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Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club

February 2016
Newsletter



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North Carolina QSO Party

February 28, 2016 - 1000 EST to 2000 EST
Sponsored by the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

The North Carolina QSO party is this month and will be held on Sunday, February 28th from 10:00EST to 20:00EST. And as usual, contacts with NI4BK (our beloved battleship) are awarded bonus points. So we shall be operating from the battleship most of the day to facilitate those bonus points contacts with our station. Depending on our antenna status (they've been fickle lately) we will try to operate 20M & 40M SSB, CW and a digital station (PSK31) will be set up either on deck or in the parking lot. Come on out & have some fun and help operate!

For a complete list of the 2016 NC QSO Party rules go to:

http://www.rars.org/ncqsoparty/data/uploads/rules/rules_2016_01-15-16.pdf

Upcoming Important Events

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| Feb 6th | Richmond, VA Frostfest |
| Feb 13th | VE Testing 10:00AM
CFCC North Campus |
| Feb 16th | ACARC Monthly
Meeting 7:00PM
CFCC North Campus
Pay your 2016 Dues |
| Feb 28th | NC QSO Party
USS North Carolina
(BB-55) – NI4BK |



Health and Wellness

By George Morse KM4DSI

Hello to everyone. Hope you all enjoyed the warm weather we had the first week of January and are having a great time on the air. Also, don't forget that special someone on Valentine's Day Sunday, February 14th.

In January, Get Well Cards from the Club were sent to Charlie (K4UWH), Karen (KD4TXY) and Norman (KI4YSY). Our Club President, Charlie was hospitalized and then spent a couple of weeks in a Rehab Center. He was having problems with his required Dialysis treatment. He is looking forward to getting back home. Karen had an operation on her arm. She has had the stiches removed and a cast was put on her arm for several weeks. Fortunately it was her left arm and not her "shooting" arm. As you may know, she is known as "Carolina Rose" in the Single Action Shooting Society. Our Club Secretary, Norman is scheduled for a hip operation. We all are confident that his operation will be a success and that he will be 100% well soon .

No Birthdays dates were received for February. Please let me know the Month and Day of your birthday, so the Club can send you a Card. Also let me know if a member or member's family is not well. I am very pleased to say that no Sympathy Cards had to be sent to anyone.

I would like to share one of my favorite cartoons, "Pluggers"...



February 2016 ACARC Monthly Meeting Program

The Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club meets 7:00 PM, Tuesday February 16th, 2016 in the McKeithan Center, Room 339, North Campus Cape Fear Community College, 4500 Blue Clay Road.

The program "Stealth Antennas" will be present by JEAN PAUL LOUIS, N1JPL. Discussed will be low visibility antennas that may be acceptable to Home Owner Associations.

The meeting is open to all amateur radio operators and anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio. For additional information call Harvey Hutchison, NKØS, at 617-1585.

HR 1301 and S 1685 AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT OF 2015 (UPDATE)

As of January 27th, HR 1301 has 118 co-sponsors, including 5 Representatives from North Carolina: David Price (D-NC-4); Walter Jones, Jr (R-NC-3); Patrick McHenry (R-NC-10); David Rouzer (R-NC-7); and, Renee Elmers (R-NC-2). Source: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/1301/cosponsors>

In June 2015, S 1685 Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 was introduced in the US Senate. The wording in S 1685 and HR 1301 are identical. Senator Roger F. Wicker (R-MS) introduced S 1685 into the US Senate. As of January 27th, there are 3 co-sponsors: Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), the original co-sponsor of the Bill; Senator Al Franken (D-MN); and, Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS). Source: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1685/cosponsors>

For further information on HR 1301 and S 1685 Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015, see

<http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act>

Upcoming Hamfests



North Carolina Section Convention (Raleigh Hamfest)

Start Date: 04/02/2016

End Date: 04/02/2016

Location: NC State Fairgrounds, Jim Graham Building

1025 Blue Ridge Road

Raleigh, NC 27601

Website: <http://rars.org/rarsfest>

Sponsor: Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: 146.64 (no PL tone)

Virginia State Convention (Frostfest)

Start Date: 02/06/2016

End Date: 02/06/2016

Location: Richmond International Raceway

600 East Laburnum Avenue

Richmond, VA 23218

Website: <http://www.frostfest.com>

Sponsor: Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: 146.880 (PL 74.4)

Catawba Valley Hamfest

Start Date: 04/16/2016

End Date: 04/16/2016

Location: Burke County Fairgrounds

145 Bost Road

Morganton, NC 28655

Website: <http://cvhamfest.com>

Sponsor: McDowell Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.150

South Carolina State Convention (2016 Charleston Hamfest)

Start Date: 02/06/2016

End Date: 02/06/2016

Location: Armory Park Community Center

5000 Lackawana Blvd.

North Charleston, SC 29405

Website: <http://wa4usn.org>

Sponsor: Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: 146.79, 146.94 (PL 123), 147.045 (PL 123)

Charlotte Hamfest

Start Date: 03/11/2016

End Date: 03/12/2016

Location: Cabarrus Arena & Event Center

5751 NC Highway 49 North

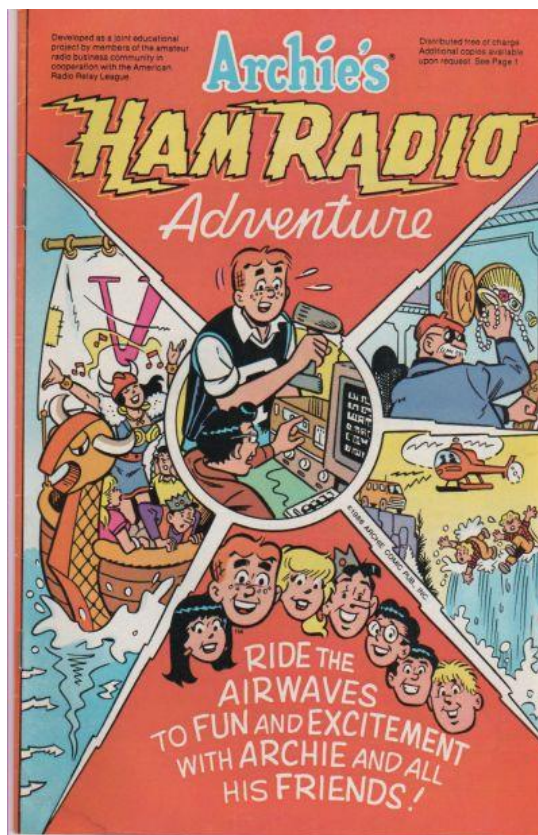
Concord, NC 28025

Website: <http://www.charlottehamfest.org>

Sponsor: Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.655- (no PL tone)



TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL
DOWN EAST HAMFEST

◆ An ARRL Sanctioned HAMFEST ◆

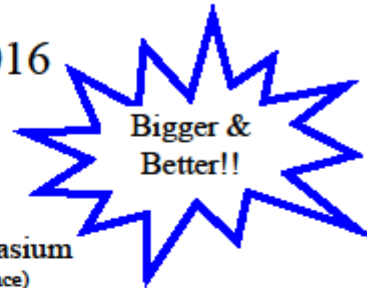


Saturday, April 23, 2016

8 AM until 2(?) PM

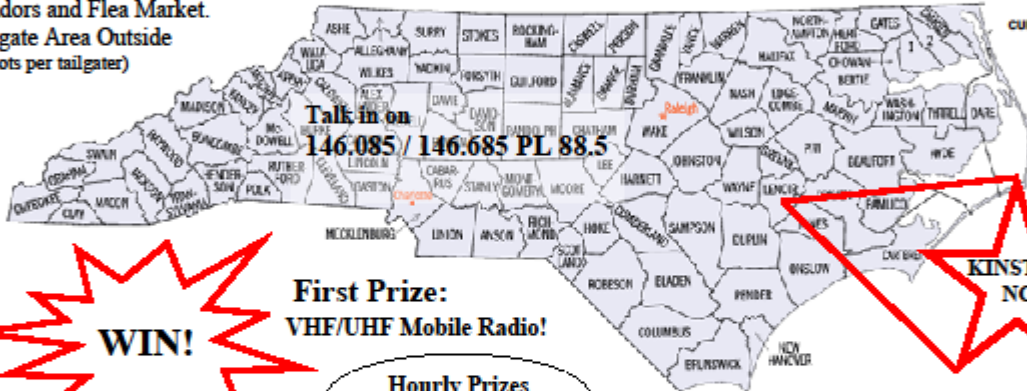
At the

Lenoir Community College Gymnasium
 231 Hwy 58 South (Please use Hwy 58 entrance)
 Kinston, NC



HAMFEST info: (252) 347-1498 or www.downeasthamfest.org or bhighland@nc.rr.com

Climate-controlled indoors for
 Vendors and Flea Market.
 Tailgate Area Outside
 (2 Slots per tailgater)



First Prize:
 VHF/UHF Mobile Radio!

Hourly Prizes
 (Must be present to win)



ADMISSION

\$5 each or 3 for \$12 in Advance
 (Pre-register by April 16, 2016)
 \$6 each or 3 for \$15 at the door
 Tables available thru pre-registration on a first
 come - first served basis. Locations are assigned
 by HAMFEST

Hamfest Items: Amateur Radio
 Equipment, Computers, Electronics &
 Accessories; Crafts and Hobby-Related
 materials and equipment.

**NO WEAPONS OR
 PORNOGRAPHY**

FCC EXAMS

Bring a photo ID, proof of licensing
 and/or Certificate of Successful
 Completion of Examination (if
 applicable.) Walk-ins only!

Exams start at 11 AM



SkyWarn Training & Information
 Presented by NWS Newport/Morehead City



Pre-Registration Form

Name: _____ Call: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) _____

Ticket/Table Information

Quantity	Amount
_____ Advance Tickets \$5 Ea.	_____
_____ Or 3 for \$12	_____
_____ Tables: \$12 Each	_____
_____ Tailgate Site: \$12	_____
_____ Electrical Outlets \$5 Ea.	_____
Total:	_____

Economical meals and refreshments
 available on site.

Send completed form and
 SASE to:
 Down East Hamfest, Inc.
 P.O. Box 1778
 Kinston, NC 28503