

# 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:

**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](http://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. **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>



## W4NC QSL

Normally I keep a close eye out for any old W4NC QSLs. The one above appeared on eBay and was sold in just a couple of hours with a "buy-it-now". I hate I missed it - but I captured a copy of the photos. This QSL was sold from an Australian estate and confirms a QSO from W4NC with VK3VC and is from March 2, 1937. Now I am curious as to who bought it, and why it sold so quickly.

