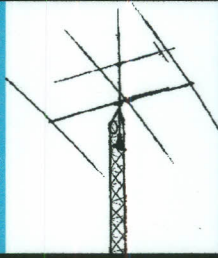


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Meeting Notice

The next regular AARC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 12 at 7:30 PM** at the **Astronomy Building on the UVA campus**. The program for the evening will be announced shortly.

See you there!!

Dues are Due !!!

AARC dues are due by January 1 of each year. Dues are the same price as last year. You may go the AARC website to download a PDF copy of the membership application form if you need one.

Also, when paying your dues by check, **please indicate in the memo line whether you are a member of ARRL or not.** If you have already paid, then please provide **this information to Marty, AG4DN, or Ralph, K4CFE as soon as possible.** Since AARC is an ARRL affiliated club, **we need to know this in our accounting to ARRL for the number of club members who also are ARRL members.** Mni tnx for your cooperation!

Youth License Class This Month

A Youth License class is starting this month! It will be held at Albemarle High School, and will start on Feb. 3 and runs for eight weeks. **The intended audience is high school students as well as adults.**

Registration is accomplished by calling Albemarle High School at 975-9450.

The President Speaks

Steve, KF4ZGD

Welcome Hello again everybody! I hope 2003 is going well so far for all. It certainly has been cold for the first month of the year, and it seems propagation has gone down with the temperature. For the past two weeks my HF net (the North American Youth Net) has had a terrible time just due to the lack of propagation. But, hopefully it'll return soon, along with the warm weather!

For those of you who missed the dinner, it was lots of fun, and we had a great turnout! There were probably forty or fifty club members in attendance. We passed out some award certificates and raffled several ARRL books. So, if you couldn't make it this time, make plans for next year's!

Speaking of making plans, why not make plans to attend this month's club meeting? It will be held Tuesday, February 11, at 7:30 P.M. at the Astronomy building on the UVa grounds. The topic will be *(not yet announced)*, so be sure to come out. Also, a quick reminder to the board, the board meeting will be held an hour before the club meeting this month -- that's 6:30 P.M., Feb. 11.

Last month I promised some exciting new activities, and I'll tell you about one of them here. In November 1998, a few months after I was first licensed, the club had a transmitter hunt. Unfortunately I was not able to attend, but as I recall, Bill Bearden KC4TQF won that event after he'd given up and headed home.

After that, all the local hams packed up their T-hunting gear and headed for home, and they haven't had it out since. Well, its been five years now, and the time has come to get it out again. If there is sufficient interest, we'll be having another one fairly soon! So, get ready to dust off your beams and Doppler shift equipment in the near future!

Well, that's all for this month. Till next time...

73 -- Steve Traylor, KF4ZGD

Veep Peeps

Pete, W4PRT

Greetings!

I hope that everyone that came to the AARC January dinner meeting had a good time. We had a good turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy each others company as well.

When I first started thinking about this column this month, I had a different topic that I thought that I wanted to talk about. Originally I had wanted to talk about trying to start a 2m/70cm contest within the club. Start small, see what works and what doesn't and perhaps let it grow a bit bigger the following year.

I bounced the idea around to a few folks and wanted to see what theythought about it. They thought it was an

interesting idea. Then I asked, "What do I do to get people in the club really involved in this?"

The best answer that I got was this, "If you want to sell a product, you have to know something concrete about the target audience."

This answer got me thinking about things. Such things like, we had wanted to do a Lewis and Clark Special event station, but it never got off the ground. We want to do a display at the County Fair, but will we have enough people to volunteer and work the display. Who will step up and get that organized?

These are just a few of the ideas that we have heard about. I am sure that there are other people out there with other ideas for things that we can participate in as a club.

I don't think that the problem is coming up with things to do, I think that the problem is that everybody isn't interested in the same things.

So, how do we find out what everyone is interested in? Yep, you guessed it, a survey!

Below are the URLs to a survey that I found on the Internet. Bob Dorsey helped me get it into a form that you can print out from the newsletter. Please take a few minutes and fill the survey out and bring it to the next meeting.

For those folks that get the newsletter via the United States Postal Service, a survey will be included with your newsletter.

<http://www.gsl.net/k4uvt/Survey2.htm> (Portrait Mode)

<http://www.gsl.net/k4uvt/Survey.htm> (Landscape Mode)

At the next meeting, I'd like to discuss the survey and get people's ideas on what we want to do. I want to try and get some idea of what our common interests are and build on those ideas.

Doing this would help us better plan club activites and events as well as the monthly programs that we have at the club meetings.

Now, back to what I had originally wanted to write about. Does anyone have any interest in starting an annual contest for local hams around the area?

Let me know...

73, Pete

Quarter Century Wireless Association

Bob, K4DU

The first in a series of articles about various Amateur Radio Organizations

QCWA's fundamental purpose is the promotion of friendship and cooperation among amateur radio operators who were licensed at least a quarter century ago. QCWA was started in New York City in 1947. The national headquarters is now located in Eugene, Oregon. There are currently over 10,000 members of QCWA.

In order to become a member of the QCWA you must currently hold an amateur radio license and be able to prove that you held a license twenty-five years ago (before 1979). The organization's headquarters has old callbooks which can be used to verify the claim. QCWA promotes amateur radio by publishing the QCWA Journal and sponsoring college scholarships. The organization also honors the heritage of the hobby, holds on-the-air events, a national convention and, on occasion, files comments on Rules Proposed by the FCC. This year's QCWA Convention will be held October 16-18 in Addison, Texas (near Dallas).

The winter edition of QCWA Journal announced the 16 winners of scholarships awarded in 2002. To date QCWA has awarded 221 scholarships with a total value in excess of \$175,000.

Members become affiliated with local chapters. The local Chapter for this area is Chapter 155 "The Virginia Chapter". Chapter 155 holds "Quarterly" dinner meetings (generally at the Old Country Buffet) here in Charlottesville. The meetings are family style and very informal. Occasionally local Chapter members are recognized with Operating Awards for their years of activity in amateur radio.

For more information about QCWA check out www.qcwa.org, or e-mail Jim Walsh, the General Manager at jwalsh@teleport.com. For information about Chapter 155's activities contact Ernie Sardi W2EIU. You don't need to be a member to attend Chapter 155 meetings.

Northern Piedmont Emergency Net Year End Report for 2002

Tnx Dave, K4DND

Thanks to everyone for your participation in the Northern Piedmont Emergency Net this past year.

In 2002 I have data for 51 net sessions – while we had 52 sessions, my poor bookkeeping let one net session fall through the cracks. There were a total of 82 call signs represented (up 11 from last year), with an average number of 17.6 checkins for each session (also up from last year's 17.0).

The following table lists the 82 stations in order of frequency, both by the number of checkins and the percentage that number represents of the total of 51 sessions. Data have been rounded to the nearest whole number in all cases. Stations who object to this treatment are encouraged to keep track of their own fractional representation. Furthermore, the table has been divided into five categories on an entirely arbitrary basis.

NAME	CALL SIGN	# OF CHECKINS	PERCENTAGE OF CHECKINS
CONGRATULATIONS			
Steve	KF4ZGD	47	92
Dave	K4DND	45	88
Harry	W2HD	44	86
Emily	KF4OXY	44	86
Ron	K4RKA	44	86
Vic	N3DFS	41	80
Ernie	W2EIU	39	76
Ben	KG4QVP	39	76
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK			
Joe	W2PVY	36	71
Howard	KG4TWQ	36	71
Don	KE4DDR	35	69
Stan	K2SSB	32	63
Bill	KD4TOR	32	63
Jeffrey	KG4QWR	31	61
Rick	KO4WQ	29	57
Tom	W4RAE	28	55
Dick	W4BZW	27	53
SEE YOU MORE OFTEN IN 2002?			
Ralph	K4CFE	25	49
Marty	AG4DN	25	49
Richard	K8EV	23	45
Dennis	KG4SYS	19	37
Bob	K4DU	17	33
Jimmy	K4JMY	15	29
Walt	KG4QIA	15	29
Steve	KD4HBX	13	25
Elmer	KF4UCI	13	25
Dick	K4EBL	12	24
Mike	KA4JJD	12	24
Josh	KG4NGV	11	22
John	WA4IUN	10	20
Alan	KF4NOR	10	20
Matt	KG4OVD	8	16
Chuck	KS4NW	7	14

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Sarah	KG4OFX	7	14
Pete	W4PRT	7	14
Fred	KF4ZNO	7	14

OCCASIONALS

Jeff	KE6PVT	6	12
Ed	KF4UTD	6	12
June	KD4ATH	5	10
Tom	WB5BNT	5	10
Frank	KF4NOO	5	10
Hein	N4FWA	4	8
Tim	KG4HOT	4	8
Jamie	KA3NXN	4	8
Jim	WD4HMW	3	6
Brad	N7IVV	3	6
Greg	N4PGS	3	6

LOST AND CONFUSED, VISITORS, RARE DX, NEWLY LICENSED, PASSING THROUGH TOWN

Jerry	WD4CEN	2	4
Matt	KG4DGS	2	4
Bob	N4HRV	2	4
Chuck	KG4IJB	2	4
Lee	K4ISW	2	4
Steve	KC2KFG	2	4
Rick	KG4NFW	2	4
Jim	KC4AUG	1	2
Debby	KG4DCY	1	2
Donna	KG4FOL	1	2
Ken	KE4GKD	1	2
Terry	KG4GLS	1	2
Mike	W4HIR	1	2
Mike	N4HRO	1	2
Millard	KG4JAO	1	2
Joe	KA0JG	1	2
Clay	W4LNT	1	2
Garland	KG4MPR	1	2
Terry	KG4MWI	1	2
Kevin	KC4OCM	1	2
Jason	KG4PMJ	1	2
Jesse	W4PQK	1	2
Bryan	KG4QQP	1	2
Morris	NM4R	1	2
Jill	KG4TFS	1	2
Matt	KF4TKJ	1	2
Kaye	KE4UKW	1	2
Terry	KT4UO	1	2
Bob	K4UVT	1	2
Jeff	KF4UTC	1	2
Ed	KA4VMP	1	2
Dave	N3YBY	1	2
Valerie	KB8ZIS	1	2

ARRL 2003 Winter Operating Schedule

Tnx Ralph, K4CFE

SB QST ARL ARLB001

ARLB001 W1AW 2003 Winter Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 1700 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM EST)
 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST)
 (Station closed 1700 to 1800 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM EST))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
2100 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
2200 " (5 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
2300 " (6 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0000 " (7 PM EST)	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
0000 " "	CWf	Tue, Thu
0100 " (8 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
0200 " (9 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0245 " (9:45 PM EST)	VOICE	Daily
0300 " (10 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
0300 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
0400 " (11 PM EST)	CWb	Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.818, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675, 147.555

RTTY: 3.625, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095, 147.555

VOICE: 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390, 28.590, 147.555

Notes:

- CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM

- CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM
- CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM
- CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.
- RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud). ASCII (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.
- Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.
- On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM EST), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.
- A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Thursdays and 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Fridays.
- In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.
- FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1500 UTC to 1700 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM EST), and then from 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur license or a photocopy.
- The W1AW Operating Schedule may also be found on page 96 in the January 2003 issue of QST or on the web at <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html>.

Club Business

AARC Board Minutes January 8, 2002

Members Present: Steve KF4ZGD, Pete W4PRT, Howard KG4TWQ, Will KJ4XZ, Steve KD4HBX, Bob K4DU, Ralph K4CFE.

The evening discussion started with a consideration carried over from the last Board, namely whether to have the Board meeting on the same night as the Membership Meeting. It was decided that the Board would meet one hour prior to the Membership Meeting each month. The annual schedule was next on the agenda.

No Board Meeting will be held on August as that is the Picnic Meeting and the May meeting will be Field Day.

New membership in the Club was next discussed, followed by an inquiry as to where the Club stood on the equipment we received from Sperry Marine. An inquiry will be made of Bud Bezell KB4JNI on this matter.

Ralph presented the financial report. Some questions were asked concerning details of the annual expenditures for support, insurance, activities and meetings. This brought the new members up to speed.

Upon considering Field Day it was noted that Ernie W3EIU had agreed to do PR. Steve KF4ZGD indicated he would ask Ernie if he would perform the PR function for the club.

Steve KF4ZGD noted that he had requested that Jaime KA3NXN chair the Tech Committee and he had declined. Steve then indicated he would ask Jimmy K4JMY to chair the committee.

A new Tech Class will be started at Albemarle High School on February 3, 7-9 PM and run for 8 weeks.

Some discussion followed on the 146.76, 146.925-7K controller. The new Board was briefed. Ralph indicated he would speak to Elmer about this issue.

Discussion followed concerning the 22 CAN (duplexer) problem and the problem was placed on hold.

Renewing the status of AARC as a "Special Service Club" will be deferred to a special committee of the club.

Bob Pattison was made chair of the Membership Committee. Steve KD4HBX was made chair of the Activities Committee. Ben Mills will assume duty of membership records for Joe Fritz.

Steve KF4ZGD indicated he would like to know if there was any interest in a booth at the County Fair or a transmitter hunt.

Pete W4PRT brought up the possibility of a 2mm/70cm contest, a display at Fashion Square Mall or having a Santa Net for the 2003 holiday season.

Door prizes were agreed upon for the Banquet Meeting on January 12.

The issuance of Club membership card was discussed and approved.

Being there was no further business the Board closed its meeting.

Submitted by Marty AG4DN, Secy.

Regular Meeting January 12, 2002

The AARC Annual Banquet was held at the Ponderosa Steak House, Pan Tops on January 12, 2003. The evening kicked off with dinner at 5:30 PM. Upon completion of the meal and all had been fed to their hearts content, President for

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2003 Steve KF4ZGD presented awards to past officers of the club. Bob Pattison, Joe Fritz and Elmer Scott were recognized for their past performances and were thanked for their fine work. Also, recognized for their efforts were the members of 2002 Board of Directors.

Dave Damon, K4DND, made the next set of presentations. Awards were presented to those who participated in the Northern Piedmont Emergency Net on a continuous basis. There were 82 different stations checking in to the net in 2002. The average participation per session being 18 stations.

Steve then proposed that the club set up a booth at this year's County Fair as has been discussed in the past. He asked for the level of interest in the membership present and if any one would volunteer to chair the effort. Rick Berman KO4WQ suggested that the booth be manned in two hour shifts. No decisions were made.

Pete W4PRT then held a raffle for a number of door prizes.

This concluded the club Banquet for 2003 and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Submitted by Marty Mait AG4DN, Secy.

RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest

Feb. 15-17 YLRL YL-OM Contest - SSB

Feb. 22-23 CQWW 160 Meter Contest (SSB)

Jan. 25-26 REF Contest (France)

Jan. 25-26 Kansas QSO Party

The [SM3CER Contest Service - Contest Calendars](#) is the most comprehensive web site to obtain info and rules for just about every contest that exists. Just click the link for the month of interest to see a full list of all contests scheduled for that month. Then click on the contest of interest to get info on that contest.

Since I do a fair amount of contesting, I'll be happy to help you learn more about this fascinating facet of our hobby.

73, Bob K4UVT

Contest Highlights This Month

Bob, K4UVT

In the ARRL contest lineup are two interesting contests. The School Club Roundup is intended for our younger operators. It is a 6-day event. Check it out and get in contact with other young ops!! The ARRL DX Contest is one of the major DX contests of the year, where the US and Canada work the rest of the world. I guarantee the bands will be hopping – you'll be here in there, for sure -- and this is an excellent chance to work hams all over the world!! The CW weekend is always in February, followed by the Phone weekend in early March.

ARRL-Sponsored Contests

Feb. 11-16 School Club Roundup

Jan. 4-5 ARRL International DX Contest
(CW weekend)

Complete info, rules and log forms for these events can be obtained online at the [ARRL Contest Calendar - 2003](#) webpage.

Other Contests of Interest

Feb. 1-2 New Hampshire QSO Party

Vermont QSO Party

Delaware QSO Party

Feb. 8-10 YLRL YL-OM Contest - CW

AARC Classified Ads

All items must be related to amateur radio and must be surplus to the owners operation (i.e. no dealers or for profit). Price may be listed if desired. **Note:** Check also the WA4TFZ/AARC web page at <http://www.people.virginia.edu/~ejd4e/aarc/>. Please note that all small letters must be used for this address. New Ads should be placed directly to the Editor: 804 990-2659 or via E-mail to the Editor at k4uyt@yahoo.com Please **let K4RKA know when items can be deleted from this file.** Updated 1/23/2002.

Need a Manual??

Here are some sites recommended on the Thursday night net... www.w7fg.com, alenco.com, kenwood.com, icom.com, hamradio.com. If that is not enough, W2EIU, Ernie has a bunch of manuals, both old and new and K4RKA has several military equipment manuals. Good hunting...

12/30/02 FOR SALE: Antennas. Tower & coax

Jeffrey, KG4QWR, offers a discone scanner antenna multi band vertical for \$35 and a MFJ 5/8 wave for \$15. 3 50 foot sections of RG59 at \$15 per section, 2 100 foot sections of RG213/RG8U at \$25 each. **Giveaway** - 11 element UHF 70cm beam & 40 meter random wire antenna. Contact KG4QWR@ARRL.NET or 540-894-9177 pickup only at Lake Anna Va.

10/31/02 FOR SALE: 450 MHz Scanner

Lewis, WD4PKS, offers a Unimetrics Durascan 4 450 MHz, 4 channel scanner with crystals for our 444.250 repeater. \$20 or trade for ?? Call 434-979-7077

8/15/02 FOR SALE: K4MTX Estate Sale

Channel Master stereo headphones, \$5. 6 outlet ac power strip, solder sucker, soldering iron, Wollensak stereo headphones \$3 each or best offer. Speaker \$2. Contact Ron, K4RKA, on .925 or 434 973-3640

12/19/02 FOR SALE: Dual Band Mobile Pre Hamfest Sale Items

Joe, W2PVY, would like to sell an Alinco DR-605-T dual band mobile, 50 watt on 2m, 35 watt on 450, lots of features, manual, mike, mobile mounting bracket, all for \$200. Also a Brown Bros. paddle, Heil HM10 microphone, TenTec Paragon HF Xcvr \$600. 160-10 all bands, Yaesu 470 dual band handheld \$150, TH25 2m Xcvr + accessories. Call 434-589-1495.

Area Hamfests

FrostFest 2003
February 9

Richmond, VA

Virginia Section
Convention

Sponsor: Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society
<http://www.frostfest.com>
Contact: Pat Wilson, W4PW
4416 New Kent Highway
Quinton, VA 23141
Phone: 804-932-9424
Email: w4pw@arrl.net

FCC Database Updates

New Calls

None reported

Upgrades

None Reported

VE Session Schedule - 2003

February 8
Richmond

(Richmond
ARC/RAVE)

(ARRL VEC)

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: M PATRICK WILSON
(804)932-9424
Email: W4PW@ARRL.NET
WWW.W4PW.ORG (TO REGISTER)
Location: J. Sargeant Reynolds Comm. Coll.
1651 E PARHAM RD-BLDG B
RICHMOND, VA 23228

Date
Location

For other exam sessions in Virginia outside the AARC area, check the [ARRL Exam Session Search](#) web page.

(ARRL VEC)

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Contest Calendars

ARRL Contest Calendar 2003

ARRL sponsored contests

SM3CER Contest Service - Calendar 2003

Contests all over the world! Also has links to online rules for most contests

Contesting Online

Just about everything contests!

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Next Club Meeting : February 11 - 7:30 PM UVA - Astronomy Building

CLUB MEETINGS and NETS

REGULAR Meeting: Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
BOARD & TECHNICAL Meetings: First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
 Meetings are held at the UVA Astronomy building at 530 McCormick Road.
LUNCHEON: Wednesdays -- Area hams gather at the **Wood Grill Buffet** on Rte 29 North from 11 AM – 1 PM
Monday Night Information Net – Each Monday at 7:00 PM
Youth Net: Each Wednesday at 7:30 PM on 147.075
Northern Piedmont Emergency Net / Swap Net / Technical Session: Each Thursday at 8:00 PM
All Nets are held on the 146.760 repeater (except for the Youth Net)

AREA REPEATERS

WA4TFZ

<u>INPUT/OUTPUT</u>	<u>Tone Access (if needed)</u>
146.160/146.760	151.4 Hz
146.325/146.925	151.4 Hz
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

Other Area Repeaters

145.410 (-) 100 Hz Tone (if enabled) -- AF4CY (Madison)
 442.075 (+) 151.4 Hz Tone -- KF4UCI

AARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
February 11	Regular Club Meeting
March 11	Regular Club Meeting
April 8	Regular Club Meeting
May 13	Regular Club Meeting
June 10	Regular Club Meeting
July 8	Regular Club Meeting

AARC - PUBLIC SERVICE SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT
March 6	911 EOC Drill
March ??	Bike Race
April ??	MS Walk
June 7	MS Bike Tour, Day 1
June 8	MS Bike Tour, Day 2
August ??	Mountain Mama Bike Tour, Monterey
November 1	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.