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## Meeting Notice

The next AARC meeting will be held on April14 at 7:30 PM at the NRAO Building on the UVA Grounds. The program will be presented by Dave Damon, K4DND, offering us an introduction to working sound card digital modes, review of general principles, tricks and tips.

### The President's Letter

Dave, K4DND

Greetings one and all, and don't look for any April Fools Day jokes in this article. Perhaps you might find one elsewhere in this issue of the Beacon. I think the **most notable event** of the preceding month was the special meeting of the AARC on March 24. I never anticipated the turnout for that meeting. Imagine 52 people gave up an additional Tuesday evening to help the club move the tax-exempt paperwork forward. And move it did. Following the special meeting on Tuesday, the completed paperwork was delivered to Sharon Blodinger, who had everything ready for a special delivery to the SCC in Richmond on Friday, March 27. Jim K4JEC very generously offered to make the delivery, and despite the SCC guidelines that state, if special processing work is received by noon it will be out by 4PM, Jim was out of the SCC offices, paperwork in hand before noon. When he got back to Charlottesville early that afternoon, the paperwork was passed to me, and I delivered the package to Sharon, who got everything together for a FedEx delivery to the IRS, going out of Charlottesville on Friday. The latest word from Sharon is that the paperwork would be in the hands of the IRS agent by Wednesday, March 31. So now we will just have to wait on movement by the IRS to see if we have successfully completed this last stage of what has turned out to be a very long process.

March ended in a flurry of public service activity. On Saturday March 28, Elmer KF4UCI and Jonathan (presently no call), Linda KI5LLB, Jim K4JEC and I worked the Bel Monte Endurance Run over in Augusta County. 240 mountain trail runners started out from Lake Sherando at 6:00 AM running 25K, 50K or 50 miles on single track trails,

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jeep or fire roads in the George Washington National Forest. Despite the drizzle, fog and chilly temperatures, the event was very successful from our point of view. Thanks to Elmer and Jonathan, Linda, and especially to Jim K4JEC, who volunteered to help out at the last moment. Jim didn't step up at the eleventh hour; he made himself available about a second before proverbial midnight!!

And if that wasn't enough fun, Sunday was the **Jefferson** Cup Bike Races which the AARC has assisted with for many years. Over 600 cyclists were registered for the day which was organized into 3 groups of races with 3 sets of racers on the course for each group. These ranged from Juniors (age 10-14) who made 1 lap of the course, to the Men's Pro Category 1, 2, 3 who rode 7 laps. I was very gratified by the support of the AARC for this event. Stations participating included N4PGS, KF4UCI and Jonathan, K4WLE, K4PMC, K4JEC, K15LLB, K2SSB, K4CGY, K14DJT and AD6JV. Thanks to you all for your time and effort. I am sure that the race organizers were very pleased with your efforts. The highlight of this event was discovering what a great job Patsy K4PMC did manning the hectic Start/Finish position for the third set of races. Her calmness, capability and attention at this tough position were a great addition to the success of the day.

It was a real pleasure to work with all of you on Saturday and Sunday, and a great start to our annual Public Service schedule. All together, ARES/AARC contributed 42 man hours on Saturday, and 78 man hours on Sunday. Good work everyone. Reports on both events have been filed with ARRL Headquarters.

Our next Public Service activity is going to be a lot of fun. We will be setting up and coordinating the operation of a special event station at the **Boy Scout Camporee at**Montpelier on Saturday, April 18. This should be a particularly fun event, since there is a simultaneous Camporee on Long Island, NY. Arrangements have been made thanks to Alan K9MBQ for scouts at the Montpelier event to contact scouts at the NY site. Those assisting with this special Public Service Event at the present time under the leadership of Wes K4WLE, include Jim K4CGY, Patsy K4PMC, Alan K9MBQ, Jim K4BAV, Bruce AB3BB, Chuck KS4NW and Bill NOWP. I am looking for this group to be the core planners for Field Day under the direction of Bill NOWP as the Camporee event will be a great dress rehearsal for FD.

I hope everyone will join us for the April meeting of the AARC on Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. Judging from the turnout at the Special March meeting, we should be able to meet or exceed that attendance at our regular meetings. The program for the evening will be an introduction to working sound card digital modes, with a review of general principles, tricks and tips that make working digital modes more interesting and productive. I think that even if the evening is not up to the Bubbaenchmark for entertainment, it should still be of interest to everyone and a lot of fun.

73 de K4DND

### Veep Peeps

Jim, K4JEC

The AARC March meeting brought out over 40 members and guests – the largest turn out of the new year, and that was followed by a 54 member turnout for our special called meeting on March 24. Fifty-three club membership cards have been processed and/or issued so far and the Club Logo Patch has made a big hit with two-thirds of the initial 100 inventory issued.

During their first offering 28 patches were sold for \$4 each. The patches will be available at all club meetings until the present stock is depleted. ID pictures will be taken at all future club meetings as they are needed to meet the demand for cards.

The club now has a working stock (100) of club brochures to be used to identify, explain and promote our club. The April club meeting will have a presentation concerning the use of the Computer Sound Card Interface by Dave Damon K4DND. Last month, at the March Club meeting, Gordon Winn (WW4GW) offered us a "History of Radio" and during which he brought out an array of antique radios, parts and pieces. His presentation was informative and entertaining. The member response was overwhelming. I need your input of ideas for informative and interesting presentations, so help me out.

Reach out and grab a friend – fellow ham or someone you can interest in ham radio – and twist their arm ever so slightly to encourage them to attend the meeting with you. We want to continue our great attendance right through the year because the more present, the better the fellowship.

### Club Business

Submitted by: Alan Swinger K9MBQ, Secretary

### AARC Board Minutes - March 10, 2009

Dave Damon opened the meeting with the purpose to discuss motions for AARC 501(c)(3) status for the BoD and for the February general meeting, to agree on required actions, and to agree on the General Meeting agenda. The BoD was held at the NROA building on Tuesday, 10 March 2009. BoD members present: Dave - K4DND (Pres), Jim – K4JEC (VP), Alan - K9MBQ (Secy), Dennis - K4THE (Dir), Patsy - K4PMC (Dir), Linda - K15LLB (Dir), and Greg - N4PGS (Dir).

### Key discussion items were as follows:

- The treasurer's report forwarded by Don (N4UVA) indicates that the club is solvent with a current balance of \$5147.61 in the bank.
- Jim (K4JEC) noted that membership cards were on hand and will be available to AARC members at the General Meeting – he brought a camera to assist with photos for the cards. He also recommended

noted that AARC brochures had been printed and received as had the 100 Club Patches with the logo. The latter will made available to members for \$4 at the General Meeting.

- Dave (K4DND) mentioned the following:
  - The AARC attorney has advised that the club needs to amend its By-Laws regarding possible future dissolution of the club and disposition of assets to successfully obtain 501(c)(3) status. In order to affect the changes in a timely manner required by the VA State Corporation Commission, the BoD has approved a Waiver of Notice of a special meeting of the Board at this meeting for the purpose of reviewing and approving the Articles of Amendment (quoted at the end of these minutes). The Minutes of this Special Board Meeting are as follows:
    - ✓ A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Albemarle Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to a written Waiver of Notice signed by all of the Directors.
    - ✓ President David N. Damon called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
    - ✓ Present at the meeting were David Damon, James Crosby, Alan Swinger, Patsy Crosby, Dennis Mennerich, Linda Beard, and Greg Faust, constituting a quorum.
    - ✓ President Damon presented a proposed Amendment to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation such that said Articles will conform to the requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and an Amendment to the Corporation's Bylaws to conform to the Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation.
    - ✓ Upon consideration of the Amendments, they were adopted by the Board, and it was, UNANIMOUSLY, RESOLVED, that the Board present the Amendments as proposed to the corporation's members for a vote, and the appropriate officers and/or directors were directed to notify the members of a special meeting to act on the proposed Amendments.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Alan W. Swinger Secretary ATTEST: David Damon President

The BoD also noted and agreed with the Attorney that to meet the time requirements of the State, a Special Meeting of AARC Members must be called to discuss and approve the Amendment to the Bylaws. This will be presented at the General Meeting for approval.

### **Committee Reports:**

Activities - Vacant; Dave announced the following:

- VE Session 28 Feb 0900 @NRAO conducted the last to be run by Gordon (WW4GW). Two candidates succeeded – 1 new license; 1 upgrade. Bruce (AB3BB) will take over from Gordon for future exams.
- Bel Monte Endurance Run Sat, Mar 27
- Jefferson Cup Bike Races Sunday, Mar 29
- ➤ VA QSO Party 23 Mar; individuals can operate and give credit to AARC. See <a href="https://www.qsl.net/sterling">www.qsl.net/sterling</a>
- Montpelier BSA Camporee 17-19 Apr. AARC will participate with a station and help with the Scout Radio Merit Badge on 18 Apr more to follow.

**Education** – Dennis: report to be presented at the General Meeting. Also, Bill (AD6JV), Dennis and Dave participated in the Piedmont Regional Science Fair and awarded 2 - \$100 prizes as approved by AARC.

**Fund Raising** – Linda: Feedback from members is that many are ready to donate items once the AARC Tax Exempt status is obtained

**Technica**l – Greg (N4PGS) – looking for new repeater sites

Publications – Brochures received (see above) and WINA interview with Rob Schilling on WINA 1070 was very successful.

**Estate** – Meetings held with committee members and package being assembled.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

# ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT OF ALBEMARLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

The undersigned, on behalf of Albemarle Amateur Radio Club, Inc., pursuant to Title 13.1, Chapter 10, Article 10 of the Code of Virginia, states as follows:

<u>FIRST</u>: The name of the corporation is Albemarle Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

<u>SECOND</u>: Article SEVENTH of the Restated Articles of Incorporation is amended to read as follows:

Procedure for dissolution shall follow the same procedure as for amending the Charter. Upon enactment of the motion for dissolution, the full members present shall appoint a board of three trustees. These trustees shall take charge of all the assets of the Corporation, including money and property, dispose of the saleable assets, and make final payment of all debts of the corporation. They shall notify the State Corporation Commission and the Internal Revenue Service of the dissolution and make final payment to these agencies. Within one year from the date of enactment of the motion of dissolution, any residue of assets of the Corporation shall be turned over to the American Radio Relay League, Inc., Newington, Connecticut, an organization exempt from taxation within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for purposes

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consistent with those described in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

Should the American Radio Relay League, Inc., Newington, Connecticut, refuse the distribution, not be tax exempt within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or not exist at the time of dissolution, then upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more tax exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the City of Charlottesville, or the Circuit Court of the County of Albemarle, both Courts of Competent Jurisdiction (Courts of Common Pleas) or by the Circuit Court of the City or County, Courts of Competent Jurisdiction (Courts of Common Pleas) in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

| THIRD: The foregoing amendment was adopted by the corporation on, 2009. |
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| FOURTH: The Amendment was adopted by unanimous consent of the Members.  |
| Executed in the name of the corporation by:                             |
| DATE:                                                                   |
| David N. Damon, President<br>Corporation's SSC ID NO. 0127163-4         |

Alan Swinger – K9MBQ, Secretary

### Regular Meeting - March 10, 2009

The March 2009 AARC monthly meeting was convened at 7:30 PM by Dave Damon (K4DND), club President, at the NRAO building in Charlottesville, VA. All members' present made brief introductions, and three life members were present – Harry (W2HD), Joe (W2PVY) and Bud (KB4JNI).

The General meeting commenced with Dave K4DND addressing the following:

- ➤ The minutes of the February 2009 meeting were approved as they appear in the March 2009 issue of the Beacon without discussion or change.
- Dave presented the club Treasurer's report indicating a current balance on hand of \$5147.61.
- Jim (K4JEC) announced that membership cards were available to AARC members and that he would take data and photos for them at this meeting. He also modeled the new Club Patch which was made available to members for \$4 at the meeting.
- Dave (K4DND) mentioned the following:
  - Membership was up to 93 with more expected

- In addition to new Club brochure and patches, a proof of a new Club Name Badge was received for review and should be available to members in the near future.
- To obtain the AARC 501(c)(3) status, our attorney has advised that the club needs to amend the Bylaws to allow for dissolution of the club and disposition of assets in a tax exempt manner should it become necessary. As such, there are a number of action that have and must take place:
  - The BoD held a Special Meeting this date to approve the Articles of Amendment after approving a Waiver of Notice for the special meeting. The Amendment was approved. Minutes of this meeting will be included in the BoD Minutes published in the next Beacon and can be made available sooner if needed.
  - The next step is to present the Amended Bylaws to the AARC membership for review and approval by a quorum (defined as at least 20 members). However, to meet the short time fuse of the State Corporation Commission (SCC), we cannot wait until the April Meeting and must call a Special General Meeting within two weeks of today's meeting. Once we confirm a venue (NRAO preferred), a Meeting announcement with the draft Amended Bylaws will be sent to all by e-mail. The planned meeting date is 24 March (Tues) at 7:30PM. Please watch for the announcement and plan to attend to that we have the required quorum and can obtain out Tax-Exempt status.

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A special presentation followed the meeting. It was given by Gordon (Bubba) WW4GW who gave a very informative presentation on "Early Radio" to include many radios and components from his collection. Some of us think he actually used these items in his youth! He also demonstrated a computer propagation model which showed VHF coverage from our various repeater sites. Thanks to Gordon!

Alan Swinger - K9MBQ, Secretary

# Estate Committee Happenings

Linda, KI5LLB

The AARC has a new Estate Committee. I have been asked to head that committee. I feel like this is another way for our club to give a good community impression. Please let me know if a club member or a local ham that isn't a club member is in the hospital. I want to follow that up with a card, a phone call, or maybe a visit depending on what is correct for that moment. Please call me at 434-823-2107 home or 434-981-6465 cell or e-mail me. My e-mail address is lindaskyone@embarqmail.com. Thank you for helping me to serve you better.

73. Linda KI5LLB

## 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.

Scanners for Sale -- 2 Uniden 760 \$50.00 Each. 1 Radio Shack 95 Portable \$100.00. 1 Bearcat 240xlt 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 100xlt 100 channel 50.00. 1 Pro 2051 Radio Shack Desktop 1000 channel \$150.00. Thanks, Jerome, KI4DLA

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. Call Bob W4RQ at (434) 990-2659 (home), (434) 980-7143 (office) or via email at w4rq@yahoo.com.

MFJ-4103 Power Supply for FT-817. New, never used in original packaging. Call Bob W4RQ at (434) 990-2659 (home), (434) 980-7143 (office) or via email at w4rq@yahoo.com.

Coleman Series 54 Generator; 4KW 120V/240V. Briggs & Stratton 8HP engine model 190432. Very clean and mounted on cart. Purchased about 1985 and used very little. Has new carburetor, plug, air filter, fuel lines, fuel filter & fuel cutoff valve. However I can't get it started. Has compression, fuel and I believe good spark. Maybe new carburetor just needs adjustment. I'm tired of pulling the rope! And anyway it won't run my heat pump. \$199.00 Jim K4CGY 434-296-3044

# Radio and Electronic Test Equipment - FOR SALE All equipment is in good working condition, but not

quaranteed John Green, KX4P. **SAMPLE LIST**:

1 ALD-22 Aerovox, Decade Inductor, 0 to 0.1 Hy - No manual -- \$10

1 ALD-32 Aerovox, Decade Inductor, 0 to 1.0 Hy - No manual \$10

1 ALD-42 Aerovox, Decade Inductor, 0 to 10 Hy - No manual \$10

1 10W-1000 Amplifier Research, Wideband Amplifier, 1 to 1000 MHz, 10 Watt - Yes manual - \$150 1 1309 AT&T Home Telephone Answering Machine Yes manual \$2

# MANY MORE ITEMS - TO SEE COMPLETE LIST PLEASE GO TO

http://www.albemarleradio.org/members/swapfest.shtml

WANTED: I'm looking for a 2m mobile radio, preferably small (comparable in size to modern mobile rigs). Can be commercial VHF as long as it can tune down to 144.39 MHz. Contact Mike Benonis KI4RIX at

# ARRL Propagation de K7RA

ARRL Propagation Bulletin ARLP013

ARLP013 Propagation de K7RA

Every day I check the 45 day forecast of planetary A index and solar flux from NOAA and the U.S. Air Force. For quite some time now, the solar flux forecast has been the same. The projection shows 45 days of solar flux at 70, with no variation. I look at this because there is so little sunspot activity, and I hope that any increase in predicted solar flux values may coincide with renewed sunspot activity. But this method hasn't worked out very well in the past year or so.

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When I looked at this on Wednesday night, March 25, the 10.7 cm flux forecast showed 70 for March 26-27, then bumping up to 72 for March 28-31, then back to 70 for all of April and beyond. This is not much increase in activity, but with such a quiet Sun for the past few years, we become sensitive to small changes, and even optimistic at times.

Last night, Thursday, March 26 the prediction was nearly the same, except with the solar flux of 72 lasting two more days, through April 2.

The forecasts are via

http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftpmenu/index.html, click on "Alerts, Forecasts and Summaries," then "USAF 45-day Ap and 10.7 cm Flux Forecasts." The new daily forecast is posted around 2100z, but often doesn't appear in the list at http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftpmenu/forecasts/45DF.html until later.

If you suspect this is the case, just click on the latest available date, then edit the URL at the top of your web browser to reflect the current date. So if it is Friday, March 27, and the latest listing you see is for March 26, just click on that link, and at the end of the URL change /032645DF.txt to /032745DF.txt and hit the Enter key. If that day's forecast has been uploaded, it should pop up when you hack the web address using these instructions.

Early on March 26 <u>Spaceweather.com</u> reported a new "protosunspot" seen "struggling to emerge" at high latitude, making it a Cycle 24 spot. The same site reported the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) is monitoring "intense activity on the Sun's northeastern limb."

The following day Spaceweather.com repeated a common refrain heard lately after some activity begins to emerge: "Yesterday's proto-sunspot failed to emerge. The Sun is blank."

The NASA STEREO (Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory) mission will eventually enable views of the entire Sun, so we will know in advance about emerging solar activity that is outside Earth's view.

The two spacecraft orbit the Sun similar to earth, but one leads the Earth and the other follows. The leading spacecraft A travels faster than the trailing spacecraft B, and because of this the angle of the two relative to each other gradually increases over time. The craft were launched October 26, 2006 and they reached quadrature, or 90 degrees separation 62 days ago on January 24, 2009. Spacecraft A takes 347 days to complete an orbit of the Sun, and spacecraft B takes 387 days. They separate from each other at a rate of about 44 degrees per year.

View their current positions relative to Earth, the Sun, Venus and Mercury updated hourly at

http://stereo.gsfc.nasa.gov/where.shtml. Click on the STEREO Orbit Tool link, and you can view a similar image for any date and time from the launch date through the end of 2015.

NASA has a dense, single page PDF document describing the mission at <a href="http://stereo.gsfc.nasa.gov/img/mpb.pdf">http://stereo.gsfc.nasa.gov/img/mpb.pdf</a>, and while we can't recommend Wikipedia as an always-reliable resource (its immediately changeable nature drives teachers and reference librarians crazy), the Wikipedia community seems to have a good information page on STEREO at <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/STEREO">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/STEREO</a>. Other NASA resources are at <a href="http://stp.gsfc.nasa.gov/missions/stereo/stereo.htm">http://stp.gsfc.nasa.gov/missions/stereo/stereo.htm</a> and <a href="http://stereo.gsfc.nasa.gov/">http://stereo.gsfc.nasa.gov/</a>, and Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory has information at <a href="http://stereo.jhuapl.edu/">http://stereo.jhuapl.edu/</a>.

Currently USAF and NOAA predict a planetary A index of 8 for today, March 27, then leveling off at 5 (a very quiet, stable level) until April 9-10, when it jumps to 15, then 10. Geophysical Institute Prague predicts quiet to unsettled conditions March 27, quiet March 28-29, quiet to unsettled March 30-31, and back to quiet for April 1-2.

Sunspot numbers for March 19 through 25 were 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, and 0 with a mean of 0. 10.7 cm flux was 69.1, 68.7, 70.1, 68.7, 68, 69.1, and 68.5 with a mean of 68.9. Estimated planetary A indices were 3, 4, 8, 4, 3, 8 and 10 with a mean of 5.7. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 3, 2, 5, 4, 2, 6 and 7 with a mean of 4.1.

# Contest Highlights - Upcoming

Bob, W4RQ

### ARRL-Sponsored Contests

April None

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

### Other Contests of Interest

April Several state QSO Parties !!

The <u>SM3CER Contest Service - Contest Calendars</u> has info and rules for these contests and just about every contest that exists.

73. Bob W4RQ

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# AARC Public Service Schedule None Reported

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|----------|------------|
| Date     |            |
| Location |            |

|               | Database | • |  |  |
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| New Calls     |          |   |  |  |
| None Reported |          |   |  |  |
| Upgrades      |          |   |  |  |
| None Reported |          |   |  |  |
| Vanity Calls  |          |   |  |  |
| None Reported |          |   |  |  |

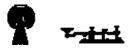
| VE Session Schedule - 2009 |                                                                          |  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Date<br>Location           | For exam sessions in Virginia outside the AARC area, check the ARRL Exam |  |
| (ARRL VEC)                 | Session Search web page.                                                 |  |

| For      | Sale | Items |
|----------|------|-------|
| For Sale |      |       |

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| Contest Calendars                         |                                                                               |  |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| ARRL Contest Calendar 2009                | ARRL sponsored contests                                                       |  |
| SM3CER Contest Service -<br>Calendar 2009 | Contests all over the world! Also has links to online rules for most contests |  |
| Contesting Online                         | Just about everything contests!                                               |  |

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club P.O. Box 6833 Charlottesville, VA 22906 http://www.albemarleradio.org/



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### ISSUE DEADLINE - 25th of each month

Contact Information Daniel R. (Bob) Dorsey, Jr. W4RQ PO Box 530 Ruckersville, VA 22968-0530 (434) 990-2659 W4RQ@yahoo.com

Next Club Meeting:

April 14 - 7:30 PM

NRAO Bldg - UVA Campus

### 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: Each Thursday at 8:00 PM

All Nets are held on the 146.760 repeater

### AREA REPEATERS

146.760 (-) 151.4 Hz Tone **WA4TFZ** 

146.925 (-) 151.4 Hz Tone **WA4TFZ** 

224.760 (-) No Tone **WA4TFZ** 

444.250 (+) 151.4 Hz Tone **WA4TFZ** 

### **Other Area Repeaters**

444.775 (+) 151.4 Hz Tone KF4UCI

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)

224.600 (-) 151.4 Tone KG4HOT

### AARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS **EVENT**

April 14 Regular Club Meeting

May 12 Regular Club Meeting June 9 Regular Club Meeting AARC - PUBLIC SERVICE SCHEDULE **EVENT** 

Membership application available in PDF format at http://www.albemarleradio.org/members/AARC\_member\_application.pdf

DATE