENV Ron, KJ4ENM Ed, NA4P Fred, W8LWX John, KA4JRL Jason, KJ4GOU Joe, KF4EOD Mike and N4PAA Carl.

There was no traffic this evening.

AK4D Terry announced that the FARC meeting will be Feb. 21 instead of the usual Feb. 14 because of Valentine's Day falling on the 14th this year.

KG4FGC Ken announced that the WF4DD net will follow this net this evening. He also announced that there will be a Skywarn Basic Spotter Training Class at the Single Brothers Workshop in Old Salem on Thursday, Feb. 24 from 7 to 9 PM. No advance notice it required to attend. Just be there.

Our EC - WK4CW Eric held the formal ARES meeting. Eric announced that the week from Feb. 29 thru March 5 will be Severe Weather Awareness Week in NC. The annual tornado drill will be on Wednesday, March 2. The NOAA weather stations will feature different severe weather events each day. Eric related his encounter with a gustnado back in 2003 as an example of freak local severe weather. He also discussed having equipment for solar power to provide current for radios in emergency situations. For more info, contact Eric at wk4cw@arrl.net.

Formal Session - 35 minutes. Informal Session - 11. Total time - 46 minutes.

### **Feb. 17, 2011 - Forsyth County ARES Net Report**

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

Check ins - 18. Stations were WK4CW Eric, AE4XC Ed, W4KG Steve, KD4ENV Ron, KJ4ENM Ed, KG4FGC Ken, KK4KK Pete, NA4P Fred, WF4DD WFU Club, N4PAA Carl, WA4ZKI Jerry, KC4WSK Van, KJ4UFG John, KF4EOD Mike, KA4JRL Jason, KG4JWU Steven, KE4ZFN Bryce and KC8OEX Terry.

There was no traffic this evening.

KG4FGC Ken announced there will be a Skywarn Basic Spotter Training class next Thursday, Feb. 24 at the Single Brothers Workshop in Old Salem. The class is from 7 to 9 PM and no pre-registration is needed.

NA4P announced the WF4DD net will start following this net tonight.

Our EC - WK4CW Eric held the formal ARES meeting. He was mobile and very brief. He encouraged us to attend the FARC meeting this coming Monday evening to get and fill out his ARES membership data form. If you can't make the meeting and want to get your equipment list in his database, contact Eric at wk4cw@arrl.net.

Formal Session - 21 minutes. Informal Session - 20. Total time - 41 minutes.

## **Out of this world!**

Well, maybe not exactly out, but at least a couple of hundred miles up. W4KG advises that if you would like to watch a pass of the International Space Station visit [www.heavens-above.com](http://www.heavens-above.com). Enter your location and the site gives you the times and the direction to look to see the ISS passing overhead.

## FARC Minutes

*Tom Gallagher, N4IOZ  
FARC Secretary*

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Minutes for February 2011  
The President, Terry Brown, AK4D, has called a Board meeting for Monday 28 February at Old Staley's Restaurant, 2000 Reynolda Rd. The monthly Membership Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM EST by Terry Brown AK4D; 32 people were present.

Mike Atkins, W4VE, reported on Dobson (Elkin) Hamfest, which was held the previous weekend.

Report of holiday equipment gifts. Perhaps, in future, somebody experiencing an equipment problem could present their situation for the club to discuss as a group.

The Treasurer, Henry Heitdmann, W2DZO, reported a balance of \$3055.14 as of the meeting date, with more dues coming in.

Henry also reported on the FirstFest Hamfest of 2011: Attendance 158, tables sold, coffee donations. Revenue was about \$742 (gross). This was the last time in the Summit School dining hall--- all hamfests will be moving to gym from June onward.

Continuing, Henry reminded everyone that the NCQP was the following weekend. The North Carolina QSO Party has been sponsored by FARC for about the last ten years, since the Alamance County club passed the reigns over to Forsyth County. The contest has become a real crowd pleaser. The operating period is noon to 10 PM on a Sunday in February. More categories have been added this year. This is first year plaques will be sponsored; FARC sponsors 2. All others (except 1 as of date of meeting) are now sponsored..... [list of sponsors was read] [singleop out-of-state sideband is the only category that needs a sponsor]. Plaque sponsorships cost \$30.

Map on w4nc.com indicating operator commitments still needs to be filled up; this map is used by mobile ops to determine which counties still need to be activated. John Ghormley of the SERA Repeater Journal was introduced. Dale, WB9SZL reported that the '64,'47, and 444.275/449.275 repeaters are in operation. There are still some technical issues with extra features on the repeaters that need to be addressed.

Dale also reported that the club makes VE sessions available January-November before membership meeting.

About 32 tests were given in 2010.

Tom Gallagher, N4IOZ, reported the need for one additional Bylaws revision (Dues). Tom also reported that the previous month's minutes are available for inspection.

Forsyth County ARES EC Eric Bowen, WK4CW exhibited the ARES membership form and made copies available. There is an upcoming event on April 30 (Saturday 9-5): a full-scale EOC

Drill in Forsyth County. ARES will need many ham volunteers. Jim, WA4NOT, is assisting.

Three Mountain Madness is on Saturday, June 4. On February 24, at the Single-Bros House in Old Salem, there will be a SKYWARN Basic Level class from 7 to 9 PM.

It was announced that if there is any interest in a CW class: ARRL has grant money for doing so. There was a complaint over the weekend: antenna for club station is out. Henry, W2DZO, replied that the 40m balun bad on the beam and a few hours for a climbing party should repair the problem.

Program: videos, humorous attempts at installing towers, and some serious. Thanks to Terry, AK4D. This was followed by tower talk "True Confessions"--- Hard Hats, Winches, bending booms, using cranes, rusted bolts.

The motion to adjourn made by John Kippe, N0KTY, and seconded by Eric, WK4CW, passed at 8:52 PM.

## Southeast Ham Radio Calendar

### March, 2011

5 BirmingHAMFEST Alabama ARRL Section Cnvention w4cue.com  
kk4tc@hotmail.com 205-613-8298

7 FARC QRP Night, contact WS4NC for details

12 Palm Beach County Ham Radio Fest www.palmwestarc.org  
ks4ec@arrl.net 561-358-9999

12 Charlotte Hamfest, NC ARRL Section Convention  
w4bfb.org/hamfest HamfestInfo2011@w4bfb.org 704-948-7373

14 FARC General Meeting Night Red Cross

19 Kennehoochee Hamfest W4BTI.org W5LGK@bellsouth.net 404-630-1249

19 Ides of March Hamfest www.reelfootarc.com  
greenacres113@charter.net 731-588-2840

19 MTARS Tullahoma Hamfest www.qsl.net/mtars kb4jhu@arrl.net  
931-461-3037

19 Charleston Area (WV) Hamfest wa8wv@aol.com 304-344-4488

19 Stuart (Martin County) Hamfest www.stuarthamfest.com  
w4das@arrl.net 772-349-7820

21 FARC Board Meeting

26 Greater Baltimore Hamboree & Computerfest, Maryland State

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**28 FARC Contestor's/PVRC MEETING, W2DZO for details**  
Unconfirmed from 2010-  
First Saturday, March 2010 Cave City HF, KY Fourth Thursday -  
Friday, March, 2010 Antique Radio Conference, Charlotte, NC

#### **April, 2011**

**4 FARC QRP Night, contact WS4NC for details**  
9 Memphis FreeFest [maraonline.org](http://maraonline.org) [abrigno@comcast.net](mailto:abrigno@comcast.net) 901-372-2738

11 FARC General Meeting Night Red Cross  
16 Flamingo Net/UMARC Free Flea [www.FlamingoNet.8m.net](http://www.FlamingoNet.8m.net)  
[wa4tej@juno.com](mailto:wa4tej@juno.com) 305-264-4465 (days)

**18 FARC Board Meeting**  
23 Raleigh Hamfest, NC ARRL State Convention  
[www.rars.org/hamfest](http://www.rars.org/hamfest) [k4hf@arrl.net](mailto:k4hf@arrl.net) 919-872-6555  
**25 FARC Contestor's/PVRC MEETING, W2DZO for details**  
30 Great Hagerstown Hamfest [w3cwc.org](http://w3cwc.org) [dilbert@wildblue.net](mailto:dilbert@wildblue.net)  
301-432-2358

Unconfirmed from 2010-  
Third Saturday, April 2010 Catawba Valley HF, Morganton, NC  
Fourth Saturday, April, 2010 Calhoun HF, Sugar Valley, GA

#### **May, 2011**

**2 FARC QRP Night, contact WS4NC for details**  
7 Upstate Hamfest, SC ARRL State Convention [upstatehamfest.com](http://upstatehamfest.com)  
[jrustyref@bellsouth.net](mailto:jrustyref@bellsouth.net) 864-398-1989  
**9 FARC General Meeting Night Red Cross**

14 Ellijay Hamfest [www.ngamtn.com/w4hhh/index.php](http://www.ngamtn.com/w4hhh/index.php)  
[ke4gc@arrl.net](mailto:ke4gc@arrl.net) 770-597-7005

14 Rockingham County ARC Swapfest [www.rcarc.com](http://www.rcarc.com)  
[wn4lty@rcarc.com](mailto:wn4lty@rcarc.com) 336-635-1261

#### **16 FARC Board Meeting**

20 Dayton Hamvention 2011 [www.hamvention.org/](http://www.hamvention.org/)  
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23 FARC Contestor's/PVRC MEETING, W2DZO for details  
28 WormFest 2011 [www.thewormholesociety.org/ag4qx@arrl.net](http://www.thewormholesociety.org/ag4qx@arrl.net)

## **New Newsletter Format**

If you are reading the Newsletter on the web, other than a slightly larger font, the only changes you will notice is that it is now 8 pages rather than 6. But if you get the Newsletter by mail you will notice that it is now printed on 8 ½ by 14 paper with 4 pages per sheet. The primary reason for this is that printing the Newsletter and the cost of postage is one of the largest expenses in the Club budget. Using legal size paper saves printing costs and allows occasional other items to be included without going to second ounce postage. And if necessary, for one-ounce postages we can go to 12 pages if need be. Hopefully the larger font improves the readability. Let me know what you think.

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