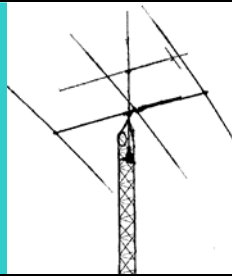


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## Meeting Notice

The next regular AARC meeting will be held on **August 12 from 5 to 7 PM at Shelter #2 at McIntire Park. Our presentation will be --- to have fun!!**

It should be very interesting. See you there!!

## The President's Letter

*Dave, K4DND*

Greetings to all from ARS K4DND. It sure seems like 2008 is going by at a phenomenal pace. Here it is August already, and it feels like we have just gotten a good start on club building. Current AARC membership stands at 93. I know that there are folks out there who have not renewed for this year, or have not been members for some time. If you know of any, please encourage them to join or to renew their membership. I hope to see the club at 100 members by the end of the summer, fast approaching. By the time you read this, we will be preparing for the annual picnic meeting. I hope to see you there if it is possible for you to attend. Spouses, significant others and harmonics are all welcome. **Don't forget, you need to let Mike KI4R1X know by August 7 if you plan to attend and also the number in your contingent.** Send an email to Mike at: [mjb8h@virginia.edu](mailto:mjb8h@virginia.edu).

Because we are just past the half way point of the year, in this issue of the Beacon I want to cover a variety of topics and issues.

**At the September meeting we will form a nominating committee to draft a slate of potential officers and directors to be voted on at the October meeting.**

Please consider participating in the AARC in a leadership position, and make plans to be included in the upcoming election. I was looking through some past issues of the AARC newsletter that I borrowed from Mike KA4JJJ and realized that we have had a significant change over time. Specifically, in recent years it has been a struggle to get 5 Director slots filled. It wasn't always like this. In 1994, there were 9 people on the ballot for the 5 Director slots, 12 in 1995, and 9 in each of the following two years. Members

used to step up to serve the AARC; you can help us return to our previous prominence by considering a higher level of participation and contribution to the club.

**The October meeting, as designated in the AARC bylaws, is the "Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise".** Also as stated in the bylaws, the October meeting requires the annual dues assessment to be presented to the membership for a vote. That means that if there is to be any action to change the dues structure, this is the only opportunity to do so. If there is no recommendation presented to the membership at the October meeting, the current dues structure remains in place for the following year.

At the last meeting, I introduced a **proposal from Roger Barron W4EI, who would like to build a "super" station for contesting and DXing.** All Roger asks in return is some interest and so far, the situation doesn't look promising. We can give this another month, but if there isn't any enthusiasm for partnering with Roger we will have to thank him for his generous offer and decline with regrets. Anyone who would like to participate in this venture, please get in contact with me as soon as possible. All Roger is looking for is a small group of people who will assist in setting up the facility, and then using it when completed. What Roger has in mind is truly impressive if, and I repeat if, there is interest.

By the time you are reading this, some club members will have participated in the Mountain Mama Bike Tour over in Highland County on August 2. This is a very impressive bike tour that draws top riders from a several state area. The Century Ride (just over 100 miles) has over 10K ft of cumulative climb in that hundred miles (not for the faint of heart, or casual rider). Some of us will have been to the Berryville Hamfest on Sunday August 3. I plan on going and meeting with a couple other DEC's. Berryville is always a good place to meet up with other Virginia hams from the ODEN, Section NTS sessions, or the Virginia Fone Net. It is also a good place to find that connector you know you have, that you just saw last month, but you can't put your hands on it for today's project if your life depended on it.

**August 16 is the emergency exercise at the local airport.** This is an exercise that is conducted every 3 years, and is necessary for the airport authority to retain its certification. **Bill AD6JV is looking for more volunteers.** The details are still in the works at the present time, so check into the Northern Piedmont Emergency Net each Thursday evening for updates. The basic plan is a mock airplane accident with volunteer victims. Volunteers willing to undergo gruesome makeup (moulage) are still being recruited. Call Bill if you are interested in participating in this way as well. The EOC at County Office Building South will be activated and manned. A shelter will be established at Baker Butler Elementary School on Proffit Road. Several ARES volunteers will be needed around the airport. It is guaranteed to be lots of fun, but if volunteering, be prepared for a warm day. Bring everything you need to operate in the

field from 8AM to around 3PM (snacks, water, extra batteries, pen and paper). There is always food available following the completion of the exercise. As was the case three years ago, we will set up the portable repeater on Piney Mountain to handle the event.

SERA (Southeast Repeater Association) has designated 2 UHF repeater pairs for temporary, portable, emergency use and testing. That means the repeater frequency can be deployed with no coordination angst. Elmer KF4UCI has assembled two of these repeaters. One operates on the frequency of 440.750 MHz and the other on the frequency of 440.800 MHz. Both are positive offset, both use 151.4Hz tone, and both are equipped with a VHF link for those stations that do not have UHF capability. For the airport exercise, we will be using the 440.800 repeater with the simplex link on 147.540MHz.

**On Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> the annual Blue Ridge Extreme Bike Tour will take place.** Several of us have assisted with this interesting and challenging bike event since its inception. The organizers of the event generously donated \$450 to the AARC last year in appreciation of our participation. So by volunteering for this event, you have an opportunity to assist in an event that directly benefits the AARC. We work this event in conjunction with amateurs from MARA/VARA, and as usual John N3GLZ will be running the amateur radio side of things. If you are interested in participating, please contact me, I will be the point of contact for AARC participation. There are changes in the event for this year, it will start below Wintergreen Resort at Beech Grove. You can find more information on the event and maps of the routes at: <http://www.blueridgeextreme.com/details/>. Check it out, and plan on participating if you are available that day.

**The IRLP node is currently on the 146.760 repeater frequency.** This is a temporary test to allow those who can't reliably work the 145.450 repeater a chance to try this interesting VoIP mode. Take advantage of this limited time offer as this node will be moved back to its home repeater. I received the Echolink hardware from Cayman. It consists of a Windows XP computer, Astron power supply, Rigblaster nomic, and an IC-2100 mobile transceiver. The radio is on loan from Jay K4AZV, the computer was donated to the club by Manny K4MSR, and I believe the power supply and Rigblaster belong to the AARC. Anyone interested in hosting Echolink, please let me know. All you need is a good location for whatever repeater the TC decides is appropriate, and broadband internet. The preferable situation is to have the node set up in a "neutral" but easily accessible location. That minimizes the possibility that operation of the node will interfere with your normal use of the frequency. This is the case with the IRLP node. I set it up at a non-ham friend's apartment so I have access, yet it is not being operated from my shack.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to **wish Cayman KG4OVD the best as he ventures off to begin his college career.** Many of us have seen Cayman's development from a little kid with a license and an HT, into an accomplished amateur, scholar, Eagle Scout, and effective

organizer of amateur radio support for the MS150. Thanks Cayman for all the time, effort and skill you have provided to the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club. Good luck in Florida, and holler when you come back to visit.

73 de K4DND

## Veep Peeps

Mike, K14RIX

Dear Friends --- Summer seems to be flying by (at least for me). That means that the AARC Picnic will be coming up very soon. **The picnic will take place on August 12, 2008 at McIntire Park in Charlottesville.** I would like to personally invite all club members to attend this event, along with any guests you would like to bring. **We ask that you bring \$5 per person attending the event, as well as a dish according to the first letter of your call sign suffix:**

### Call Sign Suffix:

Alpha - Hotel: An Appetizer  
 Golf - Mike: A Salad  
 Nov. - Tango: Beverages (Non-Alcoholic please\*)  
 Unif. - Zulu: A Dessert

The club will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers for all attendees. Please bring one dish per group (member and guests). Also, I reserve the right to change what you are bringing up to August 9th if this distribution turns out to be unbalanced.

**Please RSVP for this event NO LATER THAN AUGUST 7th to Mike Benonis, K14RIX.** We need to know how many people are attending so that we can buy the correct amount of food. Also, please let me know if you have special dietary requests (e.g., vegan or vegetarian food options).

**\*You may bring alcoholic beverages for your personal enjoyment.**

**In September, we are looking forward to a presentation by K4DND on HF Digital Modes.** This should be a very good follow-up to our previous presentation on VHF/UHF packet radio.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic!

Best regards,

Mike Benonis K14RIX

## Club Business

Submitted by: Alan Swinger K9MBQ, Secretary

### AARC Board Minutes July 8, 2008

Dave Damon opened the meeting to discuss content of Committee reports to be given at the general meeting, motions for funding for the BoD and for the general meeting, and to agree on the agenda for the meeting. The BoD was held at the NROA building on Tuesday, 8 June.

BoD members present: K4DND (Pres), Mike – K14RIX (VP), Alan – K9MBQ (Secy), Gordon – WW4GW (Dir), and Linda – K15LLB (Dir).

### Key discussion items

- were as follows:
- ✓ The treasurer's report presented by Dave indicates that the club is solvent with a June 30 balance of \$3340.42 in the bank.
  - ✓ This led to another discussion of the need for the Fund-Raising Committee to engage the issue and present ideas to the membership. Linda indicated that she needs assistance from those who have experience in fund-raising, and contributions for future raffles. All agreed to poll the members at the General Meeting as well as via e-mail. Linda brought her laminating machine for the club meeting as a start and demonstration as to how it can be used at future events.
  - ✓ Dave noted that Don – N4UVA has reserved and paid for **Shelter 2 at McIntire Park for the AARC picnic scheduled for 12 August.** Mike (K14RIX) discussed plans for the picnic. Consensus was that AARC will purchase the main course items (i.e. Hamburgers, Hot Dog), members will be asked to bring the various side dishes (suggested enough for 12 people) and desserts, and that all attendees will be asked to contribute \$5 so that the event is "revenue-neutral" for the club treasury. This will be announced at the General Meeting and all will be asked to RSVP for the picnic so we can get an estimate of attendees and associated food purchase quantity. An e-mail request will also be sent to all as well as a note in the Beacon regarding RSVPs.
  - ✓ Alan (K9MBQ) received the Insurance Policy and invoice from Bankers Insurance, the latter being considerably more costly than in prior years. Dave took for action the task to call the broker and discuss options to reduce the cost. As such, payment is being held in abeyance pending resolution of the cost issue.
  - ✓ Dave will inform the members at the General Meeting of the Special Service Club application filing with ARRL, completion of the MOU with the VA Dept of Emergency Management (VDEM), and the letter request from Roger Barron (W4EI) to AARC for level of interest in assisting with the building of a Contest/DX station on Roger's property in Standardsville. The last item will require a polling of members at the General Meeting and via the

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Beacon regarding interest level in order for AARC to respond.

- ✓ Gordon (WW4GW) reported that the consensus of comments regarding the issue of turning over the Heard Mtn site and 146.925 repeater frequency pair to Tim (KG4HOT) has been negative, and as a result the committee recommends that no action be taken. This will be reported at the General Meeting.
- ✓ Harry (W2HD) suggested to the BoD that AARC consider continuing its annual \$25 donation to the Amateur Radio Newsline, which provides the basis for the Monday Night Info net. This appropriation was approved by the BoD and the Treasurer will send a check for \$25 to the Newsline.
- ✓ Since Jeffrey (N4LFJ), our newly appointed Public Information Coordinator, arranged for a visit to the General Meeting by Travis Koshko, head meteorologist from Channel 19/27 TV to discuss SKYWARN and Ham operator interface, it was agreed to modify the General Meeting agenda to allow Travis to speak prior to convening the meeting.

The meeting adjourned in preparation for the General Membership Meeting.

### Regular Meeting July 8, 2008

The July 2008 AARC monthly meeting was convened at 7:30PM by Dave Damon (K4DND), club President, at the NRAO building in Charlottesville, VA.

Dave introduced **Travis Koshko, Chief Meteorologist from the Charlottesville NewsPlex (TV Chs 19/27), who gave a very interesting presentation on Ham Radio interface with and assistance to SKYWARN and local weather reporting.** He solicited Ham support and interaction, indicated his own interest in obtaining a license, and provided the TV Weather Desk Phone Number for Ham Operator weather call-in reporting: 434-242-1919, X 122. Thanks to Travis for the presentation and the live weather forecast!

The General meeting commenced with Dave K4DND addressing the following:

- ✓ The minutes of the Mar 2008 meetings were approved as they appear in the July issue of the Beacon without discussion or change. All members present made brief introductions and two life members were present – Harry (W2HD) and Joe (W2PVY).
- ✓ Dave presented the club Treasurer's report indicating a balance on hand of \$3340.42. The Secretary, Alan (K9MBQ) noted that the club insurance policy had been received along with an invoice that exceeded the prior year's cost by a considerable amount. As such, the President will discuss with the broker option to reduce this cost.
- ✓ Dave's President's report included the following:
  - **Club Picnic (12 Aug): Don (N4UVA) has reserved Shelter #2 at McIntire park for the club picnic on Tuesday,**

**12 August, from 5 to 7PM.** AARC will provide the main course (Hamburgers and Hot Dogs), club members are asked to bring a covered side dish or dessert sufficient for 12 people, and all attendees are asked to donate \$5 to defray cost to AARC. An e-mail and Beacon reminder will be sent and all are asked to RSVP so that we can get a head-count estimate to support food purchases.

- **The Special Service Club application was filed with the ARRL on 7 July.** AARC is awaiting approval while the application is reviewed by the Section Affiliated Club Coordinator, the Section Manager, and to the Division Director. Additionally, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the VA Dept of Emergency Management (VDEM) was approved that authorizes ARES to become RACES in a declared emergency. As a result, members must re-register; a session is scheduled for District 3 members from 26 July to 1 Aug.
- A letter to AARC was received from Roger Barron (W4EI) soliciting interest in assisting him in constructing a **High-Mix contest/DX station** on his property in Standardsville. Dave (K4DND) and Alan (K9MBQ) visited Roger and toured possible sites – any of which would be outstanding for this use. Roger intends to fund the construction and provide equipment for the station, but is soliciting "sweat equity" in assembling the station in exchange for club member access and use. A show of hands regarding interest in assisting and using such a station was taken and all were asked to think about the proposal. Another poll will be taken at a future meeting.
- The Body approved a \$25 expenditure as an AARC annual contribution to the Amateur Radio Newsline which Joe (W2PVY) and Harry (W2HD) use for the Monday Night Info Net.
- New members were recognized and a vote was called for from the members present to approve their membership. As a result, **John (KJ4EYO) and Allen (W9AAC) were added to the member roster.** Congratulations!

**Committee Reports** followed:

**Activities** – Jay K4AZV – Dave (K4DND) presented in Jay's absence.

- ✓ In recognition of the great success of the **MS-150**, Dave handed out certificates of recognition to those present who worked so hard to make it so. Thanks, again, to all who participated in this event.

- ✓ **Future events are the Mountain Mama on August 2nd and the Blue Ridge Extreme on August 24<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Jay for details ([k4azv@turing.org](mailto:k4azv@turing.org)).

**Education** – Dennis K4THE. No report in Dennis' absence.

**Fundraising** – Linda K15LLB – brought her lamination machine and supplies to the meeting to laminate items (e.g. licenses, awards, etc) for members as a demonstration of how this can be used at future events – proceeds to be donated to AARC. Also, she encouraged members to donate items for club raffles – with the 12 Aug Picnic being an event where these items will be needed. Contact Linda with your ideas and about items you can donate ([lindaskyone@earthlink.net](mailto:lindaskyone@earthlink.net)).

**Technical** – Gordon WW4GW - July Technical Committee Report: The technical committee has acquired 125 ft of 7/8 inch Heliac and, as soon as weather permits, will be replacing everything on the 146.76 repeater from the antenna to the duplexer. The 440 repeater is now ready, and it will be installed at the Marshall Manor site at the same time. The weather alert system for Albemarle County / Charlottesville has not been disabled pending resolution of pager interference. The technical committee has received many comments concerning the possibility of turning the Heard Mtn. site and the 146.925 repeater frequency pair over to Tim (KG4HOT). All the responses have been negative, and therefore the committee recommends that no action be taken and the Board of Directors approved this action.

**Publications** – Dave presented in Jeffrey's (N4LFJ) absence:

- ✓ Two Welcome letters were sent to new Amateurs – Joshua Beard (KJ4ECE) and Jon Gallant (KJ4EYO).
- ✓ Information about the **upcoming SKY WARN NCS Class** has been sent to the Weather Departments of the Charlottesville Newsplex and WVIR 29. A news report may also be done pending confirmation from the C-Ville Newsplex news manager, Jeremy Settle. Chief Meteorologist Travis Koshko of the Newsplex will be attending.
- ✓ A meeting is planned in the near future with fellow committee members Harry (W2HD) and Stan (K2SSB) to discuss the way ahead for the Publications Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. **The next AARC meeting will be on Tuesday, 12 August 2008, at the Picnic to be held at McIntire Park, Shelter #2 at 5PM.** Friends and prospective Hams are welcome, but please RSVP to Mike (K14RIX) ([mjb8h@virginia.edu](mailto:mjb8h@virginia.edu)). The meeting was followed by presentation on APRS given by Greg Faust (N4PGS).

*Submitted by Alan Swinger, K9MBQ, Secretary*

## ARRL Triple Play Award

The ARRL Board voted to create a Triple Play Award. **This new award, set to be implemented by January 2009, will be given to those amateurs who achieve Worked All States (WAS) on voice, CW and digital modes.** All 150 QSLs must be exclusively via Logbook of The World (LoTW). Only those contacts made after the awards start date will be eligible.

## From the AARC Archives - 1985

*Tnx to Joe KD4RWX via Ron K4RKA*

### Did you know that in 1985...?

AARC changes meeting night to Tuesday at May meeting.  
 First club Field Day contact via packet radio in June.  
 First computer logging of Field Day contacts.  
 KB4JNI starts Ham lunches at Bojangles in August.  
 N4AOP sponsors no-smoking at meetings starting July.  
 W6UZ gives talk on Voice of America at August meeting.  
 AARC membership for 1985 reaches 48 in August.  
 K2AOE talks about the Ultimate DX, E.T.s., in October.  
 Over 100 Two meter repeaters now listed in Virginia.

## AARC Beacon Mailing List

I have just updated my mailing list for notification when the new Beacon is ready to be in sync with the latest club membership records. If you do not receive your notification --- or know someone not getting it --- **pse let me know so the list can be updated. And if you change your email address, pse let me know so I have new address!!**

*73 --- Bob W4RQ*

## For Sale and Wanted...

*Tnx Ron, K4RKA*

Please notify K4RKA when an item has been sold or pulled from availability and can be deleted from this list.

A gentleman at my office has **five (5) ten-foot sections of Rohn 25 tower** for sale, including the top plate. Asking price is \$300. If interested, pse contact me and I will let him know. I also requested he give us his contact info. I can be reached at: (O) 434 980-7143 or (H) 434 990-2659. Contact Bob Dorsey, W4RQ

**Ten-Tec 6M Transverter.** Provides 10W out and have used successfully w/ a TS-570. I have all documentation. Simple to use; tunes on the 20M band. Price - \$60. Happy to demo it for you. Contact info: Alan K9MBQ; 434-975-6237, email [awswinger@earthlink.net](mailto:awswinger@earthlink.net)

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Gordon WW4GW has a **Mosley TA-33Jr** for sale. This is a 10-15-20M 3 element Yagi. For more information, email [ww4gw@arrl.net](mailto:ww4gw@arrl.net)

John WA4IUN offers for sale an unassembled **Lightning Bolt 2-element 5 band Quad** good on 10-12-15-17-20M. If interested, email John at [dqchappell@msn.com](mailto:dqchappell@msn.com)

**Scanners for Sale** -- 2 Uniden 760 \$50.00 Each. 1 Radio Shack 95 Portable \$100.00. 1 Bearcat 240xt 40 channel \$25.00. 1 UHF-VHF Radio Shack 16 channel \$25.00. 1 Bearcat 240XL 20 channel 20.00. 1 Bearcat 200 16 channel \$15.00. 1 Uniden 100xt 100 channel 50.00. 1 Pro 2051 Radio Shack Desktop 1000 channel \$150.00. Thanks, Jerome, KI4DLA

Joe W2PVY has an **Oak Hills Research Sprint II Direct Conversion 80M Transceiver**. 2W output with built in keyer. Came as a kit and was built by Will Seay KJ4XZ. Contact Joe at [joegio1@earthlink.net](mailto:joegio1@earthlink.net)

**Ameritron AL-800 linear amplifier**. Bought new but never used. Provides 1200 watts PEP output from 160 to 15 meters using a 3CX800A7 tube. I am planning to move up to a heftier unit. If interested, call Bob W4RQ at (434) 990-2659 (home), (434) 980-7143 (office) or via email at [w4rq@yahoo.com](mailto:w4rq@yahoo.com).

**Rotator cable** - 125 ft of 8-conductor rotor cable. Bought new -- discovered I had more than a 100 ft run to the antenna and would need heavier duty cable. If interested, call Bob W4RQ at (434) 990-2659 (home), (434) 980-7143 (office) or via email at [w4rq@yahoo.com](mailto:w4rq@yahoo.com).

**MFJ-4103 Power Supply** for FT-817. New, never used in original packaging. If interested, call Bob W4RQ at (434) 990-2659 (home), (434) 980-7143 (office) or via email at [w4rq@yahoo.com](mailto:w4rq@yahoo.com).

**WANTED - Oscilloscope**, tube type OK if really cheap or free. Earl Clore 286-7949; retired preacher with medical problems is trying to learn about electronics & would appreciate any help or equipment which you are willing to part with cheap or free. Call him direct.

**WANTED: I'm looking for a TNC, preferably a Kantronics unit but anything functional will do.** I'd also be interested in an **inexpensive 2m rig** that can be used with a TNC, either mobile or portable (w/ 12V adaptor and audio I/O if portable). Folks can e-mail me if they have something. Thanks! Mike Benonis KI4RIX, [mjb8h@virginia.edu](mailto:mjb8h@virginia.edu) or (703) 577-3788.

## Contest Highlights - Upcoming

Bob, W4RQ

### ARRL-Sponsored Contests

Aug 2-3	<b>ARRL UHF Contest</b>
Aug 16-17	<b>ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest</b>

Complete info, rules and log forms for these events can be found online at the ARRL Contest Calendar webpage.

### Other Contests of Interest

Aug 9-10	<b>Worked All Europe CW Contest</b>
Aug 23-24	<b>Hawaii QSO Party</b>

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

73, Bob W4RQ



**Several AARC members attended the recent SkyWarn Intro class, including Vic, N3DFS and Dave, K4DND**

## AARC Public Service Schedule

None Reported	
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## Area Hamfests

<b>Aug 23 - 24</b> Weston WV	Roanoke Division Convention West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council <a href="http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc">http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 145.39 (Alt. 147.33) <b>Contact:</b> Patrick Shea, N8MIN 27 Jackson Street Weston, WV 26452-1513 Phone: 304-269-3468 Fax: 304-472-2187 Email: <a href="mailto:pshea@citynet.net">pshea@citynet.net</a>
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## FCC Database Updates

New Calls	
None Reported	
Upgrades	
None Reported	
Vanity Calls	
None Reported	

## VE Session Schedule - 2008

<b>Date</b> <b>Location</b>  (ARRL VEC)	For exam sessions in Virginia outside the AARC area, check the <a href="#">ARRL Exam Session Search</a> web page.
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## For Sale Items

<b>For Sale</b>	Kenwood TS-520S SSB xvcr, with VFO, RIT and Calrad mike, DM-16-HL and DYMACT-50-HIGH-LOW. Realistic D-160 with SP-150 speaker. Tone box for code oscillator. Heathkit stereo headphones. GE H-14. Equipment being sold for widow of a SK. Call Jimmy, K4JMY at (434) 973-5589.
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## Contest Calendars

<a href="#">ARRL Contest Calendar 2008</a>	ARRL sponsored contests
<a href="#">SM3CER Contest Service - Calendar 2008</a>	Contests all over the world! Also has links to online rules for most contests
<a href="#">Contesting Online</a>	Just about everything contests!

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**Next Club Meeting : August 12 - 5-7 PM Shelter 2 - McIntire Park**

**CLUB MEETINGS and NETS**

**REGULAR Meeting:** Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM  
**BOARD & TECHNICAL Meetings:** Prior to regular meeting at 6:30 PM  
Meetings are held at the NRAO building on Edgemont 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  
**Northern Piedmont Emergency Net / Swap Net / Technical Session:** Each Thursday at 8:00 PM  
**All Nets are held on the 146.760 repeater**

**AREA REPEATERS**

**WA4TFZ**

<b>INPUT/OUTPUT</b>	<b>Tone Access (If needed)</b>
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

**Other Area Repeaters**

- 145.410 (-) 100 Hz Tone (if enabled) -- **AF4CY (Madison)**
- 442.075 (+) 151.4 Hz Tone - **KF4UCI**
- 145.17 (-) 151.4 Hz Tone - **W4FCO (Fluvanna)**
- 146.79 (-) 110.9 Hz Tone - **WW4GW (Buckingham)**
- 145.450 (-) 151.4 Hz Tone **K4DND (Martha Jefferson Hospital)**

**AARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
August 12	Annual Club Picnic and Tailgate Hamfest
September 9	Regular Club Meeting
October 14	Regular Club Meeting
November 11	Regular Club Meeting

**AARC - PUBLIC SERVICE SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
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Bill, AD6JV is the primary contact for Public Service events and Emergency Communications. Contact Bill for info on particular events.

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