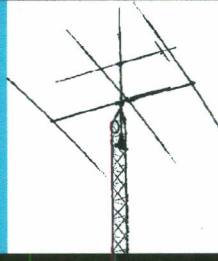


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Meeting Notice

The next regular AARC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 PM** at the **UVA Astronomy Building**. The program will be a presentation by the Albemarle Police Department about the **MobileWatch** program.

See you there!!

The President Speaks

Steve, KF4ZGD

As I sit here writing this article, I am reflecting on this past summer. It seems it has passed faster than any summer in memory. That is probably due to my being busier than ever, but from a club standpoint, it has been very enjoyable. To start things off, we had a fabulous **Field Day** operation, in which we ran two HF stations, a GOTA station, and a satellite station. Our score was very comparable and was certainly something to be proud of and it reflected a job well done by all. Many thanks again to everyone who donated their time, equipment, and effort.

The second major effort of the summer was the **August Picnic**. **As always, Steve Clements did a super job providing the food and everything else we could have possibly needed. We really appreciate all his efforts!**

Of course, it couldn't have been the picnic without all the hams who attended. I want to personally thank every one of you who came out, and if you couldn't make it, be sure to make plans for next year! Our tailgate mini-hamfest also turned out very well. There were a decent number of people selling, and just as many, if not more, were shopping. To see more picnic photos, check out the Picnic site at <http://www.mcbtech.net/users/kf4zgd/>.

Third, were the public service events. We had several of these, and they turned out quite well. However, as a club that supports public service events, we do need to work on providing better support in terms of man-power. Several times recently, we have operated events short-handed. To

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support an event, we need to provide full contingent of operators, or we shouldn't be supporting that event. Though public service season is winding down for this year, think about it for next year. Make plans to help out!

Last but not least, is the **Albemarle County Fair**. As I write this article, Bob K4DU and others are making final preparations for our booth at the fair. This is a very exciting opportunity, and I expect it will generate a good bit of interest in our hobby among members of the community. Hopefully it will go very well, and thanks in advance to Bob and those who planned it, as well as the others who have volunteered to help out.

So, summer is over. **Fall is election time**, when we choose those who will serve as officers in the upcoming year. The nominating committee will be named at the September meeting, the nominees at the October meeting and the general election will be held at the November meeting. If you are interested in serving in the upcoming year, let the nominating committee know!

Tuesday, September 9, is our regular club meeting.

The topic will be Mobile Watch, and will be presented by someone from the local police department. As always, location is the Astronomy building, and time is 7:30 pm. Make plans to attend!

Finally, a quick note about me. **This Monday, August 25, I begin classes locally at Piedmont Virginia Community College.** Having finished high school this past spring, this is the next step in my education. I am looking forward to it, though it will be challenging and different. Several have asked if it will affect me in accomplishing my job as club president. All my classes are in the daytime, so I will be at club meetings, etc. and I'll continue fulfilling my duties as I have thus far.

That's all for this month. See you at the September meeting, guys and gals!

73 -- Steve, KF4ZGD

Veep Peeps

Pete, W4PRT

Greetings!

It seems like August was a busy month, with the 2nd Annual AARC Picnic and Swapfest and the clubs involvement with the Albemarle County Fair.

I'd like to thank everyone for all they did to make the Picnic and Hamfest a success. I think everyone had a good time and there was plenty for all to eat. I saw more than a few folks walking away with new (to them) equipment. I even got into the act and got a Kenwood 2 meter rig that I intend to use for packet. Made my evening.

I happened to be working the first evening of the Albemarle County fair and had a great time. I learned how to fill out a Radiogram and what was involved in passing traffic. From the other folks that I heard working the other nights it seems like this was a success also. I got one Radiogram that I wasn't expecting and need to pass along a reply and have another that needs to go out. Perhaps I'll send those along through the Northern Piedmont Emergency Net.

All in all, a very busy and successful month. Again my thanks to everyone that participated and made each of those events a success.

This month's presentation will be given by Carla Bauer of the Albemarle County Police Departments Crime Prevention Division. She'll be talking about the Mobilewatch Program. Some of you may remember the Mobilewatch program from the past but others may find it new and interesting.

As always, I hope to see everyone at the meeting. If you know someone who hasn't made it to a meeting in a while, invite them to come along.

Also, the students are back and along with that and the construction you may want to park behind the Astronomy Building. There is more parking behind the building than you will find in front.

73, Pete

Albemarle County Fair Report

Bob, K4DU

The AARC's first year exhibiting at the Albemarle County Fair (ACF) was a success. The club set up a station in the Commercial Exhibits tent. That was the tent that collapsed on Thursday evening just after the NPEN net ended in the midst of a storm.

Thanks to quick thinking on the part of Ben and Dennis the only loss suffered was a table damaged in the tent collapse. Ben and Dennis offered the resources of Amateur Radio to ACF officials and assisted in the rescuing of several people who were trapped beneath the tent.

In the course of the five days that the fair was open, Amateur Radio was presented to many fair goers and several Radiograms were sent to people throughout the US. During the course of the Fair we also managed to have conversations of substance about amateur radio with a number of public officials including Congressman Virgil Goode.

I would like to thank the following operators for their help with the station:

KD4WXY – Shawn, W4PRT – Pete, K4CQY – Jon, AG4DN – Marty, K4ISW – Lee, KG4TFS – Jill, KT4UO – Terry, KG4QVP – Ben, KG4SYS – Dennis, KG4OVD – Cayman, Steve –

KF4ZGD, Rick – W3KDR, John – KG4ZWD, Andrea- KG4ZWE and K4DND – Dave.

Thanks also go to Harry – W2HD for the loan of a power supply for the station and Hein - N4FWA who offered an antenna for HF that we planned to use during the weekend, however with the tent collapse and the closure of the Fair on Friday we did not get around to that part of our operating plan. I would also like to thank all who took the time to work us on two meters.

It is my recommendation that the AARC return to the ACF next year. I suggest that next years activities include a **special event station on HF** and a **station featuring digital modes** including ATV/SSTV and PSK as well as traffic handling.

Thanks to all for a job well done.

Club Business

AARC Board Minutes August 12, 2003

There was no official board meeting this month due to our annual picnic.

Submitted by Marty AG4DN, Secy.

Regular Meeting August 12, 2003

There was no official board meeting this month due to our annual picnic.

Many thanks to everyone who made it so successful!

Submitted by Marty Mait AG4DN, Secy.

AARC Picnic Photos

Tnx to KO4WQ, KG4OVD and KG4DCY for photos



Good food and good company...



Chef Hal serves up superbly prepared burgers



Howard and Sarah are obviously contented diners!!



Well, will it be horseshoes, football or volleyball ??



Time for refreshment...



Eyeball QSO's at the tailgate hamfest!



Anyone for a friendly game of football?

Contest Highlights This Month

Bob, K4UVT

ARRL-Sponsored Contests

Sept. 13-15 [ARRL Sept. VHF QSO Party](#)

Sept. 20-21 [ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest](#)

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

Other Contests of Interest

Sep 6-7 [All Asian DX Contest - SSB](#)

Sep 10-12 [YLRL Howdy Days](#)

Sep 13-14 [Worked All Europe DX Contest](#)

Sep 13-14 [Air Force Anniversary QSO Party](#)

Sep 21-22 [Tennessee QSO Party](#)

The [SM3CER Contest Service - Contest Calendars](#) has info and rules for just about every contest that exists.

73, Bob W4RQ



Everyone is happily enjoying the evening's fare...

AARC Public Service Schedule

Saturday Sept. 20	911 Drill
Saturday November 1	Montpelier Horse Races

Area Hamfests

Virginia State Convention	Sponsor : Tidewater Radio Conventions http://www.vahamfest.com Contact: Mr. Lynn Lilla, W9DJQ 848 Stacey Place Virginia Beach, VA 23464 Phone: 757-479-1597 Fax: 757-486-0757 Email: lynn.lilla@cox.net
September 20-21	
Virginia Beach, VA	

FCC Database Updates

New Calls	
None Reported	
Upgrades	
None Reported	

VE Session Schedule - 2003

September 13 Madison (ARRL/VEC)	Sponsor: Madison VE Team Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: John Berry (540) 543-2580 Email: AF4CY@ARRL.NET VEC: ARRL/VEC Location: Madison War Memorial Bldg Main St., Madison, VA 22727
September 20 Virginia Beach (ARRL/VEC)	Sponsor: VIRGINIA BEACH ARC Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins) Contact: JOHN C ERRINGTON (757) 430-3948 Email: VBARCNEWS@QSL.NET Location: Norfolk Academy Room 401 CALL FOR DIRECTIONS PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED
Date Location (ARRL VEC)	For other exam sessions in Virginia outside the AARC area, check the ARRL Exam Session Search web page.

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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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<http://www.people.virginia.edu/~ejd4e/aarc/index.htm>



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Next Club Meeting : Sept. 9 - 7:30 PM UVA - Astronomy Bldg.

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
September 9	Regular Club Meeting
October 14	Regular Club Meeting
November 11	Regular Club Meeting
December 9	Regular Club Meeting

AARC - PUBLIC SERVICE SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT
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.