

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:

March 9, 2018 North Carolina Section Convention (Charlotte Hamfest), Cabarrus Arena and Events Center, Concord, NC, Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society, <http://charlottehamfest.org>

March 9-10 North Carolina Section Convention, Concord, North Carolina

March 17, 2018 Southern Florida Section Convention, Stuart, Florida

March 18, 2018 Winterfest 2018, Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center, NOVA Annandale Campus, , Annandale, VA, Vienna Wireless Society, <http://viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest/>

March 24, 2018 Charleston WV Hamfest and Computer Show, Charleston Civic Center, Charleston, WV, Charleston Hamfest Committee, <http://www.w8gk.org/>

March 24, 2018 West Virginia Section Convention, Charleston, West Virginia

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

May 5, 2018 59th Blue Ridge ARS Upstate SC Hamfest, , Spartanburg, SC, Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society, <http://brars.cc>

June 3, 2018 W4OVH Manassas Hamfest, Prince William County Fairgrounds, , Manassas, VA, Ole Virginia Hams ARC, <http://manassashamfest.org/index.html>

July 7, 2018 33rd Annual 2018 Firecracker Hamfest, Salisbury Civic Center, Salisbury, NC, Rowan Amateur Radio Society, <http://www.rowanars.org/firecracker-hamfest/>

July 21, 2018 Mid-Summer Swapfest, Ritter Park, Cary, NC, Cary Amateur Radio Club, <http://www.qsl.net/n4nc/>

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>



Ameco AC-1 Transmitter

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One of the prized novice rigs from the 1960s was the Ameco shown above. The one above is in a youtube video, apparently owned by WA6KYO. Search for Ameco AC-1 CW QRP Transmitter and Homebrew Receiver .

March Auction of Donated Ham Gear

A local ham has recently made a generous donation of amateur radio gear to the club. Included are new and used pieces. The board has decided to place these items up for quick auction at our March club meeting prior to program. The list of equipment with starting bid is below. Bring cash (or checkbook)! After the meeting any unpurchased items will be sold online. All equipment is sold as is with no warranty implied.

- ICOM IC-751 HF Transceiver - USED - \$250
- ICOM PS-20 Power Supply 110 volt- USED - \$50
- ICOM IC-211 2m Xceiver-USED- *Has a tuning problem, maybe the offset?- check 110 OR 220 setup \$100
- ICOM IC-2A 2m handheld -USED- Battery pack is old, and not holding charge. \$5
- ICOM IC-AT500 Tuner – NEW- check 110 or 220V \$500
- ICOM IC-2KL Linear -NEW- check 110or 220v \$1000
- ICOM IC-EX1 Extension Terminal- NEW- \$20
- ICOM IC-RM2 Remote Controller- NEW- \$20
- ICOM IC-HP1 Headphones -USED- \$5
- ICOM IC-SM5 Microphone – USED- \$20
- KENWOOD SW-2000 PWR & SWR Meter – USED- \$60
- DIAWA CNW-419 Tuner -USED- \$60
- DIAWA LA-2030 2m booster -NEW- \$20
- DIAWA CS-201 Coax Switch – NEW- \$5
- DIAWA CNW-917 2m & 6m Tuner -USED- \$20
- DIAWA DA-200 2m mobile Antenna – NEW- \$10
- AEA 232MBX PAKRATT TNC – NEW- \$20
- TONO 2m-906 VHF Linear- NEW- \$20
- JIL SX200 Scanning Receiver -NEW- **Looks like a condenser has leaked at back? \$20
- FC500 Frequency Meter - NEW- \$20
- SAGANT MT-240X Multi-antenna system 10-80m – NEW- \$40