

**SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING**

Tuesday, September 14, 1999

6:00 PM

**Topic: Autopatch: Mike Duvall,  
AC4ZQ****N.R.A.O. Auditorium****NEW EDITOR STEPS FORWARD**

Bob Dorsey, K4UVT, has indicated that he will begin doing the newsletter. His first issue is scheduled to be the January, 2000 Bulletin. Bob has indicated that he has edited two previous newsletters for other clubs.

He has already prepared a sample newsletter, and it looks great. In fact, I have attempted to "borrow a couple of his ideas for this issue.

The publication process will be different under the new leadership. Bob will produce the copy-ready document. What he then needs are some individuals who will take the copy and have it duplicated and stapled at one of the local copy centers. I have recently used STAPLES.

Then we will need some individuals to fold, apply labels and stamps to each newsletter. Then they will need to be mailed.

Currently, I have three individuals who have volunteered to assist in this process. If we could get others to do the same then an alternating schedule might be established.

Please contact Joe Fritz (973-1738) if interested.

**GOING... GONE!**

My July contribution was entitled, "WHERE ARE 'WE' GOING?" and in August, it was entitled, "STILL GOING, GOING GOING..." and it was hoped that the present title would never be written. However, if no one really cares then this present title is as true as can be.

Not one word was passed on to me via the spoken word, dits 'n dahs, E-Mail or smoke signals regarding the July/August messages. Fellow members, is it apathy? Was I on the wrong railroad track? The answer is not obvious because there were neither gripes nor kudos regarding those words.

No, the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club is still "OUR" club, an ARRL Award Winner,

though that title may not truly be deserved any more. We won't be training any new members this year... We have "NO" classes this Fall, even though we still put up a pretty

good "Front" in the publicity world.

Will I still support the AARC? You bet I will! It's the only game in town and despite some problems (which can be cured) it IS a great bunch of people. Elections are around the corner and we must take special interest this year. Nominees should be certain they understand the office for which they are running. They MUST be able to attend meetings. Candidates SHOULD have some idea of the direction in which they desire the club to move. Don't name a pretty face or someone who will "GROW" in the office. Elect a person who will bring ideas and action to the club.

Yes, AARC can be a contributor to Ham Radio in CHO-ville. Let's make sure it is. 73...

**Harry, W2HD**

**From Where I Sit**

I am writing this column because I am greatly disturbed as to where I see our Club heading. During my last few months as President, I wrote articles indicating the need for everyone to get involved in some way. If everyone would commit to doing at least one thing, whether it is teaching, writing, planning programs, finding projects, or whatever task the Club needs, it will do two things - it allows the Club to get involved in many areas which, in turn, allows for greater interest not only for the existing membership, but also makes our hobby and our Club more appealing to others who may be interested in joining our ranks. It also takes the burden off those folks who are carrying the Club by doing many things each year. When I was writing those articles before, I needed to tread lightly and hide the big stick. Well, now it appears time for the big stick to come out. It is my understanding that we are not having a Fall Licensing Class because no one would step up to the plate and commit to teaching. This is a pet peeve area for me because, as many of you know, teaching was my thing before I took over the Presidency of the Club. Forgive me for being blunt, but with a Club with a membership as large as ours, this situation is deplorable and totally unsatisfactory. I got news for you....it takes new blood to keep our hobby and our Club going; and new hams don't grow on trees! As long as I've been associated with this Club, the one overriding theme I have heard is lack of time. I don't have the time. Ok, fine. I realize that for a small number of individuals they truly don't have the

time and simply wish to support the Club, HOWEVER, for a larger number, this is a neat excuse. Like most of you, I work full time and I also put in a fair amount of overtime as the job demands it. I live in Augusta County and I am on the road 2 hours a day. I'm on call every 3rd weekend. In addition to that, I am the Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 316 in Greenville and I teach Sunday School. I am telling you this because I am serving notice that we WILL have a Spring Licensing class and I'll teach it. Unless Annie wishes to remain Chairman of the Education Committee, I'll head that one up.

Since I've been associated with this Club, I have served as Vice-President for one year and President for two. I have chaired the Education Committee for 3 years and taught for almost 6. I've help set up the Awards Committee and chaired it during it's first year. I have also helped rewrite the By-Laws for the Club over here in the Valley, which I've also been a member of, and I've chaired their Education Committee for one year and taught over here for 2. I am also a proud member of the Public Service Honor roll.

I'm not spilling this to make myself to be something wonderful because I'm not. I AM letting you know this because If I can have a life like yours AND still find the time to do all this, you can surely find the time to do one thing consistently. I am also telling you this because the "I don't have the time" argument won't wash with me for a lot of folks.

To those who have been instrumental in keeping the Club on the move, I salute you and I Thank You for finding the time to care about the Club you joined. As for those who joined for the social benefits.....this Dog is finished his hiatus and on the move, and as you can tell by the tone of this column, I ain't worried about stepping on toes when it comes to welfare of my Club. It is my sincere hope that I've made a bunch of you really angry. If so, PLEASE come tell me about it to my face....I'll be at the Club Meetings getting things done.....will you?

**Bill - KC4TQF**

**HAM OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

Send your nomination statement to Joe Fritz

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**BEST MID-ATLANTIC HAMFEST SOON!**

Surely, you won't want to miss out on the finest Hamfest in the mid-Atlantic region! This terrific show & sale of Ham equipment is coming up on us quickly. It's September 18th and 19th at the Virginia Beach Pavilion. In addition to most of the major manufacturers (Kenwood, ICOM, Yaesu, MFJ, Comet, etc), there will be plenty of dealers, equipment, and parts suppliers, as well as an excellent selection in the Tail Gate area.

Advance sales tickets are \$5 each are still available! Check our WebSite([www.vahamfest.com](http://www.vahamfest.com)) or call (757)HAM-FEST.

If you bring the family - what a week-end you will have with the Neptune Festival and the Air Show nearby! You will also want to plan to see the world record setting Amateur Radio Satellite Station, KE4ZXW, over in Hampton at the Virginia Air & Space Center. It celebrates 4 years of on-the-air operations on September 21st. Special "Buy one, Get one free" general admission tickets will be available to all Hamfest families.

The Hamfest Programs include Forums led by such notable Amateurs as FCC's "Mr. Enforcer", Riley Hollingsworth and Rick Palm from the ARRL. Learn how the AMSAT projects are moving along from Jeff Embry.

Plan to go to the great Saturday evening banquet, an occasion designed for good fellowship and a time to meet lots of friends and special guests at the Hamfest.

There is a "Ladies Activity Room" for the ladies in our lives who come with us to support us, but would rather do something besides wander through the tailgating area.

Amateur Exams will be given on Saturday afternoon between 3PM and 5PM. To participate, you must preregister by Noon on Thursday, the 17th. Those points of contact are: Ed at (757)898-8031 or Ken by e-mail at [kf4ow@juno.com](mailto:kf4ow@juno.com)

Hope to see you all at the Virginia Beach Hamfest!!

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT:****76 repeater**

I have an update on the 146.76 repeater for all those that have not come to the meetings lately. The 146.76 repeater seems to be working fine in its new home. We have had many good reports from people down in Louisa and north of Charlottesville. We have good coverage down 64 towards Zion's cross roads. Coverage is about as good down Interstate 64 as it was with the gremlin. Coverage west on 64 gets somewhat spotty in a couple places even with 50 watts.

We have basically finished the installation of the tower, feedline and grounding system, many thanks to KF4FYI, K4JMY and KF4UCI all the others for taking care of the digging, concrete work and erecting of the tower. The only thing left is to connect the batteries and make sure we get an alarm when the power fails. This will be completed by the September 11th drill at the airport.

Those of you that have used the repeater in the past few weeks may have noticed that the audio levels have been changing and there has been a strange buzzing in the audio. Please do not try to adjust your rigs..

KF4UCI, K4JMY and myself have been working on getting the CTCSS output tone working. We have been changing things to try to get rid of some distortion in tone. Unfortunately, what we hear on the mountain when testing is not what we hear when other people get on the air. We still have some distortion but we are working on that. We reached a point where we have had to compromise the output level of the CTCSS tone to keep the distortion in the audio down. The output tone may work on some rigs but not on others. Please let KF4UCI or myself know if it works on your rigs or not. For those that may not know about CTCSS, the output tone on the repeater allows the CTCSS decoders in some rigs to eliminate noise from skip, pagers or computers. Only signals with the correct tone (88.5 in this case) will open the receivers squelch.

I would like to thank the following people at this time for their efforts to make this happen. DON, KE4DDR; Jimmy, K4JMY; Grayson, KF4FYI; Dave, K4DND; Bob, K4DU; Harry, W2HD; Ron, K4RKA and Mike, N4HRO. These people have provided very valuable help in the last few months. If I forgot anyone I apologize. Please let me know.

**220 repeater**

The 220 repeater seems to be working fine from the reports I get. K4DU and I are working on building replacements for the 220 cans that were crushed when the tree fell on the Carter's Mountain shack. I have managed to scrounge some 3 inch copper pipe, so all we need is some free time and labor. By mid September we might have one ready to bring for a short show-and-tell at one of the club meetings.

**440 repeater.**

The 440 repeater seems to be doing well. The coverage is not that great out at my end of town but it seems to do extremely well on the west and northwest end of the county. I used a hand held with a rubber duck at a gas station on the south side of Stanton to talk to WOANN. Ann was in Churchville. Eventually, the 440 repeater's antenna will be put up a little higher. That should help the coverage east of town some.

**Phone Patch**

At the October meeting I am going to give a talk about options for a repeater phone patch. Since we lost access to Carter's Mountain and have Piney Mountain on line, now is a good time to bring up adding an autopatch to one of the repeaters. Several people have told me that the 911 phone patch is not as important as it once was because of cell phones. Others indicate that they have used the autopatch and like having it around when they are out late at night. There might not be someone with a cell phone around to come to the rescue they say. There is the recurring expense that we have been unable to get waived. This eats up a large percentage of the dues you pay. We also need a control link to program the 76 controllers. Now is your chance to speak out. I am not trying to take sides. I just want the people that pay the dues to help make this decision. If the club wants it, we can get some people working on making it happen. There are several options and things to consider so please come to the meeting with an open mind.

**Mike Duvall, AC4ZQ**

**Technical Committee Chairman.**

**DO WE PLAN AND FOLLOW THOSE PLANS?**

Joe, KD4RWX

In this and recent newsletters, various concerns about the club and the way it functions have been expressed. Other comments have been noted, by this writer, in general conversations and discussions regarding the issues.

It is my wish to list a few of these concerns and to propose some steps which might be taken which might cause some corrective actions to be taken. The hope is to have a more dynamic and satisfying experience for club members.

Some Concerns:

**Leadership-**

Leadership is a tough one. I searched the Internet recently for leadership models and there were many ideas. Most were from the business world and were good reading. However, they would require two newsletters just to present the articles and they were just the "tip of the iceberg," so to speak.

In the article, "Self-Assessment: The First Action Requirement of Leadership" from the Peter F. Drucker Foundation, mention is made of "a method designed to help organizations think through: what we are doing, why we are doing it, and what we *must* do." The Drucker organization also developed the "Self-Assessment Tool," which presents the five most important questions for a non-profit organization to ask: *What is our mission? Who is our customer? What does the customer value? What are our results? What is our plan?*

Good questions. The answers to these, I would suggest, very few, if any, of our membership knows. Are answers to any of the five questions written down? Yes, at least one!

**WHAT IS OUR MISSION?**

Has anyone read it recently? Probably not. It can be read in its entirety on the AARC web site. It is the Charter under which we operate as a Corporation in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Let's take a look at a portion of it.

*RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ALBEMARLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.*

*We, the undersigned Officers and Directors, hereby restate the articles of the non-stock corporation formed under the provisions of Chapter 10 of Title 13.1 of the Code of Virginia on June 10, 1970, and to that end set forth as follows:*

*FIRST: The name of the corporation is to be ALBEMARLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.*

*SECOND: The purposes for which the corporation is organized is as follows:*

*(1) The primary purposes are to operate a non-stock corporation for educational and scientific purposes as follows:*

*(a) To educate and increase the proficiency of its members in the science of radio communication.*

*(b) To provide for dissemination of information among its members concerning scientific advancement and progress in the field of radio communication.*

*(c) To organize and train units of licensed radio amateurs capable of maintaining radio communication as a public service during periods of emergency.*

*(d) To encourage and sponsor experimental activities in radio communications and electronics, to the end that skills and experience gained in amateur radio will further the application of electronics to the benefit of the public at large.*

*(e) To pursue such other related educational and charitable purposes as are permitted by Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.*

These are essentially the purposes of Amateur Radio.

I will not attempt to answer "How are we doing?" on each of these purposes, but it can easily be seen that in some areas we are doing pretty good. For instance in Section (c). This has been a major function of the Club. Could improvements be made in this purpose, if we were to consider the questions: What is our plan? and What are our results? I suggest that we might still have a little work to do. For instance, what if Greg and Hein suddenly moved to Arizona? Do we have a written plan? Do we have any knowledge of past results to guide us?

What about *(a) To educate and increase the proficiency of its members in the science of radio communication?* What is our plan? What are our results? Do we have any part of our membership focusing on this purpose. The Education Committee would seem to be the likely group. Does the Education Committee have a written plan? If they don't, how do they know what to do? How many persons actually serve on this committee? How often do they meet?

If you look carefully at the purpose you will see that this is NOT speaking to the issue of conducting classes for new Hams. This is about our own membership. I would suggest that it means that the knowledgeable teach/educate other members who are less knowledgeable in such areas as the content associated with General, Advanced, and Extra Class courses regardless of any interest in learning fast code or upgrading to a higher license class. There may be other areas which members might like to learn about the ideas.

It would follow that from our membership we should have individuals who "joyfully" step forward to assist in the process of teaching. Do we? No very many, especially in the last 3 years.

What about the Novice/Tech class? I would suggest it is derived from the last section. Section *(e) To pursue such other related educational ...*

The Novice/Tech class fits nicely here. This would also fall under the Education Committee's oversight. In the past we have done a pretty good job of this. But in recent years, instructors have had to be almost begged to participate.

This Fall (as of this writing) a Novice/Tech class is NOT BEING OFFERED. There are a few individuals who have asked about us offering a class. I suppose they will be told to wait, or to study on their own. Could this have been avoided? Absolutely yes! How? If we had answered the questions: *What is our mission?* (To assist those who wish to

become Hams) *What is our plan?* (To teach a class.) *Who is our customer?* (People in our community.) *What does the customer value?* (The promise of Amateur Radio.)

How did this come about? I suggest it is because we have failed to adequately structure an Education Committee. How many members does the committee have? How many meetings has the committee held? When the committee learned there was no instructor, what did they do to solve the problem? Does the committee have a written plan for conducting classes at all levels or are the classes just supposed to happen? Has the committee tried to establish a staff of several instructors who can share the teaching load over time? Are new instructors being developed to replace those who might not be able to continue?

#### WHO IS OUR CUSTOMER?

That is relatively simple to answer. (A) The community is when there is an emergency which needs our communication assets. (B) Community organizations which use us to provide communications for their activities. (C) Those in the community who wish to have our help while learning about Amateur Radio. (D) And, our own membership.

#### WHAT ARE OUR RESULTS?

The answer to this would take a lot of thought. True, we have had many good results. We have had some failures. We have had some super efforts to overcome difficulties. But the question can only be answered in the context of what our mission is and how well we have accomplished those purposes. While we can be satisfied with what we have done; we must also keep our eye on what we should do.

#### WHAT DOES THE CUSTOMER VALUE?

That would require a survey and is beyond the scope of my message today.

#### WHAT IS OUR PLAN?

Since I have been a Ham, and a member of the AARC, we have had an Education Committee. Most of that time, the Education Committee consisted of a Chair and two other named individuals. Did they ever meet, plan, propose new educational adventures? Not much. Mostly, the Chair tried to find some instructors for the Novice-Technician Class, or taught it them self.

This is where I think we have a real problem. Joe (W2PVY) found that when he was thrust into the Vice President's position, there was not any real guidelines. He called for each area to develop guidelines. I do not think that went very far. I am particularly interested in whether our Education Committee following written by plans or doing things by the seat of their pants.

What we need is a committee which is loaded with some dynamic, forward looking people willing to do some essential things to make things work. Likewise, we need a membership which is willing to step forward and supply a stable basis of instructors, seminar leaders, program presenters, and general all-round elmers.

As mentioned, this fall, we are not even promoting a class. The previous instructor was not available, and the decision was made to just do nothing. This is entirely unacceptable. We might not have anyone show up for a class, but to not offer it - oh, my! We are really failing. It is easy to understand that the easy road was to not go out once again and beg for instructors week after week. Planning might have helped in this case.

This failing does not entirely fall on the Committee. The Board has to shoulder some of the responsibility. Did it hand out to the Chair of that committee (or any committee) what the full range of duties were? Did it schedule periodic, timely reports concerning the status of plans or problems encountered? Not really. Perhaps individuals were asked if they had anything to say. Chairs are not regularly scheduled to report on their Committee's status to the Board or they do not know what to report on in a timely fashion.

That is part of the problem. With a properly structured Educational Committee, plans might have already been made to have a cadre/pool of 6 to 8 individuals who would teach. These people might have to be pounded on the head to agree to teach, but with a reserve group of instructors, schedules can be worked out. That more or less was done informally a few years ago when Bill (KC4TQF) and Bob (W2BR) were instructors. They would bring in new individuals to cut their teeth in instruction.

You may have read elsewhere in this newsletter, Bill speak strongly about the failure of having a class. Bill is a big advocate for the educational component of our club.

The Educational Committee should have at least the following things in place.

#### I. A PLAN: A comprehensive written plan.

This plan should be available for each new committee in January of each year. If they wish to make some modifications to the plan, so be it. But they will know what they are supposed to do and allocate resources to carry out the plan. That plan would be passed on to the next year's committee. One plan for the Education Committee might encompass the following ideas.

- A. Create and maintain a basic "staff" of instructors who are willing to fit into a well design instructional plan. This would include a willingness to teach advanced courses, conduct special educational seminars. Then the committee would work to encourage members and area Hams to take enrichment courses.
- B. Create a basic group of members who would be willing to prepare and present an Introduction to Amateur Radio program at local schools on a regular basis (once every 1 or 2 years).
- C. Create a group who would be willing to assist the Vice President plan and schedule meeting programs. This group might develop an encouragement plan to get members to prepare programs.
- D. Prepare the basic publicity for all educational activities. The actual distribution may be done by the regular Publicity Committee.
- E. Establish a Working Calendar to make sure activities are conducted in a timely fashion. Much like the Public Service program does. Make regular reports to the Board.
- F. Prepare timely articles for the newsletter, letting the membership community know what is going on and what has been accomplished.
- G. Meet at least three (3) times per year and make timely reports.

How about the other committees?

A	B
	New ads may be placed directly to the editor: 804 973-1738 or email at kd4rwx@aol.com
7/1/99 FOR SALE: HF BEAM	Rick, KO4WQ, would like to sell a Mosley TA33jr three element triband beam. Call him at 804 823-1128
7/22/99 FOR SALE: ICOM HF TRANSCEIVER	Richard, K4VY, would like to sell an ICOM IC-735 HF transceiver and PS55 power supply, desk & mobile mike, manual. Call 804 974-9852.
7/29/99 FOR SALE: VARIAC	Ron, K4RKA, has for sale several variacs, 1.25amp, 3amp, 6amp, 10amp, and 20amp rating from \$5 to \$20 each. Call 804 973-3640.
7/29/99 FOR SALE: KENWOOD HF TRANSCEIVER	Richard, N8HUU, is offering a Kenwood TS690 hf + 6m transceiver. It includes am/fm/ssb/full qsk, mike & manual. Call him at 804
8/19/99 FOR SALE: MCINTOSH COMPUTER	To go with the new McIntosh logging program, Ron, K4RKA, has for sale a McIntosh Performa 475 computer, modem, printer, monitor for \$100 total. Call 804 973-3640 if interested.
9/2/99 WANTED: LASER PRINTER	Rick, KO4WQ, is looking for an IBM format laser printer.

**VE SESSIONS - 1999**

October 9 Richmond	Pat Wilson 804 932-9424 9 AM (Walk-ins please call)
December 11 Richmond	Pat Wilson 804 932-9424 9 AM (Walk-ins please call)

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH...**

N4HRO	Mike	Sept. 2
K4QKH	Bow	Sept. 7
KD4CUB	Suzanne	Sept. 9
K8EV	Richard	Sept. 10
KF4UCI	Elmer	Sept. 13
WD4HMW	James	Sept. 17
KA4BMT	Glen	Sept. 24
K4RK	Bob	Sept. 20
KE4ZNO	Fred	Sept. 21
AA4CN	Bruce	Sept. 23
W4KSH	Bill	Sept. 28
D4KWJ	Denise	Sept. 26

**CLUB BUSINESS**

**AARC Meeting - July 13, 1999**

Minutes for June were approved.

- New Member: Jon Sutter, KC0GBV
- ARES/RACES Meeting in Blacksburg on July 24th.
- Mike, AC4ZQ, indicated that work at the repeater site had been done. Dug hole, poured concrete, and installed conduit. The cost was about \$298. Moved that we pay the amount due. Motion passed.
- Mike indicated that cans for the 220 are still being considered to be made out of copper pipe.
- Reminder that the August 10th meeting is a picnic at McIntire Park, shelter #1 at 6 PM.
- Dick, N4DFS, mentioned the SKYWARN patches are available.
- Ron, K4RKA, mentioned about receiving some test equipment from Litton. Mostly junk.
- Mike, N4HRO, mentioned that the Field Day was an enjoyable experience. Paid a complement to Ernie, W2EIU, concerning publicity.
- Chuck, KS4NW, suggested the possibility of a Special Event station related to Monticello.

The program was presented by Dick, W4BZW. It was on his hobby of downloading weather maps using Amateur Radio. It was an well done program.

**Board Meeting August 3, 1999**

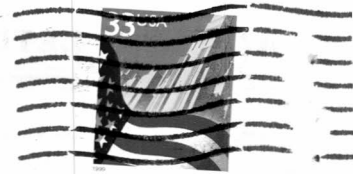
- Joe, KD4RWX, moved that Grayson be paid \$140 for his tower which was installed at the 146.760 repeater site. Approved.
- Rick, KO4WQ, indicated that the RACES cards were still delayed.
- Greg, N4PGS, Activities Chair, reported that seven members attended the Blacksburg RACES program and that it was well organized.
- Reminder of the Simulated Emergency Test on Sept. 11th.
- Hein, N4FWA, asked if a battery had been installed at .76. Needed for SET. Mike, AC4ZQ, indicated there were several options.
- Hein moved that we purchase 2-6v golf cart 220 amph batteries. Approved.
- Bob, K4DU, to get copper downspout tubing for 220 machine cans.
- Hein asked Mike to check on 2/440 Diplexer. Mike will do that (was returned on September 7th)
- Hein mentioned that he detected the .76 repeater being desensed under certain conditions. Asked about a battery code for .925 which came up recently. Could the problem observed be solved by programming?
- Ann, W0ANN, in response to a question concerning the expected class for September, indicated she had not contacted anyone yet. Jessie, KE4OID, indicated that she would call. They will let Joe know for newsletter announcement.
- September program might be Kellermann. Schedules will be checked.
- A discussion about phones and Autopatch was held. Mike indicated that he would make a presentation at the September meeting.

**AARC Meeting August 10, 1999**

A picnic was held. No official business was conducted. (It was reported to Joe, that the last instructor was not available to teach the September class and it had been decided that no class would be offered.)

Submitted by Joseph D. Fritz, KD4RWX, Secretary AARC

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**AARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Notify Joe (KD4RWX) to place information on the calendar.

Month	Day(s)	Activity
Sept:	14	Meeting Nominating Committee named
Oct:	12	Annual Meeting Elections and Committee reports; Nominations due for Ham of The Year
Nov:	9	Meeting
Dec:	14	Meeting

**PUBLIC SERVICE SCHEDULE**

DATE	EVENT
TBA	Heart Walk
TBA	Montpelier Horse Races

Please sign up at meetings when the SIGN UP CLIPBOARD is passed around. You can also send an email to Greg (N4PGS) indicating your interest in working particular events.  
**Greg (N4PGS) and (Hein N4FWA)**

**CLUB MEETINGS**

**Regular Meeting: Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Board and Technical Meetings: First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.**  
Meetings are held at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) building, Edgemont Road (UVA area)

**WA4TFZ REPEATERS**

INPUT/OUTPUT	TONE ACCESS (if required, etc.)
146.160/146.760	88.5 Hz

(If tone is enabled, you can turn the tone off and back on temporarily by:

Temporary Tone OFF	DTMF 325*
Remove Temporary Tone Off	DTMF 326*
Time	DTMF 10*
Tone status of repeater	DTMF 700*

146.325/146.925	88.5 Hz if enabled
223.160/224.760	no tone
449.250/444.250	151.4 Hz (If enabled)
145.030 MACHO node	
145.030 CHO Packet Bulletin Board	

**LOCAL NETS:** (146.760 repeater)

Monday night: Information Net (each Monday) 7 PM  
YL Net (1st Monday of month) 8:30 PM

Thursday night: Northern Piedmont Emergency Net & Swap Net & Technical Session (each Thursday) 8 PM

**LUNCHEON:**

Wednesday: Area Hams gather at the Old Country Buffet (OCB) next to TOYS R US on 29 North 11 AM - 1 PM