

Calendar of Upcoming Ham Events

Hamfests, Special Events, Contests, Club meetings, etc.

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[Ed. Note: Newly updated. There really isn't one source to find this information and putting this together requires digging across various club Newsletters, NCARRL Section newsletter (thanks Karl!), QST, CQ and other sources. If you know of a correction or something that should be here please send it to ws4nc <at> dwepe <dot> com. With your help I can make this a more useful list including events in NC, GA, VA, SC and TN.] *non FARC event - confirm with event sponsor.

TRIAD AREA AND NEARBY EVENTS:

August 5: 20th Annual Catawba Valley Hamfest, McDowell Amateur Radio Association, Morganton, NC, <http://www.cvhamfest.com>

August 5: W4CA Roanoke Hamfest, Vinton, VA, Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, <http://w4ca.com>

August 6: 67th Annual Berryville Hamfest, Berryville, VA, Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club, <http://www.shenvalarc.org/hamfest>,

August 12: 19th Annual Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society Swapfest, Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society, Fayetteville, NC, <http://www.cfarsnc.org>

Aug 12 Greensboro VE Session (Hinshaw United Methodist Church, Greensboro)

August 12: Tri-State ARA Ham Fest, Huntington, WV, Tri-State Amateur Radio Association, <http://www.orgsites.com/wv/taraclub/>

Aug 14 Forsyth Amateur Radio Club General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross Building, Coliseum Drive, FCC Testing at 6:20PM

Aug 14 Winston-Salem VE Session (FCC Testing), 6:20 PM, Red Cross Building, Coliseum Drive

August 18: West Virginia State Convention, Weston, WV, West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, <http://qsl.net/wvsarc/>

Aug 21 FARC Board Meeting, Location TBD

August 23: Coal Country ARC Hamfest, Madison, WV, Coal Country Amateur Radio Club, http://www.wv8ccc.org/?page_id=118

Aug 26 High Point VE Session (Red Cross Building, High Point)

Aug 28 Greensboro Amateur Radio Association General Meeting (Cooper's Ale House in Salon "B", Greensboro)

September 1-3, 2017: 61st Annual Shelby Hamfest/ARRL North Carolina State Convention, Shelby Amateur Radio Club, Shelby, NC, <http://www.shelbyhamfest.org>

Sep 9 High Point VE Session (Hinshaw United Methodist Church, Greensboro)

Sep 9: Virginia Section Convention (Virginia Beach Hamfest), Virginia Beach, VA, Tidewater Radio Conventions, <http://vbhamfest.com>

Sep 11 Forsyth Amateur Radio Club General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross Building, Coliseum Drive, FCC Testing at 6:20PM

Sep 11 Winston-Salem VE Session (FCC Testing), 6:20 PM, Red Cross Building, Coliseum Drive

Sep 18 FARC Board Meeting, Location TBD

Sep 25 Greensboro Amateur Radio Association General Meeting (Cooper's Ale House in Salon "B", Greensboro)

Sep 30 High Point VE Session (Red Cross Building, High Point)

October 10: South Carolina Section Convention, Rock Hill, SC, York County Amateur Radio Society (YCARS), <http://www.ycars.org>

August 14: Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest, Mineral Wells, WV, Wood County Emergency Communications, <http://wc8ec.org>

November 11: Beachfest 2017, Conway, SC, Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club, <http://www.w4gs.org>

Feb 3, 2018: South Carolina State Convention (Charleston Hamfest), North Charleston, SC, Charleston Amateur Radio Society, <http://wa4usn.org>

March 31, 2018: North Carolina State Convention (Raleigh Hamfest), Raleigh, NC, Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, <http://rars.org/hamfest>

SPECIAL EVENTS

See the article on page 1 for Special Events related to the Solar Eclipse.

NEARBY HAM CLUBS AND MEETINGS:

Please see www.w4nc.com for more up-to-

date information

****Quarterly QCWA Meeting** usually April, June, September and December. See the website for details. Locations varies. ALL members and guests are welcome! Wearing your Ham badge is encouraged. Always a good program. QCWA Chapter 126 Weekly Net: 3.826 MHZ, 8:45AM each Saturday morning. The next Chapter 126 meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at McCall's BBQ & Seafood Restaurant in Clayton, NC, 10365 US 70 Hwy West, tel. 919.550.3877. All MEMBERS and GUESTS with their ham badges are welcome. This is our EASTERN MOST meeting location for the year so we hope many of you will join us. Directions: From the west on I-40 get off at Exit 306 and merge onto highway 70E and go about 7.3 miles east on 70. The restaurant is .1 miles past Advance Auto. Both are on the right side of the road. After the meeting, those going back West should exit through the restaurant rear parking lot to access a road that will put you at a traffic light at Hwy 70 to turn left and return west. When: Plan to arrive at 10:30 AM to socialize, dinner at 11:00 AM then business and program at about 11:45 PM. Board members are requested to arrive at 10:00 AM. NOTE: this is One Hour earlier than usual due to scheduling the use of the restaurant. Program: The program will be a presentation by Tom Lewis, N4TL on his CW Trainer Construction Project and writing his award winning article for QST Magazine. Anniversary Certificates will also be presented.

1st Tuesdays Durham FM Association: Meets for Dinner (optional) at 6:00pm and the business meeting and program at 7:00pm. We are meeting at Bullock's BBQ, on 3330 Quebec Drive in Durham. For more info on each meeting, check <http://www.dfma.org/>

1st Tuesdays Davie County Amateur Radio Club: This may not be accurate. Last info I had was from Kris, KB4MB that "they are 'slightly' active, but basically there is a small group of 2m guys, and a few HF guys and that is it. Maybe 6-10 members at this point?" Doyle, KM4BGJ advises that "The last meeting was in August at the Harmon Masonic Lodge located at 3229 Ray T Moore Rd. Yadkinville, NC 27055 at 7:00 pm. We will be looking forward to this meeting. The club gained several new members on Field Day and also had a new Ham get their ticket on Field Days." Contact Doyle at doyle5362@yahoo.com

2nd Mondays: The Orange County Radio Amateurs meet at 1900 at the Orange Count EOC in Hillsborough.

2nd Tuesdays: Raleigh Amateur Radio Society General Meeting on second Tuesday of each month, Location: Ridge Road Baptist Church, 2011 Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC, 27607. Time: People begin arriving at 7 PM, The meeting officially begins at 7:30 PM. RARS also meets for a monthly dinner on the first Tuesday of each month for the RARS dinner. Dinner begins at 6:30 PM. Next Dinner at Golden Coral, 6129 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh 27612.

2nd Mondays Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc. at the Red Cross Building on Coliseum Drive. FCC Exams are offers starting at 6:20 PM (please preregister at info@w4nc.com.) Meetings start at 7:30 PM with a program on various ham related topics.

2nd Mondays Rowan Amateur Radio Society at the Rowan County Rescue Squad Building at 1140 Julian Road. Monthly

meetings usually begin at 7:00 PM local time, except for the July and December meetings which are "dinner" meetings and thus start a little earlier, usually beginning about 6:00-6:30 PM. Programs may include equipment demonstrations, movies, guest speakers, or just open discussions on radio. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. <http://www.rowanars.org/>

3rd Mondays Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Business Meeting. Open to all FARC members and interested visitors. We meet at Hams Restaurant (how appropriate!) located in Thruway Lower Mall starting at 7PM.

3rd Mondays(?): Guilford Amateur Society usually held at Tex & Shirley's Restaurant in the Friendly Shopping Center on Pembroke Rd. 6:00 PM to eat, 7:00 PM to meet. Verify the dates at <http://www.w4gg.org/>

4th Mondays(?): Guilford Amateur Radio Association Eat at 6:30pm and the meeting is at 7:15pm. Captain Bill's Seafood & Steakhouse, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409. Verify the dates at <http://www.w4gso.org/>

1st Saturdays(?): Tri-County Amateur Radio Club, Thomasville: Breakfast at 8:30 am on the first Saturday of each month at the Denny's in Thomasville, 103 Sedgehill Drive (map it). For more details see: <http://nc4ar.org/us/page.php?2>

Last Mondays: Stokes County Amateur Radio Society SCARS <http://k4stk.com/index.html>

Knightlites QRP Club <http://www.knightlites.org/> Usually meets in Cary. **MARCH, 2017 The KnightLites March QRPig-Out will be held at the Golden Corral off Wendover Ave & I-40 (4404 Landview Dr.) on Thursday, March 17th ~6:30 PM. Spread the word. See website for details.**

Briarpatch Amateur Radio Club - Next club meeting in 2015 is ? ; the meeting will be held at TCRH. Meetings and FCC Test Sessions Test sessions are held at the Twin County Regional Hospital in Galax, VA unless otherwise announced. <http://galaxbarc.tripod.com>

