

Airwaves on the Azalea Coast



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Upcoming Events

- Apr 03 11:45am Lunch - Henry's Restaurant
- Apr 06 9:00pm Monday Night Ragchew NET
- Apr 10 11:45am Lunch - Jason's Deli
- Apr 13 9:00pm Monday Night Ragchew NET
- Apr 17 11:45am Lunch - Pete's Choice
- Apr 18 10:30am FCC License Testing
Pine Valley Library - 3802 S College Rd.
- Apr 20 9:00pm Monday Night Ragchew NET
- Apr 21 6:30pm Monthly Club Meeting & Elmer 1/2 hour
PVBC - 3914 Shipyard Blvd
- Apr 24 11:45am Lunch - Cape Fear Seafood (Porters Neck)
- Apr 28 8:00pm ARES Meeting - County Gov't Center
230 Government Center Dr

More details on these and other scheduled events can be found here: [AC4RC Club Calendar](#)

Club Officers

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From the President's Desk



As of March 8, we have an extra hour of daylight after work so I feel confident that the extra daylight accounts for the increase in POTA activity on the bands. Speaking of POTA, how about we set a date for the club POTA event soon .Some members are looking forward to getting on HF again and maybe even with a hamburger in one hand and a mic in the other. Feel free to speak up, this is your club.

We had eight members on the battleship for the NC QSO party on March 1. Four members, Jon WB1AJJ, Mike NI2S, Paul KW4GI, and I arrived at 9:30 and were the last members to leave the ship at 4:30. Because we were not a bonus station this year, there was no need for us to stay until the contest ended at 8:00 pm.

Although I am writing this portion of the message to members in early March, I have been working with the ARRL representative to ascertain the parameters of the club, possibly operating as W1AW/4 as part of the WAS250 event. In order to participate, you MUST email Paul Raiche at paulraiche84@gmail.com. Paul will respond to you with the URL for the spreadsheet for you to pick your day (or night), time, band, and mode of operation. You enter your callsign and you are official at that point. If plans change and you cannot operate at that time, delete your callsign and someone else can pick up the slot. If you are available at another time that is not filled, you can jump in and take that hour. However, if you are not "official" you cannot jump in. Too late!

We are in the planning stages of a club activity to build some antennas for fox hunting. The plan as of now is to use the Community Center at Compass Pointe, in Leland on May 2, 2026 from 10 until 3 pm. It will be a build and test event, (indoor with A/C and outdoor for testing). We have extended an invitation to Brunswick Shores ARC and Wilmington, VHF Association to participate in the event with us. Instructions for ACARC members will follow shortly and will include mandatory RSVP due to space limitations and for access to a gated community.

I hope to see you all at the club meeting on April 21 at 6:30 (Elmer half-hour begins at 6:00).

Gene KD2RRP

ACARC History - 30 Years Ago

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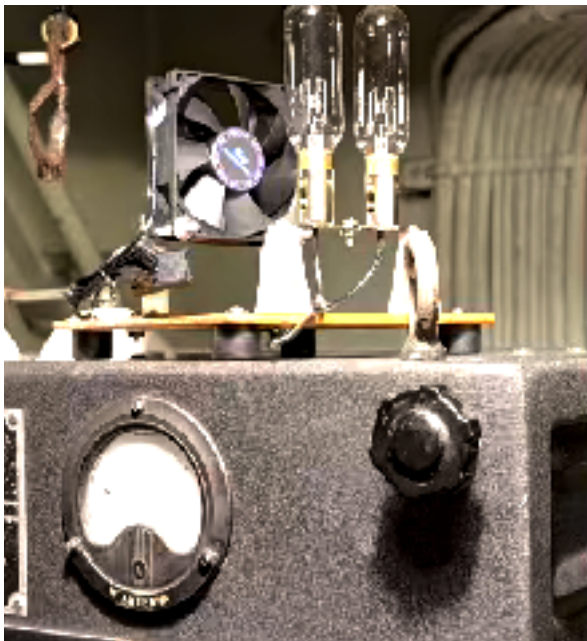


Battleship Update

We continue to progress with our restoration efforts. We've disassembled the TDE generator and have started examining the components for anything that might indicate why it's not working. Work continues on rehab'ing the ship's receivers, and also their power supplies. We may be ready, perhaps by the beginning of April, to throw the switch on the TBM power generator to see if it will come to life after sitting dormant for about 15 years - we are very close. The club's ships' volunteers were among a group of ship volunteers honored by Battleship management for the gamut of our efforts on the ship. Meanwhile we've hosted several guest operators, and we also participated in the NC QSO Party from the ship. With regards to the QSO party - we did have a brief Murphy appearance, as the first 22 contacts were made using the AC4RC call not the NI4BK call. I split these contacts out and submitted two logs to the organizers. The total combined score was 40,442 points with 241 contacts made. Thanks to all our club members who came to the ship to operate the contests. We don't have any group on-air activities scheduled before Museum Ships Weekend, which this year will be June 6th and 7th. A nice way to commemorate the D-Day landings, but purely a coincidence.

Mike Hartmann

NI2S



Mike, NI2S made this heat sink for testing on the battleship








No fingers were drilled during the making of this device

Items of Club Interest

Coming Soon! Shack of the Month

We're launching a new monthly feature in *Airwaves on the Azalea Coast* called **"Shack of the Month"**—a chance to highlight the creativity, ingenuity, and operating style of our club members' stations.

Each month we'll feature one member's shack with:

-  A photo of the shack
-  A brief equipment list
-  Favorite band and/or mode
-  One operating tip that works well for you
-  One "lesson learned" that might help others

Whether your station is a full-featured base setup, a compact HOA-friendly shack, a portable/POTA kit, or something in between, we'd love to share it with the club. If you'd like to be featured in an upcoming issue, please send your photo and details to Bill Murray N4VMA - wjm320@gmail.com . Your shack might inspire someone else's next great idea!

HAMFESTS & CONVENTIONS

04/04/2026 - RARSfest, The Raleigh Hamfest, ARRL Roanoke Division Convention

Location: Raleigh, NC
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Raleigh Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.rarsfest.org>

04/11/2026 - The Ridge Amateur Radio Club Tailgate

Location: Batesburg-Leesville, SC
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: The Ridge Amateur Radio Club
Website: <https://www.w4rrc.org/events/tailgate/>

04/25/2026 - Savannah Hamfest and Swapmeet

Location: Pooler, GA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Coastal Amateur Radio Society
Website: https://coastalamateurradiosociety.net/wpW4LHSblog/?page_id=1680

04/25/2026 - Winston-Salem Spring Fest

Location: Winston Salem,, NC
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Forsyth Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://W4NC>

05/02/2026 - UnFest

Location: Goldsboro, NC
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Wayne County Amateur Radio Assoc.
Website: <https://www.k4cyp.com>

07/18/2026 - 53rd Annual Cary Mid-Summer Swapfest

Location: Cary, NC
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Cary ARC

08/08/2026 - Southeastern Virginia Regional Hamfest and Swap Meet

Location: Newport News, VA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Tidewater Radio Conventions
Website: <https://trcihamfest.com>

Wilmington Area Amateur Radio Repeaters

On-Air Within 50 Mile Radius Of Downtown Wilmington - February, 2026

v2.0 for February, 2026

ANALOG FM

Linked

<u>Freq.(MHz)</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>PL Tone</u>	<u>System</u>	<u>Nets</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
145.130	K4BLA	Whiteville	162.2			K4BLA	https://backwoodsdmr.org/
145.170	N4JDW	Leland	88.5		Tues. 7:00 PM		Brunswick SKYWARN Primary
145.190	WD4FVO	Jacksonville	88.5		Sun. 8:00 PM	Onslow ARC	
145.250	KN4UKU	Leland	88.5				Brunswick SKYWARN secondary
145.370	N4GM	Bolivia	88.5			BSARC	Also C4FM Fusion
145.410	NC4NH	Wilmington	67.0		Mon. 7:00PM	NHC ARES	
146.730	N4ILM	Porters Neck	88.5			WVHFA	Upgrades in progress, 05/2025
146.820 *	N4ILM	Winnabow	88.5		Thurs. 8:00 PM	WVHFA	Use 147.060 as alternate, 05/2025
146.940	N4JDW	Hampstead	88.5		First Wed. 7:00 PM	HH	Pender SKYWARN
146.985	N4DBM	Elizabethtown	162.2			K4BLA	https://backwoodsdmr.org/
147.000	NC4OC	Jacksonville	88.5		Tues.,Thurs 8:00 PM	Onslow ARC	Tues. Net Ragchew; Thurs EmCOMM
147.060	N4ILM	Malmo	88.5			WVHFA	Upgrades in progress, 05/2025
147.180	AC4RC	Wilmington	88.5		Mon., 9:00 PM	ACARC	Net Linked To 442.500
147.315	N4GM	Bolivia	118.8	EchoLink	Mon. 7:00PM ARES Mon 8:30 AM Ragchew	BSARC	Fulltime link 444.750 EchoLink Node 825587
147.345 *	N4ILM	Winnabow	88.5			WVHFA	
147.375	NC4PC	Burgaw	88.5		Mondays 8:00 PM	HH	Fulltime Link 443.550
224.540	WA4DAN	Kelly	91.5				
224.620	K4BLA	Whiteville	123			K4BLA	https://backwoodsdmr.org/
224.680 *	N4ILM	Winnabow	91.5			WVHFA	
441.850	W4FTK	Supply	DPL 315	Allstar 40040	EchoLink W4FTK-R	Fleet Talk Group	
442.025	N4JDW	Burgaw	88.5				
442.500	AC4RC	Wilmington	88.5		Mon., 9:00 PM	ACARC	Net Linked to 147.18
442.600	N2MH	Oak Island	141.3				
443.550	NC4PC	Hampstead	100.0		Mondays 8:00 PM	HH	Fulltime Link 147.375
443.825	N4DBM	Elizabethtown	118.8			K4BLA	https://backwoodsdmr.org/
444.625	K4BLA	Whiteville	118.8			K4BLA	https://backwoodsdmr.org/
444.750	N4GM	Calabash	118.8			BSARC	Fulltime Link 147.315
444.85 *	N4ILM	Winnabow	88.5		Thurs. 8:00 PM	WVHFA	Swap Net - Thursday Night
444.95 *	N4GM	Bolivia	118.8			BSARC	Also C4FM Fusion
444.175	N4JDW	Winabow	88.5				.