

THE LISTENING POST

Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club

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147.18 - - 88.5 tone

442.50 - - 88.5 tone

September 2010

We were very fortunate to have our SM, Bill Morine, N2COP at our August meeting and Bill gave us an excellent overview of the ARRL organization in North Carolina. It was great not only to hear calls and names but also to get some feel for their backgrounds and where they were headed in their various areas of responsibility. We also got a thumbnail sketch of ARRL HQ and some of the things going on there. It was nice also to hear of Bills travels around the State to Ham Fests and Field Day sites. One gets the feeling that ham radio is alive in North Carolina. So a great bit THANKS to Bill for sharing his time and knowledge with us.

September 2 marked the ending of WW2 aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. We got the idea that it would be great for the USS North Carolina to help them celebrate this historic event and went to work to arrange a schedule with them. I am happy to report that Jack, WD4OIN, Allen, KX2H, Norman, KI4YSY and Bill, AG4PA were kind enough to let me use the reconditioned radio gear (RCB Rx and TBM-4 Tx) to send and receive commemorative and nostalgic messages between the two famous war ships. Despite some anxious moments as we planned for this event, we were very successful and the propagation gods were on our side. The operators at KH6BB were great guys to work with.

We still have lots of great things going on this fall. There is a September 25 event on the Battleship with Boy Scouts. We are supporting the scouting JOTA event to be held at Ogden Park October 16 and 17 at shelters 3 and 4. ACARC is furnishing an operating ham station and operators, and Bill Morine is taking care of teaching merit badges to the scouts. We have several good club programs left for the balance of the year and the all important club office elections in November. Then we celebrate the year with the annual Christmas Party on December 7 to take the place of our regular December meeting. And if you look at the activity calendar for the balance of the year you see quite a number of operating events that will really produce a lot of on-the-air activity.

I encourage each of you to come out and support the club. The club is for the club members and each of your participation supports the members of the club and is the most important part of the clubs activities. Your officers work hard to facilitate this benefit for the members and count on your support as all the members do. I look forward to seeing all of you at the club functions.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 21 at 7 PM at the Cape Fear Community College North Campus! And don't forget your Parking Pass

<http://ac4rc.org/parkingpass.doc>

73, Charlie Vaughan K4UWH

ACARC Club Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the August club meetings have been published on the club website and are available there for you to read. Follows is the link directly to them: <http://ac4rc.org/Club%20Meeting/meeting%20report2010.html>. If you have any questions regarding them please bring them to the meeting on September 21.

AC4RC Website

When was the last time you checked our website? You really should check by the site periodically as things do change there and new informative information gets added. When you see Jack, WD4OIN thank him for doing a great job keeping the site going.

Bayshore Weather Station

Hutch, NK0S has his weather station up and online. The URL is <http://www.weatherlink.com/user/nk0s>.

Solar Update

Solar activity is generally on an uptrend according to those that monitor it closely. The problem with this cycle so far is the up and down swings. We have some good days and then some poor days and therefore it is hard to predict what band will be open where on a given day or group of days. Generally though, September and October will have some of the better days of the year so it would be good to keep your gear on and ears open. And don't forget all of the bands above 20 meters.

2010 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Each Monday Evening – 9 PM local – 146.18 Repeater - - ACARC Local Net

HAM FEAST – Typically Saturday Mornings 8AM - K&W Cafeteria, Oleander Dr.

Friday Noon Lunch Bunch – As announced – Contact W3NZ for current week

September

18th South Carolina QSO Party

21st Club Meeting – Feed Lines and Antennas – Some Interesting Info – K4UWH

25th Texas QSO Party

25th CQ WW DX RTTY contest

October

2nd California QSO Party

3rd RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest

9th Pennsylvania QSO Party

16&17th ACARC Sponsored JOTA at Ogden Park Shelters 3 & 4

19th Club Meeting – Some Thoughts On Operating Activities – K4UWH
24th 10-10 International CW
30th CQ World Wide SSB
30th 10-10 International Digital

November

6th ARRL Sweepstakes CW
20th ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
23rd Club Meeting – A Homebrew Project Review – NK0S
27th CQ World Wide CW

December

3rd ARRL 160 Meter Test
7th Christmas Party, 6:30 PM, Carolina BBQ on Hwy 132 N at Murrayville
11th ARRL 10 Meter Test
21st NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING THIS MONTH – Next 1/18/2011

CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Everyone needs to begin to think about officers for next year. Elections are in November and that will be here soon. I will be looking for a nominating committee in the near future and so people need to think about who they want for new officers. Some current officers have indicated they want to step down to have time for other activities. We also need a News Letter Editor.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

We welcome anyone who would like to become a member of the Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club. We also try to maintain an e-mail mailing list for anyone that would like to keep track of our activities. Keep your e-mail address up-to-date.

CLUB MEETING

The next club meeting is September 21, 2010 at the Cape Fear Community College North Campus – 7 PM. The room is typically on the 3rd floor but ask security. ***BE SURE TO PRINT A PARKING PASS FOR YOUR CAR, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS AND PLACE IT IN CLEAR VIEW ON YOUR DASHBOARD.*** Just As we did at the last meeting, we will have introductions and while we want to know your Name and Call Sign, please come prepared to mention something about your ham radio activities in the last month. The monthly meetings are becoming a place where “Ham Radio is Spoken”. So this is the place to let people know what you are doing and get your questions answered. No one gets a free pass so come prepared. **Looking forward to seeing all of you there.**

73,

Charlie K4UWH