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Stories, Numbers, Photos welcomed

July 1 – July 6, 1300Z – 0400Z, K2G, Powder Springs, GA. 13 Colonies. 13 Colonies Special Event — Georgia. 14.223. Certificate. Nathan H. Wood, P.O. Box 2383, Powder Springs, GA 30127. <https://13colonies.us>

July 1 – July 7, 0000Z – 2359Z, K2H, Longmeadow, MA. 13 Colonies. 13 Colonies Special Event — Massachusetts. 14.045 14.270 21.320 28.370. QSL. Larry Krainson, 100 Kenmore Dr., Longmeadow, MA 01106-2759. <https://13colonies.us>

July 1 – July 8, 1300Z – 0400Z, K2A, Various, NY. 13 Colonies. 13 Colonies Special Event — New York. 7.226 14.074 14.278. QSL. Ken Goetz, 74 Jerome Ave., Cairo, NY 12413. Additional frequencies as posted on DX Cluster. <https://13colonies.us> or www.qrz.com/db/K2A

July 1 – July 8, 1300Z – 0400Z, K2C, Johnston, RI. 13 Colonies. 13 Colonies Special Event — Rhode Island. 14.220 14.230 14.240 14.250. Certificate. 13 Colonies Special Event, 1 Ludlow St., Johnston, RI 02919. <https://13colonies.us>

July 1 – July 8, 1300Z – 0400Z, K2D, Trumbull, CT. 13 Colonies. 13 Colonies Special Event — Connecticut. 14.074. QSL. Conrad Trautmann, 971 Daniels Farm Rd., Trumbull, CT 06611. K2D Connecticut will be on all bands and all modes. www.qrz.com/db/K2D or <https://13colonies.us>

July 1 – July 8, 1300Z – 0400Z, K2K, Manchester, NH. W1UAA. Thirteen Colonies Special Event — New Hampshire. 7.276 14.276. Certificate & QSL. Eugene Glukhov, 75 Canal St., Apt. 353, Bedford, NH 03110. <https://hamlog.online/13colonies>

July 1 – July 8, 1300Z – 0400Z, K2L, Fort Mill, SC. KG9V. 13 Colonies Special Event — South Carolina. 7.100. Certificate. K2L Special Event Station, P.O. Box 733, Fort Mill, SC 29715. www.qrz.com/db/k2l

July 1 – July 8, 1300Z – 0400Z, WM3PEN, Philadelphia, PA. Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club. 13 Colonies Special Event — Pennsylvania. 7.276 14.276. QSL. Bob Josuweit, 3341 Sheffield Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19136. <https://wm3pen.org> or <https://13colonies.us>

BARC July 14, 6:30pm in person.
All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

Oakwood School, 4000 MacGregor Downs Road. Greenville, NC 27834 . Walk down right side of building to room we are meeting at.

PARC July 10, 7:00pm

BARC Board Meeting - July 28, 2026. ZOOM 7pm

Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States On the Air

An iconic summer event returns with historical themes,
special event stations, and global participation.

By: Robert A Josuwelt WM3PEN



EN: WM3PEN – Assembly Room, Independence Hall, Philadelphia, PA. Historic site where the Continental Congress declared independence in 1776.



The certificate can be downloaded or requested. Complete information for requesting QSL cards or the certificate can be found on the 13 Colonies website: www.13Colonies.us.

Two Events, Double Opportunity

Josuweit notes that, in addition to the 13 Colonies event, WM3PEN will also participate in the World Soccer Tournament special event, which will take place from June 11 to July 19.

If a station makes contact with WM3PEN between July 1 and July 7, it will be eligible for two different QSL cards: one from the 13 Colonies event and another from the World Soccer Tournament event. Both cards can be viewed on the WM3PEN page on QRZ.com.

"It is very nice to exchange 'Happy Canada Day' on July 1 and receive Fourth of July greetings from around the world."



Photo by: swling.com

A Global Summer Tradition

The 13 Colonies special event has become one of the largest summer operating events, with more than 261,000 contacts made during the week.

Special event stations will be active on voice, CW, and digital modes.

Josuweit, who has been involved with the event since 2011, notes that it is very enjoyable to exchange "Happy Canada Day" on July 1 and receive Fourth of July greetings from around the world.

So this summer, go ahead and enjoy the air!



EN: WM3PEN special event – Activity combined with the World Soccer Tournament special event. Two QSL cards available from July 1 to July 7.

coordinator of the WM3PEN activity in Philadelphia, PA, indicates that his QSL card will feature the Assembly Room at Independence Hall.

In 1776, the Continental Congress declared independence in this room, and in 1787 the United States Constitution was debated and signed there. Most historians consider this hall to be one of the most historic in the country.

Other QSL cards will show the first location where the Declaration was read in each Colony.

"Most historians consider this hall to be one of the most historic places in the United States."

Recognition and Special Certificates

In addition to individual QSL cards, a certificate will be available recognizing America 250 and the dedication and work of Ken, KU2US (SK), who created the 13 Colonies special event in 2009.



On the Air: July 1-7

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States on the air by participating in the 18th annual 13 Colonies special event, taking place from July 1 through July 7.

The event will feature special event stations K2A-K2M representing each of the original 13 Colonies, as well as GB13COL representing England, TM13COL representing France, and WM3PEN representing Philadelphia, where independence began.

This year's theme will highlight the first reading of the Declaration of Independence in each of the 13 Colonies. Many QSL cards will feature imagery from this historic event.

Historic Places That Come to Life

Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, Executive Director of the Thirteen Colonies Amateur Radio Association and

Earthquakes in Venezuela Prompt Request for Clear Emergency Frequency

All amateurs are being asked to keep 7135 kHz in the 40-meter band clear for emergency communications in the wake of back-to-back earthquakes that struck Venezuela on Wednesday, June 24. The two quakes, measured by the US Geological Survey at magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 respectively, occurred just one minute apart and caused extensive damage across the South American country, including the capital city of Caracas. As of Thursday morning, government officials were reporting at least 164 deaths, nearly 1000 injuries and hundreds of people missing. These tolls are expected to rise as rescue/recovery operations continue.

Acting President Delcy Rodríguez declared a state of emergency and announced on state television that the airport in Caracas was closed, trains were suspended and schools would be closed for several days. United States Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the US is sending emergency assistance to Venezuela.

International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 Emergency Communications Coordinator Carlos Alberto Santamaría González, CO2JC, says he has learned from the Venezuelan Radio Club's National Emergency Network director, Domingo L. Hernández Lima, YV5IZE, that a large part of Caracas is without power and that amateurs operating on battery power have already activated HF voice and digital emergency nets. "For this reason," said Santamaría González, "we request that all amateur radio colleagues in the Americas and the rest of the world protect (7135 kHz) used by Venezuelan amateur radio operators."

Santamaría González also noted that emergency communications coordinators from neighboring countries, as well as members of the Board of Directors of IARU Region 2 (North, Central, and South America), remain on standby to provide any assistance that may be needed



HAM RADIO CLASSES ZOOM TRAINING



2026 ZOOM TRAINING CLASSES FOR THE TECHNICIAN & GENERAL CLASS LICENSES

by Keith, KA4JAH

Tech: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27. Feb 3, 10.
General: Feb 17, 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24.
Tech: Mar 31, Apr 7, 14, 21, 28 May 5.
General: May 12, 19, 26, Jun 2, 9, 16.
Tech: Jun 23, 30, Jul 7, 14, 21, 28
General: Aug 4, 11, 18, 25, Sep 1, 15.
Tech: Sep 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Instructors: Rick Weinbaum-KK4RR, David Macchiarolo-AJ4TF, Jesse Lindley-K4AX, Bob Pantazes-W2ARP, Keith Thomas-KA4JAH. Classes are held for six consecutive Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00pm and they are free. Preregistration is required by emailing Rick at KK4RR@mac.com

VE News

To find the next VE testing session please go to the ARRL web site: <http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session> and find one in your local area.

Practice taking the test on line with <https://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com>.
hamradioPrep.com
HamStudy.org

Study material at: <http://www.arrl.org/courses-training>.

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Happy Birthday

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays :

07-12	KG4CZW	Bonnie
07-24	WA4MOK	Bernie
07-29	W4YDY	Dave

08-01	KG4GVJ	Mark
08-19	KS4YF	Paul
08-20	KV4CN	Dave
08-21	WA4AKB	Susan
08-25	K4GOE	Al

Please let me know of any additions or corrections. If yours is missing, I don't have it! Email
hamchatter@w4amc.com

Next VE Session

Please bring to the Test the following, required:

- Photo ID (drivers license)
- Original Amateur Radio License
- Copy of Amateur Radio License
- Original CSCE's
- Copy of CSCE
- Test fee (Cash) .
- ♦ FRN number is required. *
- ♦ A valid Email address will need to be provided.

See this link for further information: <https://w4amc.com/get-your-license-ve/>

Gil Cartoons Courtesy of ARRL's 2021 Calendar(2020) and Gil, a Collection of Classic Cartoon from QST(1986-2007)

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Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Please inform the Vice President and Ham Chatter of any changes or needs.

This can be of death announcements, sickness or prayers requested.

Presentation Ideas Needed

Please send ideas of new presentation topics and presenters to Email: info@w4amc.com

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BARC's President's Corner, Beth KN4FZB



Hello Friends,

First, the Southern Pitt Amateur Radio Club has asked me to extend their thanks for partnering with them for Field Day. The following is from their president, Eli Brown, KQ4PYF,

"A heartfelt thank you also goes to the **Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club** for their outstanding support. We sincerely appreciate the generous use of your communications and supply trailer, the donation of hamburgers for our Field Day supper, and the members of your club who stopped by to visit and support our event. Your generosity and fellowship are greatly appreciated, and we're thankful for the strong relationship between our two clubs."

It seems like a successful day, despite the heat, and I'd love to hear your reports.

Sadly, Daryl Shaw, NC4AK is stepping back from his role as vice president. We thank him for his dedication to the radio hobby and expect that he will still be active and elmering behind the scenes. That said, we need to fill the office of vice president for the rest of this year. I'm looking for a volunteer or nominations.

The Eastern Branch Office (Kinston) of the NC Emergency Management Authority is hosting an open house on July 11 from 10 to 2. Please see the attached flier for more information. Registration is required, please scan the QR code or contact Charlie Ingle at inglec16@gmail.com.

One last thing, an equipment sale from the Pamlico Area Radio Club, "Helping out a local ham who wishes to sell much of his radio gear. Jerry Leatherwood KO4BTC is a veteran, member of VFW Post 6088 and the Pamlico Amateur Radio Club. I am attaching a list of equipment that is being offered for sale. Cheryl McGuire KX4EC is handling the sale. Her information is below and you can look at the Pamlico Amateur Radio Club website (k4bch.com/for-sale/) to see updated list as more equipment may be added. Cheryl McGuire KX4EC, cmcguire10@gmail.com, (252)945-8220. All big ticket items checked out by Wayne Estabrooks KB1WE." *(Looks like it all sold out. There is a Windom for sale. Editor)*

I think we are caught up for now!

So, we are into July now, halfway through the year, time always flies. I'd love to hear about how everyone's field day went. I was unable to attend this year's, but heard that the bands were crowded and that it was hard to break in. Nonetheless, the BARC members enjoyed hanging out with the SPARC members, and felt like the idea of operating from a "new" site provided an enjoyable challenge.

I have not heard any reports from the statewide exercise the previous Thursday and I'm curious to know if anyone was able to participate, or catch any traffic. Related to the exercise, the Eastern Branch Office is having an open house on July 11, from 10 to 2. Registration is required, see the flier for the QR code or contact Charlie Ingle at inglec16@gmail.com.

The club has received a donation of many books from the ARRL library. Attached is a photo attempting to show the spines with the titles, but I'll try to make a list as well. I think we might try to raffle them at the picnic in September.

I hope everyone has a good time celebrating (and avoiding the excessive heat) on America's 250th. There are things that we could do better, I'm sure, but also, so much to be grateful for.

73,

Beth KN4FZB

W1AW Schedule

PAC	MTN	CENT	EAST	UTC	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
6 AM	7 AM	8 AM	9 AM	1300		FAST CODE	SLOW CODE	FAST CODE	SLOW CODE
7 AM-12 ⁴⁵ PM	8 AM-1 ⁴⁵ PM	9 AM-2 ⁴⁵ PM	10 AM-3 ⁴⁵ PM	1400-1945	VISITING OPERATOR TIME				
1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	2000	FAST CODE	SLOW CODE	FAST CODE	SLOW CODE	FAST CODE
2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	2100	CODE BULLETIN				
3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	2200	DIGITAL BULLETIN				
4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	2300	SLOW CODE	FAST CODE	SLOW CODE	FAST CODE	SLOW CODE
5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	0000	CODE BULLETIN				
6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	0100	DIGITAL BULLETIN				
6 ⁴⁵ PM	7 ⁴⁵ PM	8 ⁴⁵ PM	9 ⁴⁵ PM	0145	VOICE BULLETIN				
7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	10 PM	0200	FAST CODE	SLOW CODE	FAST CODE	SLOW CODE	FAST CODE
8 PM	9 PM	10 PM	11 PM	0300	CODE BULLETIN				

W1AW's schedule is at the same local time throughout the year. From the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November, UTC = Eastern US time + 4 hours. For the rest of the year, UTC = Eastern US time + 5 hours.

♦ Morse code transmissions: Frequencies are 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0775, 21.0675, 28.0675, 50.350, and 147.555 MHz.

Slow Code = practice sent at 5, 7½, 10, 13, and 15 WPM.

Fast Code = practice sent at 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13, and 10 WPM.

Code bulletins are sent at 18 WPM.

♦ W1AW Qualifying Runs are sent on the same frequencies as the Morse code transmissions. West Coast qualifying runs are transmitted by various West Coast stations on CW frequencies that are normally used by W1AW, in addition to 3590 kHz, at various times. Underline 1 minute of the highest speed you copied, certify that your copy was made without aid, and send it to ARRL for grading. Please include your name, call sign (if any), and complete mailing address. Fees: \$10 for a certificate, \$7.50 for endorsements.

♦ Digital transmissions: Frequencies are 3.5975, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095, 50.350, and 147.555 MHz.

Bulletins are sent using 45.45-baud Baudot, PSK31 in BPSK mode, and MFSK16 on a daily revolving schedule.

Keplerian elements for many amateur satellites will be sent on the regular digital frequencies on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6:30 PM Eastern time using Baudot and PSK31.

♦ Voice transmissions: Frequencies are 1.855, 3.99, 7.29, 14.29, 18.16, 21.39, 28.59, 50.350, and 147.555 MHz. Voice transmissions on 7.290 MHz are in AM double sideband, full carrier.

♦ Notes: On Fridays, UTC, a DX bulletin replaces the regular bulletins. W1AW is open to visitors 10 AM to 3:45 PM Monday through Friday. FCC-licensed amateurs may operate the station during that time. Be sure to bring a reference copy of your current FCC amateur license. In a communication emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: voice on the hour, teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

W1AW code practice and CW/digital/phone bulletin transmission audio is also available real-time via the *EchoLink Conference Server W1AWBDCT*. The conference server runs concurrently with the regularly scheduled station transmissions. The W1AW Qualifying Run texts can also be copied via the EchoLink Conference Server.

During 2026, Headquarters and W1AW are closed on New Year's Day (January 1), Presidents Day (February 16), Memorial Day (May 25), Independence Day (July 3), Labor Day (September 7), Veterans Day (November 11), Thanksgiving and the following day (November 26 and 27), and Christmas (December 25).

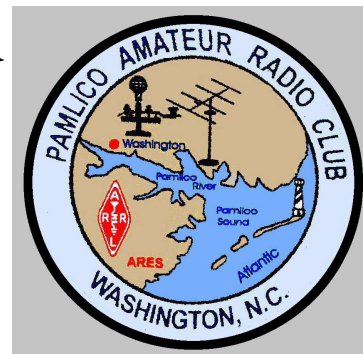
For more information, visit us at www.arrl.org/w1aw

Signal Strength

- 1--Faint signals, barely perceptible.
- 2--Very weak signals.
- 3--Weak signals.
- 4--Fair signals.
- 5--Fairly good signals.
- 6--Good signals.
- 7--Moderately strong signals.
- 8--Strong signals.
- 9--Extremely strong signals.

Figure 1 — The current definitions for the signal strength portion of RST reports from the ARRL website. See <https://arrl.org/quick-reference-operating-aids> for additional resources.

PARC President's Corner, David W4HEX



Reserved for future communications for the Club

PARC Club Meetings:

Meets on the second Thursday of each month at :

- * Zion Episcopal Church
- * 7322 US 264 East
- * Washington, NC 27889
- 7:00 PM start time

Nets:

2m Net every Thursday at 8:00pm (Except 2nd Thursday meeting night)

Washington (Chocowinity) repeater 147.255mhz PL 131.8

80m Net every Tuesday at 7:00pm

3850 SSB (or close by if freq in use)

Breakfast every Wednesday at:

Shep's Grill

129 N. Market St

Washington, NC 27889

Open to all Hams and interested parties.

8:00 - 8:30 Start

VE Sessions: Odd numbered month (Jan, Mar, May, July, Oct, and Nov) on 2nd Saturday at 9:30. No walk-ins, please reserve a spot. **Next session May 9, 2026**

Contact Tom Kottke Kottketom@gmail.com or INFO@PARC.Com

Location:

Beaufort County EOC

1420 Highland Ave

Washington NC 27889

Salvation Army Disaster Training Courses

<https://learn.salvationarmyusa.org/EDS/faith-and-community-based-organizations>

No-cost virtual training series

NC Section News

July 29, 2024

COPIES OF PREVIOUS NC SECTION NEWSLETTERS, AS WELL AS ALL FUTURE NEWSLETTERS, CAN BE FOUND AT <https://www.ncarrl.org>

GREETINGS FROM THE HIGH COUNTRY! June 5, 2026

I began this newsletter more than a week ago and have been interrupted in my planning of a trip to my grandson's high school graduation, The trip was discontinued due to using a new med which made taking a 1500 mile round trip to Pittsburgh, State College and Allentown impractical.

There are many things to take care of and rescheduling my Pennsylvania trip into July will involve congratulating two of my grandsons on completing their Eagle Scout projects and being recognized for their accomplishments in Scouting.

ARRL MATTERS

MONTHLY SECTION TRAFFIC REPORT

W4DNA - NC Section Net Report - APRIL 2026							
NET	NMGR	QNI	LISTED	PASSED	TIME	SESSIONS	TFC %
SECTION NETS							
CN	AA4MP	385	102	102	577	60	100.00%
CSN	KI4KZS	151	21	21	658	30	100.00%
NCEN	WK4WC	405	96	94	459	30	97.92%
NCMN	W3OJO	157	125	120	512	30	96.00%
THEN	N3TLV	365	0	0	501	25	N/A
LOCAL TRAFFIC NETS							
CWTN	KJ4JWC	404	104	104	568	30	100.00%
ENCTN	W4DNA	217	8	8	234	26	100.00%
PCTN	W4TTO	173	52	52	236	30	100.00%
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NETS							
C-MNN	KI4FAQ	540	0	0	424	30	N/A
TOTAL		2797	508	501	4169	291	98.62%
NOTE: C-MNN = Metrolina (Charlotte-Mecklenburg) Nightly Net							

Section Traffic Manager Dave Roy, W4DNA, prepares a report each month focusing on traffic passed on various nets operating in the North Carolina Section. Limitations in the ARRL bulk email system make it difficult to align can be viewed at https://www.ncarrl.org/documents/TrafficReports/2026-04_NC_STM_Report.pdf .

Thanks go out to Dave, the various net managers, the traffic handlers and Susan Langley Jones (WA4AKB)

ARRL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the ARRL Board of Directors (a subset of the 15 Directors and 15 Vice Directors) recently held a Zoom meeting on April 22. The minutes of the meeting have been made public and can be found at https://www.arrl.org/files/file/About%20ARRL/Board%20Meetings/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%204_22_26%20.pdf. Most of the items refer to the progress being made on previous Board decisions and will make more sense to members of the Board rather than almost all of the regular ARRL members.

There are two meetings each year of the entire Board of Directors (January and July). The Executive Committee is authorized to act in behalf of the Board between the two Board meetings. Minutes of the meetings of the ARRL Board held over several years can be found and viewed at <https://www.arrl.org/board-meetings>.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

This is a busy time of the year with many opportunities to make contacts and to plan travel to area hamfests.

ARRL ROANOKE DIVISION TOWN HALL – JUNE 8 AT 8PM

Each quarter, Roanoke Division Director Jim Boehner (N2ZZ), Vice Director Bill Morine (N2COP) along with the Section Managers for WV, VA, NC and SC offer information to the membership in the Roanoke Division. Login information will come out closer to the Town Hall.

FIELD DAY – JUNE 27-28

Time seems to be passing quickly and your group or club should be working on your Field Day plans.

As you make plans for Field Day, reach out to local scout groups and make sure they know that the scout are welcome to come and observe you activities. If you have visitors, please make as special effort to invite them to get on the air and mark a US map as to the various states the scouts have contacted from your location.

Take a few minutes and invite a county commissioner, town council member and a newspaper reporter so that they can see how ham radio works.

Between now and Field Day, be sure to go to the ARRL Field Day web site and post information as to where your group will be operating. The web site is <https://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>. Posting your location will allow visitors to find your base of operation and to come bu to learn about ham radio. As of tonight 21 Field Day sites in NC have been located on the ARRL map. In recent years there have typically be 40 sites.

THIRTEEN ORIGINAL COLONIES – JULY 1-7

2026 is the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Each year, ham radio celebrates the founding of our country by creating a contest that involves contacting Special Event Stations that are on the air between July 1 and July 7 in each of the original colonies, plus a station at Independence Hall in Philadelphia and another station in England.

Certificates are issued to operators who log contact with the special stations set up in the colonies plus bonus stations. Information can be found at <https://www.13colonies.us/>

UPCOMNG HAMFESTS

Check out the upcoming NC hamfests which are listed at the ARRL webpage (www.arrl.org/) Search for hamfests and add in “North Carolina” in the State search criteria. Consider going to the Salisbury Fire Cracker hamfest, the Cary swapfest, the WSCARS hamfest in Waynesville, the Cape Fear hamfest in Fayetteville or the Granddaddy of them all, the Shelby hamfest. Plus, there are other hamfests in NC after Labor Day.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

GOODBYE, CHU YOU'VE BEEN A FRIEND FOR A LONG TIME

Canadian authorities have announced that after 103 years of time and frequency transmissions, hf radio station CHU will be shut down on June 22.

Sixty-eight years ago, I had saved enough money from my paper route to buy a Hallicrafters S-38E receiver via parcel post from Sears Roebuck. The first three shortwave stations I picked up were WWV (which at that time was located in Maryland before being relocated to Fort Collins, Colorado), CHU (from the Dominion Observatory in Canada) and New York Radio which gave weather information for airplanes on transatlantic flights coming from Europe into Halifax, Boston and New York

Late at night my two baseball-loving older brothers would commandeer my receiver and listen to baseball games coming in from St. Louis and Chicago. The S38E was just a basic receiver but a 125 foot long wire antenna pulled in a lot of night baseball games from Middle America.

LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL ON THE AIR EVENT

Starting on June 6 and running through June 21, clubs in all 16 states that the Lewis and Clark trail is located, will be on the air issuing certificates for contacting stations along the trail. For information go to <https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/lewis-clark-trail-on-the-air-event.993371/>

GUIDANCE ON USING THE PRN DMR SYSTEM

There has been an increase in the number of recently issued DMR radio Id's showing up on the PRN CBridge and a number of the new users appear to be having difficulty in getting on the air.

Looking at the traffic on the CBridge, from the on-line log on the CBridge, I see that some users with newly issued call signs or DMR id's appear to set up their radios with code plugs that

do not line up with the design of the PRN system.

Here are some suggestions on how to set up your radio to successfully operate on the PRN system:

- a. Look at the information posted at https://ncprn.net/?page_id=12 .
- b. You will notice that hundreds of Brandmeister and TGIF talkgroups (an example would be BM World Wide 91) do not appear at any of the PRN repeater sites. Attempting to use talkgroup 91 will be rejected as will other talkgroups not shown on the repeater page cited above. Attempting to use talk groups that are not listed in the PRN repeater information for each of the PRN repeaters will cause the CBridge to immediately drop the transmission,, often in a fraction of a second.
- c. In addition to rejecting unapproved talkgroups, the CBridge will also reject legitimate talkgroups that have been programmed on the wrong time slot. An example would be an attempt to use the Local talkgroup 27500 on timeslot 2. The Bridge will reject this attempt to transmit. Although 27000 is legitimate, trying to use it on timeslot 2 will cause the attempt to be rejected.

MULTIPLE DMR SYSTEMS IN NORTH CAROLINA

- d. There are actually several separate DMR networks in North Carolina which vary in size and complexity. They work in similar ways but are different.
- e. Largest is the PRN system that includes 60+ repeaters in North Carolina and South Carolina.
- f. Next in size is a network in Eastern North Carolina that is mostly based in the Vidant Hospital system. Information can be found at www.nc4es.org .
- g. A third DMR system is the WNC network. It involves DMR repeaters located in Morganton, Asheville, Hendersonville, Waynesville and Franklin. In addition there are some 900 MHz users that access a couple of 900 MHz repeaters that are connected to then WNC system. Until recently there were WNC DMR repeaters in Marion and on Mt. Mitchell but they may have had technical issues and are not presently connected to the WNC system. The WNC system has a webpage that can be found at <http://wncdmr.info:42420/PeerWatchFrame> .

CLOSING COMMENT

We are fast approaching July 4, the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Although people today may argue and sometimes fight over whether the government that was built after we defeated the British has grown to be too big and is too expensive.

Two hundred fifty years ago we knew that we were willing to fight to death in the cause of freedom.

Today, we argue and disagree over whether we should add a government program to solve a persistent problem but others feel that we should scrap many programs that we already have. Many people feel that government has become financially burdensome and that government is reducing our personal freedoms.

I taught students at Appalachian State for 29 years. There, we often had penitents about heroes; heroes in battles, heroes who today volunteer to help neighbors; heroes who put their own safety at risk when they serve as police, fire, rescue and hazmat experts.

My listing of heroes could be a lot longer but every time I reflect on the beginning of our country I think about General George Washington and the crucial role he played in keeping the tired, hungry, lonely and in the conditions at Valley Forge.

Washington inspired people who questioned whether the Revolutionary War was winnable. He led soldiers who missed their families, soldiers who worried about who would plant the Spring crops, soldiers who had little training to go against a well-equipped British army supplemented by paid Hessian mercenaries.

Calling it quits and going home was very tempting for lots of our troops that came from very different colonies but Washington kept his ragtag soldiers motivated.

The outcome could have been very different but we had good commanders when they were needed. The appeal of freedom made many people with mixed feelings willing to fight for the idea of America.

Best wishes

Marv, WA4NC

NC Section Manager
Boone



Field Day 2026 Grifton, NC











Hi Folks,

Welcome to July folks. The 13 Colonies are active. I finally, redone my mast and I can now transmit on 20-40 meters. The SWR is now less than 3, when before it was 9 or more. I'm going to need to get a bit more Radio-active now.

I hope all three clubs did great last weekend. I haven't heard from PARC or seen Field day photos that I could share.

Interested in the Ham Chatter?

If your not receiving *Ham Chatter* email notices and would like to receive them, please send an email to Hamchatter@w4amc.com so we can get your email address and put you on our list. You may miss some important BARC or PARC notices.—KG4GVJ

Be a Net Control

Volunteer to help with the weekly net for BARC or other Nets. All are welcomed. It's a great practice for emergency nets or events. A script is available to read off of to help in the progress on the web site.

PUBLIC SERVICE? 2026 NC events.

Website for NC hams who are interested in public service, Check it out at <https://hpsnc.org/>.

[NBARC] Club Facebook Pages:

Our [NBARC] event photos are posted on BOTH our Public AND Private Facebook Club Pages for your viewing pleasure. You can view the photos and even right-click and save them to your computer. There are over 80+ Photos that we took just during our 2022 Summer Field Day alone for you to enjoy! Facebook makes it easy for anyone to share their photos, comments, and Buy-N-Sale items, and post interesting articles. Feel free to use it and Join our Private group as well. The Public page is open to the general public.

<https://www.facebook.com/NewBernARC> is our [NBARC] Public (Open to anyone) Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nbarc.org> is our [NBARC] Private (Must Join To View) Facebook Page.

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The Radio Amateur's Code

THE RADIO AMATEUR IS:

CONSIDERATE...

He/She never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...

He/She offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in his/her country, through which Amateur Radio in his/her country is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...

He/She keeps his/her station up to date.
It is well-built and efficient.
His/Her operating practice is above reproach.

FRIENDLY...

He/She operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to beginners; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others.
These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...

Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school, or community.

PATRIOTIC...

His/Her station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

US Amateur Radio Bands

Operator license classes: **E** = Amateur Extra **A** = Advanced **G** = General **T** = Technician **N** = Novice
CW operation is permitted throughout all amateur bands. Except as noted, all frequencies are in megahertz (MHz).

■ = RTTY, data, phone, image ■ = USB phone, RTTY, data and CW ■ = RTTY and data ■ = phone and image
■ = SSB phone ■ = CW only

LF – Low Frequency band

2200 Meters (135 kHz) E,A,G
1 W EIRP maximum



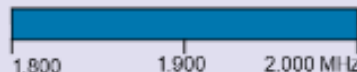
Amateurs wishing to operate on 2200 or 630 meters must first register with the Utilities Technology Council online at <https://utc.org/plc-database-amateur-notification-process/>. You need only register once for each band.

MF – Medium Frequency bands

630 Meters (472 kHz) E,A,G
5 W EIRP max, except in Alaska within 496 miles of Russia where the limit is 1 W EIRP

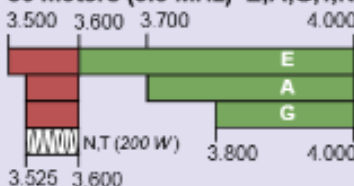


160 Meters (1.8 MHz) E,A,G

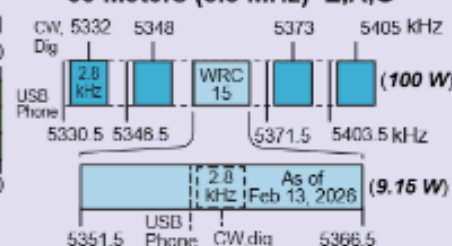


HF – High Frequency bands

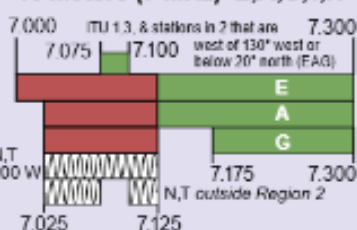
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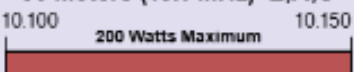
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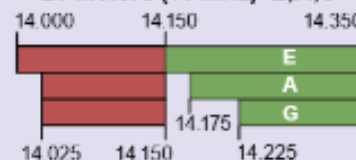
40 Meters (7 MHz) E,A,G,T,N



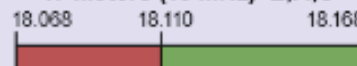
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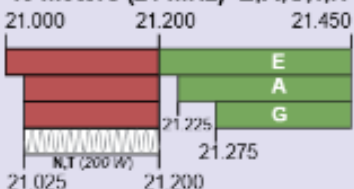
20 Meters (14 MHz) E,A,G



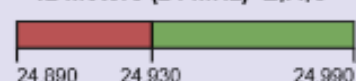
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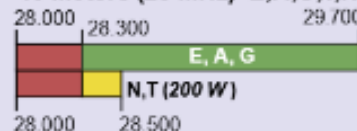
15 Meters (21 MHz) E,A,G,T,N



12 Meters (24 MHz) E,A,G

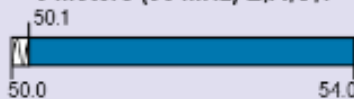


10 Meters (28 MHz) E,A,G,T,N

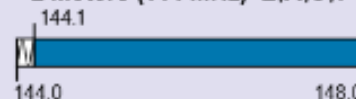


VHF – Very High Frequency bands

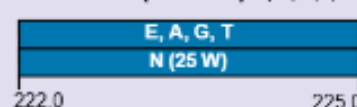
6 Meters (50 MHz) E,A,G,T



2 Meters (144 MHz) E,A,G,T

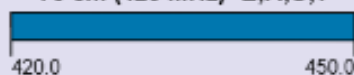


1.25 Meters (222 MHz) E,A,G,T,N

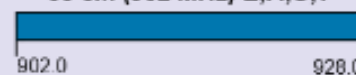


UHF – Ultra High Frequency bands

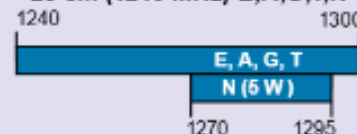
70 cm (420 MHz) E,A,G,T



33 cm (902 MHz) E,A,G,T



23 cm (1240 MHz) E,A,G,T,N



SHF&EHF – Super and Extremely High Frequency bands

All licensees except Novices are authorized all modes on the following frequencies:

2300-2310 MHz 3300-3450 MHz 10.0-10.5 GHz 47.0-47.2 GHz 122.25-123.0 GHz 241-250 GHz
2390-2450 MHz 5650-5925 MHz 24.0-24.25 GHz 76.0-81.0 GHz 134-141 GHz All above 275 GHz

See www.arrl.org/band-plan for detailed band plans.

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**BARC Website, some Blog
page Titles****[Hex Beam in the Air!](#)**

Even more than this on the
website.

Feel free to view, comment and
add.

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Club Officer, or mail to David
Burt, 1425 Harris Ct., Cary, NC
27511 or email to
enc@inner360.com

**U.S. KFF Park-County Da-
tabase Listing For World
Wide Flora & Fauna
(WWFF)**

[https://countyhunter.com/Toplist/
KFF-County.htm](https://countyhunter.com/Toplist/KFF-County.htm)

Parks and state and counties they
are in.

***** Membership Dues*****

Membership dues for BARC are due **January 1** every
year. Membership dues are as follows and are almost
the same as 2020: • Regular Member \$20.00 • Family
Member \$2.00 • Associate Member (Non-Licensed)
\$5.00 • Honoree Members \$0.00 • New Hams: Free first
calendar year (Jan. to Dec.)

We are requesting that you send the application form
in, so that we can have your correct information on file.
The form can be downloaded at:

[https://n4pvh.files.wordpress.com/2020/11/application-for-
-membership.pdf](https://n4pvh.files.wordpress.com/2020/11/application-for-membership.pdf)

Please give the application and dues to the Treasurer
at the meeting or mail your dues, along with the member
application form to:

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 8387, Green-
ville, NC 27835

Or go to <https://w4amc.com/membership/> to use PayPal
at the page bottom.

If there are any questions concerning membership sta-
tus or dues, please contact Treasurer@w4amc.com.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in
BARC.

****Renew/Join Now****
Help Support BARC.

Some EXAM TESTING Locations

[NBARC] Ham Radio (VE) License Testing:

The [NBARC] New Bern Amateur Radio Club sponsors a (VE) Ham Radio License Testing Exam on the 3rd Saturday of EVEN NUMBERED MONTHS, hours are 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. So, the next exam is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 2025.

Exam times & location are: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Rheem's Volunteer Fire Dept.
5860 Hwy 17 South
New Bern, NC 28562
Contact: Jim Scheer, W4NLD Ph: (252) 876-3733

As you face the building, enter from the left side.

Exam fees are \$15.00 but, it might go up in the future, so don't be surprised if the fee changes. Bring cash, or make personal checks or money orders out to; ARRL/VEC.

To obtain an Amateur Radio License and Call sign, you must first obtain a Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Registration Number (FRN).

Go to the FCC.GOV Website -

Select - FCC Commissions Registration System (CORES)

Select - UPDATED CORES

Select - LOGIN; and provide a username and password.

Follow the instructions to obtain an FRN.

After you have obtained your FRN, search the internet for NCVEC QUICK-FORM-605-APPLICATION. This will take you to the AMATEUR RADIO RELAY LEAGUE (ARRL) website with the interactive form NCVEC605. Fill out SECTION 1. Be sure to enter your FRN in the appropriate block, print the form, and bring it to the test session.

Looking forward to meeting you at the exam session.

How to Get your GMRS License in only 4 steps:

https://www.buywowayradios.com/blog/2023/06/how-to-get-a-gmrs-license-in-only-four-steps.html?utm_source=E20230612-5&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=E20230612-5

Ham Ads



Ham Ads will be run, free of charge in Ham Chatter for three months for each renewal. Ads must be received by the last week of the month to be included in the following issue. Send ads to: **Ham Chatter, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835. Or Email the Ham Chatter.**

Used Radios and equipment for Sale, Buy or Find:

BARC selling a Tri-bander Antenna

I am looking for a 2meter or dual band mobile with the 6pin din connection on the back. Let me know what you have. This will be used for echolink and All-star on the 09 repeater.

Thanks John KE4TZN
April 2026

Ham Ads

Commercial Ad Rates

1/8 page, Business Card Size
\$10 per Month - \$100 per Year
Send ads to: **Ham Chatter,**
PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835
Help support *Ham Chatter* and the club.
Donations accepted!

No Charge for Ham's selling or looking for items.

How to print a copy of your FCC License

by Jim, KV4SJ

To access an official copy of your license:

1. Go to: [HTTPS://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp](https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp)
 2. Log in with your FRN and password. (Also has links to find or get your FRN.)
 3. Click on "Download Electronic Authorizations" in the links on the left hand side.
 4. Select your call sign in the box labeled "My Authorizations" and click on the Add button to copy it into the "Authorizations to Download" box.
 5. Click on the Download button to download an official copy of your license in PDF format.
- via Forsyth ARC Newsletter, August 2020

BARC on FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/w4amc/>

Facebook and Group details

<http://www.w4amc.com/barcnews.html#BARC>

Pitt County Repeater Association

<http://www.pcrs.us/>

Monday & Monday, CPA's, PA

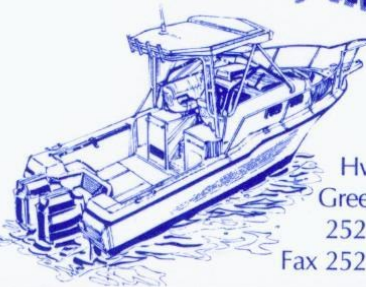
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Contest, Events and Meetings

2026 Starts Here:

July 1-7 **13 ORIGINAL COLONIES**

July 9 PARC Meeting

July 14 BARC Meeting 6:30pm

July 28 BARC Board Meeting

Aug 11, BARC Meeting

Aug 13 PARC Meeting

Aug 25 BARC Board Meeting

Sept 8 BARC Meeting

Sept 10 PARC Meeting

Sept 19-20 **MS Bike New Bern**

Sept 29 BARC Board Meeting

Nov 7 JARSfest <https://www.jars.net/event-list/#!/event/2026/11/7/37th-annual-jarsfest-2026>

Contest Calendar: For more Contest and all the rules:

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/weeklycont.php>

Visit the [ARRL Contest Calendar](#) for more events and information.

Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, [Contest Calendar](#) website. The site now includes a [5-Week Calendar](#) .

There's more than I could post available.

BARC Meetings are open to all.

BARC Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 PM Live

BARC Breakfast - Saturday after General meeting

BARC Board Meeting - Last Tuesday @ 7:00 PM ZOOM or Alternative Except in December.

PARC, Pamlico Meetings - 2nd Thursday @ 7pm

**** Club Activities, Events, Ideas and Dates to do together. ****

PUBLIC SERVICE? Website for NC hams who are interested in public service, Check it out at <https://hpsnc.org/>.

Contest Corral

July 2026

Check for updates and a downloadable PDF version online at www.arri.org/contest-calendar. Check <https://contests.arri.org> for recent results. Refer to the contest websites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Start - Finish				Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
Date-Time	Date-Time	Date-Time	Date-Time					
1	0000	1	2359	1.8-28,50,144	RAC Canada Day Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), VE prov/terr or serial	www.rac.ca
2	0000	2	0500	144	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest-NA	Dig	4-char grid	ft8activity-na.net
2	0000	3	0300	7	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Max 13 WPM; RST, SPC, name, mbr or pwr	qrptest.com/pigwalk40
2	1700	2	2100	28	NRAU 10m Activity Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid	nrau.net
2	2000	2	2200	1.8-28,50	SKCC Sprint Europe	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
4	0800	4	1100	3.5	NZART Memorial Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial	www.nzart.org.nz
4	1200	5	1200	50,144,432	TA VHF/UHF Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, 6-char grid	trac.org.tr
4	1400	5	1400	50,144	CQ Worldwide VHF SSB/CW Contest	CW Ph	4-char grid	www.cqww-vhf.com
4	1400	5	1400	1.8-28	Marconi Memorial HF Contest	CW	RST, serial	www.arifano.it
4	1500	5	1500	3.5-14	Original QRP Contest	CW Ph	RST, serial, "f", pwr category	www.qrpcc.de
4	2000	5	2000	7	PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint	Dig	RST, SPC	www.podxs070.com
5	1200	6	1200	50	ARAM 50 MHz Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, 6-char grid	www.aram.pt
5	1200	6	1200	1.8-28,50	FOC Old School Classic 1960s QSO Party	CW	Real RST, 3-letter class, year first licensed, name	www.g4foc.org
6	1900	6	2030	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
7	0000	7	0200	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, pwr	ars-qrp.com
9	0000	9	0500	432	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest-NA	Dig	4-char grid	ft8activity-na.net
11	1200	12	1200	1.8-28	IARU HF World Championship	CW Ph	RS(T), IARU HQ soc or ITU zone	www.arri.org/iaru-hf-world-championship
11	1200	12	2359	1.8-28,50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
12	2000	12	2300	1.8-28	QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	qrparci.org
13	0000	13	0200	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or pwr	www.4sqrp.com
14	1800	14	1929	3.5,7	DARC RTTY Sprint	Dig	RST, (DOK/NM) or serial	www.darc.de
15	1900	15	2030	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	Ph	RS, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
16	0000	16	0500	1296	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest-NA	Dig	4-char grid	ft8activity-na.net
16	0000	17	0300	14	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Max 13 WPM; RST, SPC, name, mbr or pwr	qrptest.com/pigwalk20
16	0030	16	0230	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	naqcc.info/sprint_rules.html
16	1900	16	2000	3.5-14	NTC QSO Party	CW	Max 25 WPM; RST, mbr or "NM"	pi4ntc.nl/ntcqp
18	0000	19	2359	1.8-28	LABRE DX Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), Brazilian 2-ltr state or 2-ltr continent	www.labre.org.br
18	0700	18	1459	7,14,21,28	Russian Radio Team Championship	CW Ph	RS(T), mbr code or ITU zone	srr.ru
18	0800	18	1400	1.8-7	Trans-Tasman Low-Bands Challenge	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), serial	www.wia.org.au
18	1200	18	1359	1.8-28,50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	See rules	sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub
18	1400	19	1400	50,144	CQ Worldwide VHF Digital Contest	Dig	4-char grid	www.cqww-vhf.com
18	1400	19	1400	70	IARU Region 1 70 MHz Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, 6-char grid	www.iaru-r1.org
18	1800	19	0559	3.5-28	North American QSO Party, RTTY	Dig	Name, SPC	www.ncjweb.com
19	0900	19	1600	3.5-14	RSGB International Low Power Contest	CW	RST, serial, pwr	www.rsgbcc.org
19	1000	19	2159	3.5-28	YOTA Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), age	yotacontest.mrasz.org
19	2300	20	0100	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	qrptest.com/pigrun
22	0000	22	0200	1.8-28,50	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
23	1900	23	2030	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	Dig	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
25	1200	26	1200	3.5-28	RSGB IOTA Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, IOTA no.	www.rsgbcc.org
25	1500	26	0300	3.5-28	Alabama QSO Party	CW Ph	RS(T), AL county or SPC	alabamacontestgroup.org
26	1700	26	2100	7,14,21,28	ARS Flight of the Bumblebees	CW	RST, SPC, pwr or Bumblebee no.	ars-qrp.com
27	1900	27	2100	3.5-28	RSGB FT4 Contest	Dig	Signal report	www.rsgbcc.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming Section, State, Division Conventions and Hamfest

2026:

North Carolina (Cary) — July 18 **F H R T V**

8 AM – 1 PM. *Spr*: Cary ARC. Harold D. Ritter Park, 301 W. Lochmere Dr. *Tl*: 146.88 (82.5 Hz). *Adm*: \$5. Email: caryarcn4nc@gmail.com

North Carolina (Fayetteville) — Aug. 8 **F H R T V**

8 AM – noon. *Spr*: Cape Fear ARS. Cumberland Co. Shrine Club, 7040 Ramsey St. *Tl*: 146.91 (100 Hz). *Adm*: Free. www.cfarsnc.org

North Carolina (Salisbury) — July 11 **F T V**

8 AM – noon. *Spr*: Rowan ARS. Salisbury Civic Center, 315 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. S. *Adm*: \$10. www.rowanars.net

North Carolina (Waynesville) — July 25 **D F H R S T V**

8 AM – 2 PM. *Spr*: Western Carolina ARS. Smoky Mountain Event Center, 758 Crabtree Rd. *Tl*: 147.39 (94.8 Hz). *Adm*: \$7 Advance, \$10 door. www.wcars-club.org

The [ARRL Hamfest and Convention Database](#) to find events in your area.

Mark Your Calendars Now for the Bigger & Better BENSON, NC **Jars-FEST** New Location!! New Date!!

What: JarsFEST 2026 (Benson, NC Hamfest)

When: SATURDAY, Nov 7, 2026

Location: The Farm in Selma, NC off I95 <https://thefarmnc.com/the-farm-at-95/>

Time: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Costs: Pre-sale Tickets @ \$9 ea and Tickets @ Door \$12ea (Children Under 12 are Free)

Website: <https://www.jars.net/event-list/#!/event/2026/11/7/37th-annual-jarsfest-2026>

- July 11, Salisbury, Firecracker Hamfest, sponsored by the Rowan Amateur Radio Society, held at Salisbury Civic Center, 315 Martin Luther King Ave., Salisbury. Info at <http://rowanars.net>
- July 18, Cary, 53rd Annual Cary Mid-Summer Swapfest, held at Cary Ritter Park, 301 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary. Sponsored by Cary Amateur Radio Club. Info at <https://caryarc.org/>
- July 25, Waynesville, WSCARS Hamfest, held at the Smokey Mountain Event Center, 758 Crabtree Rd., Waynesville. Sponsored by the Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society. Info at <https://wcars-club.org/hamfest-annual/docs/hfnotice.pdf>
- August 8, Fayetteville, 26th Annual Cape Fear Amateur Radio Swapfest, Cumberland County Shrine Club, 7040 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville. Sponsored by the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society. Info at <https://cfarsnc.org/swap-fest>
- September 4 & 5, Shelby, Shelby Hamfest, ARRL North Carolina State Convention held at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 1751 E. Marion St., Shelby. Sponsored by the Shelby Amateur Radio Club. Info at <https://shelbyhamfest.com/>. SARC will have an on-the-air station at the Fairgrounds as part of the ARRL Year of the Club activity and will be operating as W1AW/4.