The End Fed Flyer

Special Election Edition

By the Half Wave Team

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Forsyth Amateur Radio Club To Hold Vote In October

At the October 12, 2026 FARC Member meeting the club will be voting on officers for 2027. This is the first time in many years the Members will have a choice on the club's future. Before voting begins they will hear from each presidential candidate, (current) Mike Vernon, W4MAV, and Ken Kayer, K2KXK, on their vision for the club in the upcoming year.

Also on the ballot are (current) Chad Blackman, KR4DXE, and David Shoaf, KC4X, who are running for the Secretary position.

The Treasurer position will be the team of (current) Bruce, AD4ET, and Marcia Thompson, NC4MT, versus Lori Blackman, KR4JRL.

Finally, running unopposed for the Vice President spot, is Brent Goodwin, KN4ACN, which elects him to a second term by acclamation. Congratulations, Brent!

Per the Bylaws, no nominations will be accepted as only those nominated at the September Member meeting are allowed to be on the ballot.

Voting will be conducted in-person at the Red Cross Building and electronically via Zoom. Each member will be validated as a Full or Life Member before receiving a ballot to be marked. For those without voting privileges who join via Zoom your connection will be moved to a waiting room while the voting takes place. Once the vote has concluded you will be rejoined to the meeting.

It was mentioned members on the ballot counting team will be randomly selected from the door prize tickets. No candidate will be allowed to participate avoiding any perceived conflict of interest and ensuring a fair election.

We look forward to reporting the results next month and hope to have an interview from the elected President and hear about their direction and vision for this 95+ year old club in 2027.

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WINSTON-SALEM FALLFEST

ARRL SANCTIONED
FORSYTH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

TIMES: 7 AM TO 11:30 AM

HAM FESTIVAL!

October 10, 2026

WHY YES, AGAIN!
IN OCTOBER!

Talk in frequency 145.47 (-0.6, 100 Hz)
$5 Admission and $5 Tailgating Spaces
$10 indoor tables- limited space available.

Robinhood Road Baptist Church
5422 Robinhood Road
Winston-Salem, NC

Friday Dealer Load in time 3 to 5:30 PM
Doors open at 7 AM
Please do bring your goodies!

Date and location are confirmed and plans are on for a big ~~Jamboree!~~ HAMboree!

See W4NC.com for additional details.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

Special Events for October

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I hope everyone enjoyed working some Special Events in September.

First up was the 100th anniversary of Route 66, aka, the Mother Road. It was created in 1926 and linked Chicago and Los Angeles via existing roads and spanned 2448 miles. This was way before the Interstate system we know today. At first my FT8 calls fell on deaf antennas but I was able to make contact with five of the special callsigns along the route.
Pivoting to a more somber occasion this was the 25th anniversary of that terrible day on 9-11 in 2001. The Pentagon's Amateur Radio Club, K4AF, was running a special event in remembrance. I need to get my QSL card request off to them. Likewise, a club in New York was commemorating the date with callsign W2T.
This year is the 239th anniversary of the US Constitution. Jeff Widen, K6QCB, was running his special event from California, W3C, with three other callsigns in different sections. I was fortunate to get two contacts in the logbook. In a post in the Special Events Forum on QRZ Jeff is looking to expand to all ten sections for 2027. If interested please reach out to him.
In the "history that I was never taught in public school" department, a club in Pennsylvania was hosting W3L regarding the Saving of the Liberty Bell from the British during the Revolutionary War. The bell was spirited out of Philadelphia, along with other church bells, lest they be melted down and made into shot to be used against George Washington's Army. I encourage you to research the topic and visit the W3L QRZ page before it gets recycled for the next event.
Wrapping up the month were the Tennessee and New Jersey QSO parties. Unfortunately, I didn't read the UTC date close enough and worked NJ the day after the party so, while I have more NJ contacts in the log, they don't count for anything else. There were other cool events in September but I was simply unable to work them which is my loss.

For this month here is a partial list of October Special Events pulled from the ARRL web site and the special events forum on QRZ. I will also be including any smaller events not well publicized that I worked in 2025 in anticipation of them occurring again.

https://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

QRZ now has a dedicated sub-forum for special events.
https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?forums/Special-events/

Note some events are honored multiple times by different clubs.

Some events I worked in October of 2025:
W0W - War of the Worlds
K2Q - Night of the Living Dead

October Events:

Rail Road Days
Oct 2-Oct 12, 0800Z-2000Z, K8H, Craigsville, WV. Bill Edele. 3.815 7.180 14.212.

Author note: Their QRZ page shows they will be active from October 9-11.
https://www.qrz.com/db/K8H

51st Lumberjack Day
Oct 3, 1500Z-2300Z, W6WPT, West Point, CA. Northern Calaveras Emergency Radio Operators. 14.250 14.074 7.240 7.074.
https://www.qrz.com/db/W6WPT
Author note: Who could forget the Monty Python Lumberjack song, "I'm a lumberjack and that's ok."
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FshU58nI0Ts

The Big Duck Birthday Celebration
Oct 3, 1300Z-2000Z, W2DQ, Suffolk County Radio Club. 14.220. Help Celebrate the 95th Birthday of the big duck an iconic road side attraction of Long Island. Quack!
https://www.qrz.com/db/W2DQ

National Fire Prevention Week
Oct 4-Oct 10, 0000Z-0000Z, N1F, Gainesville, FL. W.T. Loften High School ARC. 14.250, multiple callsigns.
https://www.qrz.com/db/N1F

Battle of Kings Mountain
Oct 6-10, K4M, Greensboro's own Marc Bowen, W4OVT, will be hosting this event and is part of his Chasing Cornwallis Challenge where you qualify for a certificate by working at least five of his six events.
www.history.radio
https://www.qrz.com/db/K4M

CACTUS
Oct 9-Oct 18, 1200Z-2359Z, K7RST, Tucson, AZ. Radio Society of Tucson. 14.287.
cactus.k7rst.net
https://www.qrz.com/db/K7RST

3rd Annual National Sasquatch Awareness Day
Oct 12-Oct 21, 0001Z-2359Z, W7D, Help the operators find Sasquatch by filling the forest with RF to drive him out.
https://www.qrz.com/db/W7D
w7dk.org

Lester Dent Event
Oct 17-19, W0D, Macon, Mo, Lester Dent was the creator of Doc Savage the First Super Hero in Pulp Fiction a year before Superman. He wrote nearly 200 books and a multitude of stories for Magazines.
https://www.qrz.com/db/W0D
n0pr.org

Chuck Berry 100th Birthday Special Event
Oct 17-Oct 18, 0000Z-2359Z, W0B, St. Louis, MO. Come celebrate one of the founders of Rock 'n Roll.
https://www.qrz.com/db/W0B

World Series
Oct 17-31, W2S, Raven, VA No information is available at press time but the special callsign is reserved.
https://www.qrz.com/db/W2S

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary 87 Birthday
Oct 23-Oct 25, 1400Z-2300Z, N2S, Marlton, NJ. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. 7.250 21.3 14.230 28.350. Coast Guard Auxiliary radio operators who are also hams will participate from more than a dozen locations throughout the US.
Author note: We salute all who protect our shores.
https://www.qrz.com/db/N2S

2026 Frankenstein Halloween FunXpedition
Oct 31-Nov 1, 1800Z-0300Z, W0O, Jefferson City, MO. Mid-MO ARC. 3.538, 3.963, 14.038, 14.280. Annual Halloween FunXpedition from the only Frankenstein in the USA. CW & SSB 80-10.
https://www.qrz.com/db/W0O

Boo to You
Oct 31-Nov 1, 0000Z-0300Z, KC5Boo, Cleburne, TX. KC5NX. 7.074, 14.038, 14.074, 14.278.
https://www.qrz.com/db/KC5BOO

A peek into November:

51st Anniversary, Sinking of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald
Nov 1-Nov 14, 0000Z-2359Z, W8F, Livonia, MI. Livonia Amateur Radio Club. 14.260, 7.260, 7.050, 14.050.
https://www.qrz.com/db/W8F
https://livoniaarc.com

2026 Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald - Split Rock Lighthouse
Nov 6-Nov 8, 1600Z-2355Z, W0JH, Stillwater, MN. Stillwater (MN) Amateur Radio Assoc. (SARA). 3.860, 7.260, 14.260, 21.360. This marks the 51st year since the famous iron-ore carrier was caught in a fierce fall storm on Lake Superior. The event pays tribute to the crew of 29 who all perished. This is the 22nd consecutive year the SARA has conducted this event.
https://www.qrz.com/db/W0JH
www.radioham.org

Veteran's Day, National D-Day Memorial
Nov 11, 1430Z-1900Z, W2B, 14.262. Veteran's Day from the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford VA
https://www.qrz.com/db/W2B

Veterans Day
Nov 11, 1500Z-2130Z, W4V, Tampa, FL. American Victory ARC. 14.265
https://www.qrz.com/db/W4V

73,
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DX Operations for October
by Kevin Long, KQ4JGG

GENERAL

Club Log has FARC at #99 (98) in the league listing, down one from last month. Our average DXCC for the club is unchanged at 238. We have 22 operators and our operating year average remains unchanged at 23. To remain in the club ranking you have to upload your log at least once a year.
If you have a Clublog account, are an active club member, and have not associated it with us I encourage you to do so no matter your DXCC count. It doesn't affect your ranking but hopefully gets you more interested in making contacts.

Steps to join are in previous newsletters.
https://clublog.org/league.php?club=278

Since my last column deadline, I was able to make an additional contact with Franz Josef Land, a yacht floating within some islands west of Svalbard and north of Russia, gridsquare LR80tn, and 80 degrees+ North. They can probably can see Santa's workshop from the bridge. (Reminder, only two more months until the Christmas shopping season.) For a reference the Arctic Circle is around 66.5 degrees north and touches the top of Iceland. I was able to sneak in a special event in Spain, AO77R, and an operator in Grenada. Otherwise my signals have stayed within the continental US.
Here's hoping we all have better luck in October.

An update from Col, MM0NDX, who runs the DX-World web site. He is stepping away from maintaining the site for a time due to some health issues he needs to focus on so. A bit more detail in his post on the DX-World front page. We send our best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

Now on to the list of exciting places this month.

Current Events Ending Soon / Upcoming Events:

Namibia
Aug 25-Oct 10
Gunter, DK2WH got in touch to say he will again be active from Namibia as V51WH starting August 25 and lasting through until October 10, 2026. He operates from a farm near Omaruru and in April last year installed an Optibeam 9-5 on a 15m mast. QRV on 160-6m, including 60m.
https://www.dx-world.net/v51wh-v55y-namibia/

Maldives
Sep 20 – Oct 10
Juergen, DL3JH will again be active from Thulhagiri island, North Male Atoll, Maldives as 8Q7JH during September 20 to October 10, 2026. QRV on 20-15-10m; FT8, CW & SSB.
https://www.dx-world.net/8q7jh-maldives/

Samoa
Sep 21 – Oct 11
Jacek, SP5EAQ, will be active from Apia as 5W0AF starting on 21 September for 3 weeks, SSB only; 10-40m (80m possible in the last week).

https://www.dx-world.net/5w0af-samoa/

Alexander Selkirk Island, SA-101
Oct 15 - 25
Moisés CE3VTZ & Felipe XQ7IR will be QRV from Alexander Selkirk Island, IOTA SA-101 as XR0Z for approximately 10 days during October 2026. Operation will be from 160 to 10m; FT8, CW & SSB modes.
https://www.dx-world.net/xr0z-alexander-selkirk-island-sa-101/

Somalia
Pertti, OG2M, announces he will be active from Garowe, Puntland, northeastern Somalia as 6O2M during October 5-25, 2026. QRV on 40-10m; CW & SSB. Spare time activity.
https://www.dx-world.net/6o2m-somalia/

Eswatini
Oct 15 – Nov 2
Morten, LA9GY, will be QRV as 3DA0GY from Eswatini during October 15 to November 2, 2026. I will likely set up the antenna at the same location as last year — Piggs Peak, situated in the mountains of the Hhohho region.
https://wagnild.net/la9gy/undersider/3da0gy.htm
https://www.dx-world.net/3da0gy-eswatini/

Sao Tome & Principe
Oct 17 - 30
The S9R DXpedition will take place from October 17 to 31, 2026, from São Tomé and Príncipe, specifically from Tamarindos (grid locator JJ31rp). The operation will be active on multiple HF bands and modes, aiming to provide worldwide coverage and fair access to all regions.
https://www.dx-world.net/s9r-sao-tome-principe/

Thru 2026:

Novolazarevskaya Station, Antarctica
Thru 2026
Yuri, RI1ANY is now QRV via QO-100 satellite from Novolazarevskaya Station (JB59vf). After some test SSB contacts, today he operated FT8 and FT4 modes. He does not speak fluent English nor he has pileup experience, so please be patient. He is assigned to this base for a full year, so there will be plenty of opportunities to QSO. For more information (including Log Search), check his QRZ.com page.
https://www.qrz.com/db/RI1ANY
https://www.dx-world.net/ri1any-novolazarevskaya-station-antarctica/

DP0GVN Neumayer III Station Antarctica
The season at Neumayer Station III, Antarctica has begun. New ham operator Lasse, DL9LU, arrived on November 18th together with the entire wintering team for 2026. He will be active as DP0GVN until December 2026.
In addition, Felix, DL5XL will again be at Neumayer starting early January to mid-February 2026, and active as DP1POL.
https://www.dx-world.net/dp0gvn-neumayer-iii-antarctic-station/
Author note: With so few operators on the continent I'll keep including the stations in the column as a reminder as it is a cool place (no pun) to brag about to friends. One tip that worked for me was calling them while the

grey line passed over my house. It took several attempts before they acknowledged my FT8 call and over a month before they uploaded their logs. Their QSL card from the station is now framed on my desk.

Antarctica:
February – December 2026
Tom, VK2TBC is going to be based at Casey Station, Antarctica and plans to be operational as VK0TBC between February and December this year. He will be running with a Flex-8400 and DX Commander plus other wire antennas. QRV when time permits on SSB & FT8.
https://vk2tbc.com/
https://www.dx-world.net/vk0tbc-casey-station-antarctica/

Antarctica
Thru 2026:
Andrew's 11th season to McMurdo Station, Antarctica. I'll be operating from there as KC4USV and as KC4/KL5SE from field camps nearby during the 2025-2026 Austral summer season.
https://www.qrz.com/db/KC4/KL5SE
https://www.dx-world.net/kc4-kl5se-kc4usv-antarctica/

Please note that I did not cover all of the trips out there. Please check the timeline link at:
https://www.hamradiotimeline.com/timeline/dxw_timeline_1_1.php

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A significant part of this column comes from information on the DX-World websites, tweets and other forms of communications from DX-World. Please visit their site and frequent their vendors. We would not have this DX column without them.

The DX world of today is a very rapidly changing beast, and impossible to track with a monthly NL. The following links will take you to multiple sources of information concerning DX activities. This column would like to take the opportunity to credit the following websites for a majority of our news.

https://dx-world.net
https://425DXN.org
https://clublog.org
https://dxheat.com
https://dxnews.com
https://ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html

Until next month, happy DX'ing.

73,
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Have a Hot Tip? Turn on the amp and drop a dime to reach out (OK, two quarters.) Email kq4jgg@gmail.com.

All tips are anonymous unless you would like credit.