

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, NC ARRL 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.

Hamfests, Contests and other events:

August 24, 2018 West Virginia State Convention, WVU Convention Center, Jackson's Mill, , Weston, WV, West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council, <http://qsl.net/wvsarc/>

August 31, 2018 Roanoke Division Convention (Shelby Hamfest), Cleveland County Fairgrounds, Shelby, NC, Shelby Amateur Radio Club, <http://shelbyhamfest.org>

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 Piedmont Chapter 126 meeting will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Bestfood Cafeteria in Siler City, NC. ALL members and guests are welcome! Wearing your ham badge is encouraged. Directions: The Best Food Cafeteria is at 220 East 11th Street, Siler City, NC, telephone number is 919-742-2475 and located on Highway 64 about 1.9 miles West of the intersection with Highway 421, and right across the street from Marsh Auto Parts. When: Plan to arrive at 11:30 AM to socialize, dinner at 12 noon, business and program at about 12:45 PM. Board members are requested to arrive at 11 AM.

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 <at> yahoo <dot> 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 <at> w4nc <dot> 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. **Spread the word. See website for details.**

Briarpatch Amateur Radio Club - Next club meeting 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>

Upcoming Programs

*Geoff, KK4MOV
FARC Vice-President*

Most of the previous programs from 2018 are viewable on the FARC website. Last month we had some success with streaming the program and may try that again.

July planned program by Brian, KN4R, had to be rescheduled to Septamber at the last minute. Instead for July we had Tamitha Skov, a credentialed space meterologist, gave July's presentation via YouTube:

Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SpWxfx>
Sampler: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z795uEjCxYI>
Forecast 07-08-2018: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0pPPDrQ3Oo>

Aug 13 - Dale Mierisch - WB9SZL - "Repeaters and Echolink"

Sep 10 - will be "Radio and the Disappearance of Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan" by Brian Harrison, KN4R, from Charlotte. This is a super program and is not to be missed!

Philip Jenkins - N4HF - "Satellite 101" will be rescheduled.

Oct 8 - Brian Harrison - KN4R - "The Radio Intelligence Division (RID) in WWII"

Nov 12 - Ken Kayser - K2KXK - "A Fully Functional Panadapter for Every Ham Station".

The main FARC meeting night is always the **Second Monday night** at the Red Cross Building on Coliseum Drive with the meeting starting at 7:30 PM (7:29:56.5 PM this month!). FCC testing is usually available, please preregister at info <at> w4nc <dot> com. Examinees should plan on arriving at 6:15 PM.

The FARC **Business** Meeting is on the **Third Monday** of the month at 66 Pizza on Stratford Rd just west of Hanes Mall Blvd. The meeting starts around 7:30 pm. (We usually arrive a little earlier and order dinner.) All are welcome.



July's Mystery Ham Chet Atkins W4CGP-SK

Van Key was the first to identify July's Mystery Ham. It was fun watching him struggle to come up with the name - but he did text it to me later.

From <https://www.axs.com/five-things-you-didn-t-know-about-chet-atkins-53766>

Atkins received 14 Grammy Awards, the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, and nine Country Music Association Instrumentalist of the Year Awards. He was also inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Country Music Hall of Fame, and the Musicians Hall of Fame.

His ham radio call sign was a nod to an honorary degree he bestowed upon himself and others over the years. Called the Certified Guitar Player (CGP), he had the letters (along with his name) inscribed on his guitar strap.

From Wikipedia:

After dropping out of high school in 1942, Atkins landed a job at WNOX-AM radio in Knoxville, where he played fiddle and guitar with the singer Bill Carlisle and the comic Archie Campbell and became a member of the station's Dixieland Swingsters, a small swing instrumental combo. After three years, he moved to WLW-AM in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Merle Travis had formerly worked.

After six months, he moved to Raleigh and worked with Johnnie and Jack before heading for Richmond, Virginia, where he performed with Sunshine Sue Workman. Atkins's shy personality worked against him, as did the fact that his sophisticated style led many to doubt he was truly "country". He was fired often, but was soon able to land another job at another radio station on account of his unique playing ability.

Atkins and Jethro Burns (of Homer and Jethro) married twin sisters, Leona and Lois Johnson, who sang as Laverne and Fern Johnson, the Johnson Sisters. Leona Atkins outlived her husband by eight years, dying in 2009 at the age of 85.

Travelling to Chicago, Atkins auditioned for Red Foley, who was leaving his star position on WLS-AM's National Barn Dance to join the Grand Ole Opry.[15] Atkins made his first appearance at the Opry in 1946 as a member of Foley's band. He also recorded a single for Nashville-based Bullet Records that year. That single, "Guitar Blues", was fairly progressive, including a clarinet solo by the Nashville dance band musician Dutch McMillan, with Owen Bradley on piano. He had a solo spot on the Opry, but when that was cut, Atkins moved on to KWTO in Springfield, Missouri. Despite the support of executive Si Siman, however, he soon was fired for not sounding "country enough".